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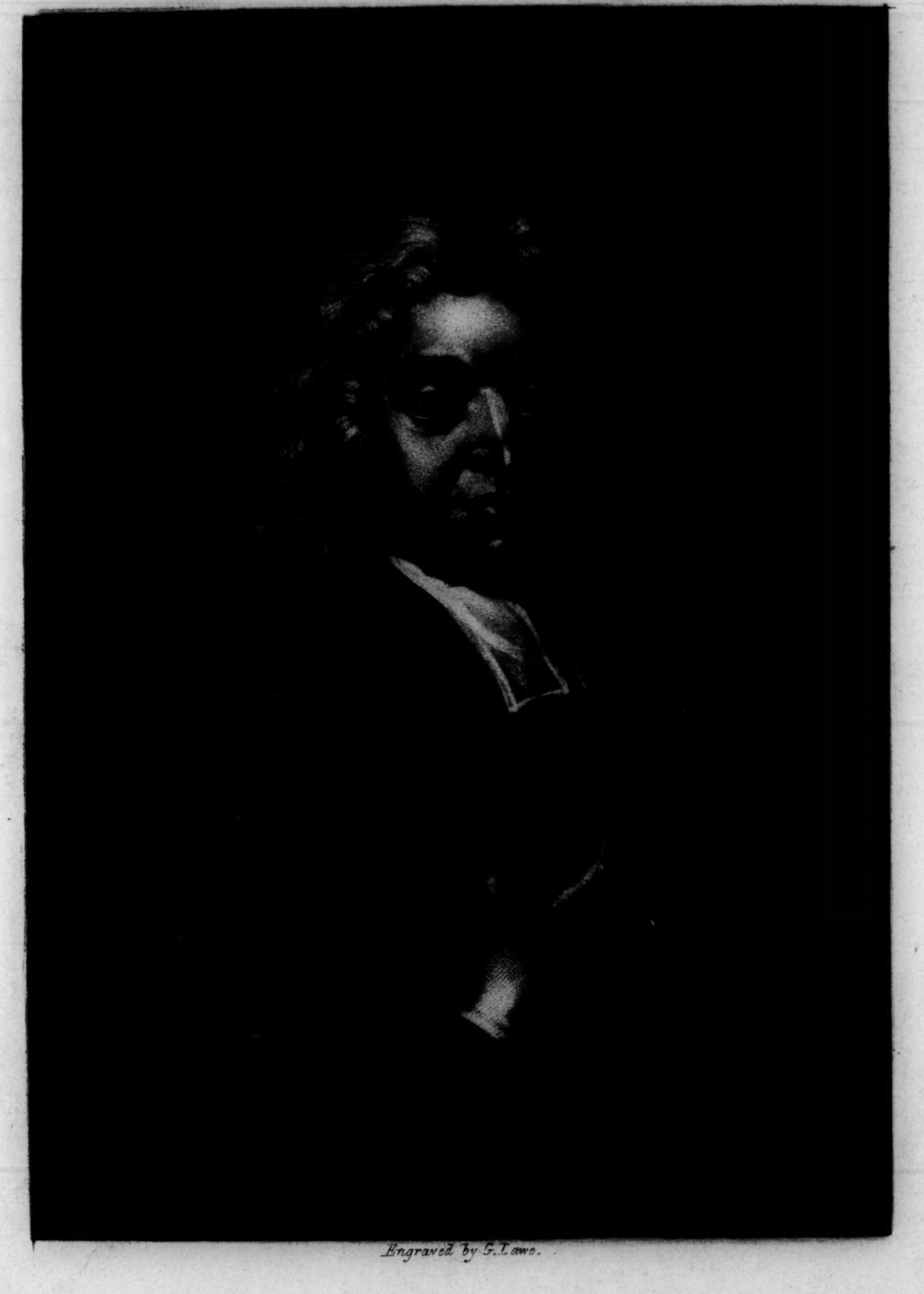

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# AN ESSAY
## TOWARDS a TOPOGRAPHICAL HISTORY
## OF THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK,

CONTAINING

A DESCRIPTION of the TOWNS, VILLAGES, and HAMLETS, with the FOUNDATIONS of MONASTERIES, CHURCHES, CHAPELS, CHANTERIES, and other RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS.

ALSO

An ACCOUNT of the Ancient and Preſent STATE of all the RECTORIES, VICARAGES, DONATIVES, and IMPROPRIATIONS, their Former and Preſent PATRONS and INCUMBENTS, with their ſeveral VALUATIONS in the KING's BOOK, whether diſcharged or not.

LIKEWISE

An HISTORICAL ACCOUNT of the CASTLES, SEATS, and MANORS, their Preſent and Antient OWNERS, together with the moſt Remarkable EPITAPHS, INSCRIPTIONS, and ARMS, in all the PARISH CHURCHES and CHAPELS; with ſeveral DRAUGHTS of CHURCHES, MONUMENTS, ARMS, Antient RUINS, and other RELICTS of ANTIQUITY.

COLLECTED

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*Nos patriæ fines et dulcia* ſcripſimus *arva*. VIRG.

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## VOLUME I.
CONTAINING THE HUNDREDS OF

DISS,
GILTCROSS,
SHROPHAM,
GRIMESHOE,

WAYLAND,
The BURGH of THETFORD and
FOREHOE.

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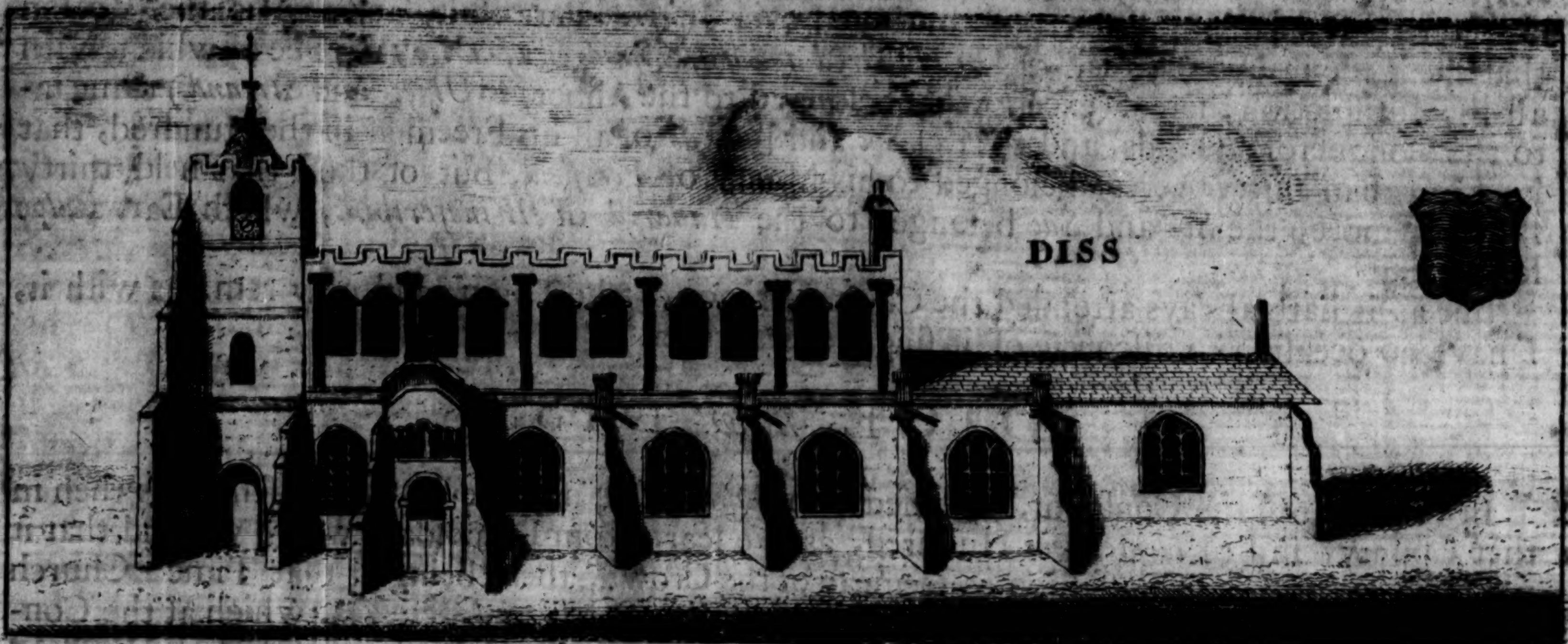

# THE HUNDRED OF DISS.

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THIS Hundred hath it's Name from the Capital Town, which is ſo called from the *Mere* ſituate on it's South Side; *Dice* in the *Saxon* Language ſignifying a ſtanding Water, Lake, or Ditch; It is bounded on the South by the River *Waveny*, which now divides *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, on the Weſt by the Hundred of *Giltcroſs*, on the North by *Depwade*, and on the Eaſt, by the half Hundred of *Earſham*, which joined with the half Hundred of *Diſs*, makes up a whole Hundred, or according to the old Diviſion two whole Hundreds, and compleats the Deanry of *Redenhall* in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Dioceſe of *Norwich*; the Fee of it wholly belonged to *Edward* the Confeſſor, as Demean of the Crown, 'till he granted to *Ulfiet* and *Stigand*, the *Soc* of their own Lands, [a] and to the Abbot of St. *Edmund's Bury*, [b] the half Part of the *Soc* and *Sac* of his Lands, and of all his Freemen.

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[a] Regiſtrum Album, olim pertin: Mon: Sancti Edmundi, fol. 34 a. This Regiſter is now in the Poſſeſſion of Sir Edmund Bacon of Garboldeſham, Bart. to whom I acknowledge myſelf much obliged, for the uſe of this, and ſeveral other valuable Manuſcripts.

[b] Norfulc REX Hundret dim. Hund. de Dice. (Domſd. fol. 10.) Tota Soca et Saca iſtius dim. hund. preter terram Sancti Edmundi (was the King's) & de illa Sanctus dim. & Rex aliam medietatem, preter terram Ulfiet & preter terram Stigandi, & de omnibus aliis, Soca fuit in Hund. T. R. E. (i.e. Tempore Regis Edwardi.)

But by the Way, it will be neceſſary to obſerve, that what we *now* call *Diſs Hundred*, in the Confeſſor's Time, was a Hundred and Half; the Hundred was called *Wineferthinc Hundred* which Earl *Ralph* held, upon whoſe Forfeiture it came to the Crown, and was added to the *King*'s half Hundred of *Dice*, and continued ever after as Part of it, and this is the Reaſon that the Title in *Domeſday* is, [c] *The Hundred and half Hundred of Dice;* the Fee of which, with all the Juriſdiction thereof (except what belonged to the Abbot, to *Ulfiet*, and *Stigand*) came into the Conqueror's Hands, and the [d] *Soc* and [e] *Sac* of all his Freemen in the Hundred, that held leſs than thirty Acres, belonged to his Manor of *Fersfield*, but of thoſe that held thirty Acres or more, the *Soc* and *Sac* belonged to the *Hundred* of *Wineferthinc*, which Earl *Ralph* forfeited.

But as it hath always attended the Capital Manor of the Town, and now remains with it, I have no occaſion to diſcourſe of it ſingly any further.

## DICE *now* DISS,

In the Time of the Confeſſor, extended into *Suffolk*, [f] nay the Town it's ſelf, was then in that County, in [g] *Herteſmere* Hundred, as we learn from Domeſday, where we find that it was in King *Edward*'s Poſſeſſion as Demean of the Crown, there being at that Time a Church and twenty-four Acres of Glebe; that the Whole was worth 15 *l. per Ann.* which at the Conqueror's Time was doubled, it being then eſtimated at 30 *l.* with the *Soc* of the whole Hundred and half, belonging to it, it was then found to be a * League long, and half a League broad, and paid 4 *d. Danegeld*, by which it appears that it was not ſo large in it's Bounds, as it now is, which is eaſily accounted for, from the ſame Record: † For *Watlingſete* Manor, as it is there called, which was as large as *Dice*, and ſeemingly fuller of Inhabitants, as we may judge by the *Geld* or *Tax* that it paid, was ſoon after quite loſt in *Diſs*, to which it was Appendant at that Time. This was afterwards called *Walcote*, and includes Part of *Heyewode*, as appears from it's joining to *Burſton*, into which Town this Manor extended.

The Manor thus joined, with the Advowſon and Hundred, continued in the Crown, 'till [h] King *Henry* I. granted them to

Sir Richard de Lucy a Norman Knt. a Man of great Renown in thoſe Days, the Record called *Teſta de Nevil* ſays, that it was not known whether it was rendered unto him as his Inheritance, or for his Service, but without doubt it was for the latter, it having been always Demean of the Crown. [i] This *Richard*, was Governor of *Falais* in *Normandy*, the 3d. Year of King *Stephen*, which he manfully defended againſt *Jeffery* Earl of *Anjou*, who had beſieged it; he was a great Inſtrument towards the Agreement between that King and *Henry* II. and had the Tower of *London*, and Caſtle of *Wincheſter*, put into his Hands, by the Advice of the whole Clergy, upon his ſwearing to deliver them up at *Stephen*'s Death to King *Henry*, all which he faithfully accompliſhed, which ſo far advanced him in that Kings Favour, that he made him Cheif Juſtice of *England*, and in his Abſence he was appointed Governor of the Realm, during which Time, he took Priſoner, in a pitch'd Battle near *Fornham* in *Suffolk*, *Robert* Earl of *Lei-*

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[c] Hundredum dimidium Hundredi de Dice. (Domſd. fo. 9, 39.) In Fervella jac& Soca & Saca t.r.e. de omnibus qui minus habent quam xxx acr: de illis qui habent xxx acr: jac. Soca & Saca in Hundret de Wineferthinc, quando Radulfus forefecit habuit Eam.

[d] Soc, that is, Suit of Men in your own Court; Terms of the Law, p. 248. b. hence comes the Word Sokne or Soken.

[e] Saca, Sackne, Sake, is a Royalty or Priviledge, for the Lord to have the Amerciaments of his Tenants in his own Court. Terms of the Law, p. 245, a. Minſheu.

[f] Sudfolc. Terra Regis, de Regione, quam Rogerus Bigotus ſervat in Sudfolc. Herteſmera Hund. Dice tenuit Rex Edwardus, pertin: tempore Regis Edwardi xiv Villani et xxiiii Bordarij. iii Servi, et i carucat: in dominio, et xviii Car: hominum, et x acr: prati, et Eccleſia xxiiii acr: et dimid: car: ſemper vii animalia, tunc v porc: tunc ix anc: modo xi. ſemper v Caprae, tunc valebat xv libr: cum Soca de uno hundredo et dimid: et dimidium diem de melle, cum conſuetudinibus, modo xxx. libr: ad penſum. habet i leug: in longo, et dimid: in lato. et iiii den: de Gelto. (Domſd. Suff. fol. 67.)

[g] I have met with ſome, who think that Hertſmere Hundred takes it's Name from the Mere in this Place, there being no other large Water or Meer in that Hundred, but this as Conjecture only.

* Leuga or Leuca, I have often rendered this Word, League, but muſt advertiſe my Readers, that I do not mean by it our common League of three *Miles*, nor yet with Mr. Bailey, the Diſtance of one Mile only (tho' he ſays it is ſo uſed in Domeſday) being almoſt certain, that Leuga in Domeſday, ſignifies two Miles or thereabouts, for that anſwers to the generality of Places, that I have examined, as to their Extent, which to me ſeems the beſt Way of judging ſuch a Point, and upon looking into the various Gloſſaries, I find that ſeveral of them concur in the ſame Opinion, for which Reaſon, wherever the Word occurs, I mean by it two Miles, and no more. But for example Sake, That part of Diſs which was then in Suffolk, is ſaid to be a League long, and half a League broad, and Watlingſete, or the North Part, was another League long, and half a League broad, which join'd together, as it now lies, make it two Miles broad in the broadeſt Place of its Bounds, and four Miles long in the longeſt, which is very near, if not its exact Extent, at this Time.

† Norfulc. Rex Hundret. dimid. Hund. de Dice. Watlingeſeta tenuit Rex Edwardus pro manerio v carucat: terre tunc xx Villani. poſtea & modo xxiiii ſemper xxv bord: ſemper xix Caruc: hominum. tunc Silva xx porc: modo nichil & ix acr: prati & i lib: homo de xx acr: terre. et i bord: Sub eo. ſemper i car: et iii acr: prati & in Borſtuna: vi Soc: de xl. acr: terre, et ſemper i bord: tunc i car: et dim. poſt et modo i. et iii acr: prati. habet i leug: in Longo et dimid: in Lato. et de Gelto vii d. Hoc append& ad Dice in Sutfulc. et ibi appretiatur. (Domeſd fol. 9.)

[h] The Manor was then valued at 51 *l.* per Annum, and at the Time of the Grant, the King reſerved a Rent of 40 *d.* per Ann. to be paid at Norwich Caſtle.

[i] The Life of this Man may be ſeen at large in Dugdale's Baronage, Vol. 1. fol 563, and in Weaver, 777. Stow alſo in his Annals page 155, and moſt Authors of any Note in Hiſtorical Affairs mention him.

*ceſter*, together with his *Amazonian* proud Counteſs, *Petronell* or *Parnell*, and withal put to the Sword above 10,000 *Flemings*, which the ſaid *Robert* had levied and ſent forth, to the Depopulation of his Country; all or the moſt part of which, were buried in and about *Fornham*, *Anno*, 1173, their Sepulchers are now to be ſeen near a Place called *Rymer Houſe*, on the Right Hand of the Road leading from *Thetford* to *Bury*, and are now called the *Seven Hills*, tho' there are many more; but Seven of them being much larger than the reſt, are particularly taken Notice of, by thoſe that paſs this Way, under which moſt probable the Commanders were buried: This memorable Battle was fought in this Field. But to our purpoſe, it appears he had two Sons, *Jeffry* or *Godfrey*, afterwards Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, which *Dugdale* ſays died before his Father, but that is an Error, for *Godwin* tells us (*p.* 273.) that he lived 'till 1204; however certain it is, he died without Iſſue, as alſo did *Herbert de Lucy* the 2d Son, ſo that the Inheritance came to his Daughters. [*k*] *Maud* the Eldeſt, married to *Walter Fitz-Robert*, the Progenitor of the *Fitz-Walters*, to whom he gave two Parts of the Hundred, Manor, and Market, of *Diſce*, with her in Marriage. *Aveline* the Second married *Richard de Riparijs* (or *Rivers*) of *Stanford Rivers*. *Roſe* or *Rohais* the Third, to *Richard de Warren*, Natural Son of King *John*. [*l*] *Dioniſia* a fourth Daughter, not mentioned by either of the afore-cited Authors, married *Arnold de Mounteny*, Knt. who had with her, the other third Part of the Manor, Hundred, and Market, ſo that from that Time, there were two Manors, by the Diviſion of this third part which was *Walcote* and part of *Hewode*. In 1179, [*m*] as *Stow* in his Annals tells us, *Richard de Lucy* Chief Juſtice of *England* deceaſed, [*n*] and was buried in the Quire of the Abbey Church at *Leſnes* in *Kent*, which he had founded, and where he had taken upon him the Habit of a Canon Regular the Year before. From this *Richard* the Manor came to

Sir WALTER FITZ-ROBERT, [*o*] Son of *Robert de Tonebrigge* the 5th Son of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, Sirnamed *de Tonebrigge*, the firſt Earl of *Clare*, who came in with the Conqueror, of whoſe Gift he had the Caſtle and Town of *Clare* in *Suffolk*, with *Tunbridge* in *Kent*, and divers other great Lordſhips in *England*. This Earl was Son of *Gilbert*, Sirnamed *Criſpin*, Earl of *Brion* in *Normandy*, and Son of *Jeffery*, Natural Son to *Richard* I. of that Name, Duke of *Normandy*: He bare as the *Fitz-Walters* ever after did, the Earl of *Clare*'s Shield varied, which is *Or*, 3 Chevrons *Gul.* The *Fitz-Walters* being *Or*, a Feſs between 2 Chevrons *Gul.* He had two Wives, *Maud de Bocham*, (as Mr. *Weaver*) or rather *Margaret de Bohun* as Mr. *Dughdale*) and *Maud* Daughter of Sir *Richard de Lucy*, as aforeſaid, in whoſe right he had this Manor, to which he firſt obtained a Charter for a Fair, on the Eve, Day, and Morrow, after the Feaſt of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, and three Days following; He was Juſtice Itinerant in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and died in 1198, being buried in the midſt of the Quire of the Priory Church of *Little Dunmowe* in *Eſſex*, of which *Robert de Tonebrigge* his Father, was firſt Founder, he was ſometimes called *Walter* of *Clare*, ſometimes *Robert Fitz-Walter*, but moſtly *Walter Fitz-Robert*, he left *Robert* the *Valiant* his Heir.

Sir ROBERT FITZ-WALTER, Knt. [*p*] Son of Sir *Walter Fitz-Robert*, commonly called *Robert* the *Valiant*, had two Wives, *Gunnora*, Daughter and Heireſs of *Philip de Valoines*, and *Roheſia* or *Roſe*, who ſurvived him, and had the Manor of *Diſce*, *Hemenhale* (which always went with *Diſce*) *Theye*, and *Diſce* Hundred in Dower; he it was that firſt divided this Manor, by giving a Moiety of the two parts which he poſſeſs'd, to Sir *Gilbert Pecche*, Knt. with his Daughter *Alice* (ſome ſay Siſter) in Free Marriage, with the third Part of the Hundred and Market, and ſo there branch'd a third Manor, which was called *Pecche*'s *Fee*; this *Robert* was Leader of thoſe Barons that roſe againſt King *John*, the Beginning of which was on this Occaſion as the Book of *Dunmowe* informs us.

“[*r*] About the Year 1213, there aroſe a great Diſcord between King *John* and his Barons, becauſe of *Matilda* Sirnamed the FAIR, Daughter of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, whom the King unlawfully loved, but could not obtain her, nor her Father's Conſent thereunto; Whereupon (and for divers other like Cauſes) enſued War throughout the whole Realm; the King baniſhed the ſaid *Fitz-Walter*, among others, and cauſed his Caſtle called *Baynard*, and other his Houſes to be ſpoiled, which being done, he ſent a Meſſenger unto *Matilda* the FAIR, about his old Suit in Love, and becauſe ſhe would not agree to his wicked Motion, the Meſſenger poiſoned a boiled or potched Egg, againſt ſhe was Hungry and gave it unto her, whereof ſhe died in 1213”: Her Tomb was ſtanding between two Pillars in the Priory Church of *Little Dunmow*, when Mr. *Weaver* publiſh'd his Book.

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[k] Weaver 337. [*l*] Rot. Inquiſ. in baga. de Quo Warranto Norf. Diſce Hund. [*m*] Stow page 155. [*n*] Weaver 337.

[*o*] For the Life of this Walter, much more may be ſeen in the following Authors, Dugdale's Bar. vol. 1. 209, 218. Weaver, 632, 3. Vincent againſt Brook, 118, 668, 671.

[*p*] Anno Domini 1398, died Walter Fitz-Robert, Patron of the Church of Dunmow, who is buried in the middle of the Choir there, and Robert Fitz-Walter the Valiant, ſucceeded him, Lib. Prior: de Dunmow in bib. Cot.

[*q*] Weaver fol. 632. Dugd. Bar. Vol. 1. fol. 218.

[*r*] Weaver 932. Dugd. Bar. Vol. 2. fol. 76. Stow's Annals fol. 170.

In the Year following her baniſhed Father was reſtored to the King's Favour upon this Occaſion. "King *John* being then in *France* with a great Army, it happen'd that a Truce was taken between the two Kings, of *England* and *France*, for the Term of five Years, and a River or Arm of the Sea being betwixt either Hoſt, there was a Knight in the *Engliſh* Hoſt that cried to them of the other Side, willing ſome one of their Knights to come and juſt a Courſe or two with him; whereupon, without ſtay, *Robert Fitz-Walter* being on the *French* Part, made himſelf ready, ferried over, and got on Horſeback, and ſhewed himſelf ready to the Face of his Challenger, whom at the firſt Courſe, he ſtroke ſo hard with his great Spear, that Horſe and Man fell to the Ground, and when his Spear was broken, he went back again to the King of *France*, which King *John* ſeeing, BY GOD'S TOOTH, quoth he, (for ſuch was his uſual Oath) he were a King indeed that had ſuch a Knight. The Friends of *Robert* hearing theſe Words, kneeled down and ſaid, *O King, he is your Knight, it is* ROBERT FITZ-WALTER; whereupon the next Day he was ſent for, and reſtored to the King's Favour, by which means Peace was concluded, and he received his Livings, and had Licence to repair his Caſtle of *Baynard*, and all his other Caſtles." Notwithſtanding this, he afterwards join'd the Barons that ſtood againſt the ſame King for their Liberties, during his whole Reign, and at the King's Death, by his Advice there was an Agreement made between them and the ſucceeding King, from which time, he was always in great Favour, both in Court and Country. [s] *Holinſhed*, that faithful Hiſtorian, gives him this Character, that he was, "Both Excellent in Counſel, and Valiant in War." He went with *Ralph* Earl of *Cheſter*'s Army to aid the Chriſtians againſt the Infidels, who had beſieged the City of *Damieta* in *Egypt*, where he performed noble Atchievements: [t] "After which, this ſtrenuous Knight, this *Mars* of Men, this Marſhal of God's Army and Holy Church, (for ſo he was ſtiled by the common Multitude) lived in all Affluence of Riches and Honour, 'till 1234, when he died, and was buried by his Daughter in the ſaid Church: *Holinſhed* ſays, [u] *Anno* 1235, in Advent died the noble Baron the Lord *Fitz-Walter*. [x]

[y] ROBERT FITZ-WALTER his Son, often called *Walter Fitz-Robert*, ſucceeded, he was a Man of Renown in thoſe Days, and in great Favour with his Prince, [z] he inherited the Lands of his Father, except this Manor and thoſe of *Hemenhale* and *Theye*, which were held in Dower by *Roſe* his Step Mother, who poſſeſſed them to 1256, from which Time he held them, and dying ſeized in 1258, was buried in the Conventual Church of *Dunmow*, leaving

ROBERT his Son and Heir then ten Years old, who was Knighted in 1274, and had a great Part of his Poſſeſſions in his own Hands before that Time, tho' this Manor with *Hemenhale* and *Theye*, was in the Hands of *Stephen Fitz-Walter*, his Uncle (as I take him to be) as Guardian and Truſtee to the ſaid *Robert*. [a] This *Stephen* in 1286, claimed a Market every Wedneſday and Friday, with all Rights belonging to a Market, and it was allowed in *Eire*. It ſeems that King *Henry* I. eſtabliſhed this Market, for he granted it to Sir *Richard de Lucy*, along with the Manor; at this Time the Jury alſo find, that the ſaid *Stephen* held a third Part of the Hundred, which was worth five Marks Yearly, that *Ernald de Montiniaco* [*Arnold Mounteny*] held of him another third Part, which was worth 60 *s. per Annum*, and that *Richard de Boyland* held of the ſaid *Stephen*, another Part, which was worth 28 *s. per Ann.* and that this *Stephen* as Capital Lord of the Whole, paid into the *Exchequer*, a Rent of 40 *d.* a Year, being entituled in his Part, to View of *Frankpledge*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale*, *Infangenthef*, *Weyf*, and all other Liberties which belonged to a Hundred, all which ſoon after came to *Robert Fitz Walter* aforeſaid, for I find him in Poſſeſſion in his own Name; [b] In 1293, he was ſummoned to attend King *Edward* I. into *Gaſcoign*, in order to recover his Inheritance from the *French* King, to which Place he went, in the Retinue of *Edmund* Earl of *Lancaſter*. In 1296, [c] he was in the *Welſh* Expedition, and in 1299, [d] in the *Scotch* Wars. [e] It was this Man that alien'd *Baniard*'s Caſtle in *London*, and *Montfitchet* Tower to the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, reſerving his Barony that belonged to it, to himſelf and his Heirs; he was the firſt of this Family that ſtil'd himſelf Lord of *Wodeham* in *Eſſex*, where he had a Seat and a fine Park. He had two Wives, *Devorgil* Daughter and Co-heir of *John de Burgh*, Son of *Hubert de Burgh*, late Earl of *Kent*, and Chief Juſtice of *England*, and *Eleanor* Daughter of Earl *Ferrers*, by whom he had *Robert* his Son who ſucceeded him: [f] In this Year he obtained a Charter of Confirmation for a Fair every Year at his Manor of *Diſs*, upon the Eve, Day and Morrow, after the Feaſt of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, and three Days following: [g] He was one of thoſe Parliamentary Barons that ſealed the Letter to the Pope, *Anno* 1301, denying that the Kingdom of *Scotland* was his Fee, or that he had any Juriſdiction in Temporal Affairs: He ſealed with his Paternal Coat, ſupported by two Harpyes, which Seal of his I have ſeen affixed to ſeveral Deeds, and in particular to a Grant made in [*h*] 1298, to *William Partekyn* of *Prilleſton*, (now *Billingford*) Dyer, by which he granted for his Homage and Service, and half a Mark of Silver in Hand paid, two Meſſuages in *Diſce*, with Liberty of Waſhing his Wooll and Cloaths, in *Diſce Meer*, whenever he would, with this reſerve; that the groſs Dye ſhould be firſt waſhed off, and that he ſhould not ſuffer the Drain of his Dying-Office to run into the *Meer*. The Eſcheat Rolls of the 19th of *E.* II. ſay, that he held *Diſce* at three Knights Fees, and *Hemenhale* by Barony; [*i*] *Dugdale* and others imagine that he died this Year, becauſe we find that from the 28th of *January*, the Eſcheator accounted for the Profits of his Eſtates 'till the 12th of *February* following, when he deliver'd Seizin to *Robert Fitz Walter*, Son of the ſaid *Robert* who was of full Age; but this is an Error, for at that Time we find, that he renounced all the temporal Goods of this Life, and as [*k*] Mr. *Weaver* tells us rightly, then entered himſelf a Fryar Minor in the Friery at *Colcheſter*, which he himſelf in 1309, had founded, and there took upon him the Habit of a Religious Votary, [*l*] where he ſpent the reſt of his Days.

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[s] Hol. Vol. 2. fol. 184, &c. [t] Weav. 633. [u] Vol. 1. 219.

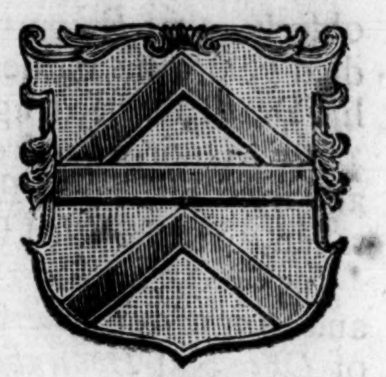
[x] Anno 1234 obijt Nobilis Vir Robertus filius Walteri, Patronus Eccleſiæ *Dunmow* qui tumulatur juxta majus Altare in ſuo Monaſterio, & ſucceſſit Walterus filius ſuus in hereditatem: Li. *Dun.*

[y] *Dug*: Bar: Vol: 219. Mon: Ang: Vol 2. fol. 76.

[z] Ibid: fol: 220. [a] Placita Coronæ apud Norwic: 15 E. fil. H. Rot. 14 in dorſo. [b] Rot Vaſcon: 22. E. 1. m. 1. 23. E. 1. m. 1. [c] Clauſ: 25, E. m. 8- [d] Rot: Scociæ 28. E. 1. mem. 11. [e] *Dug*: Bar: Vol: 1. 233. [f] Cart. 28, E. 1. No: 1.

[g] Ex autog: peues Camerar: Scacarij. P. L. N.

In the Catalogue of Emperors, Kings, Princes, and other potent Perſons, that have entered into this Religious Order; [*m*] this *Robert* was one. It ſeems as if the Church of *Diſs* was built by this Man, his Arms cut in Stone ſtill remaining ſeveral Times on the South Porch.



[*n*] ROBERT FITZ-WALTER, Lord of *Wodeham* his Son, married in his Father's Life Time, [*o*] firſt to *Joan* Daughter of *John de Botetort* in 1304, by whom he had no Iſſue; and after to [*p*] *Joan* one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *John de Moulton* of *Egremond*, who ſurvived him, and had for her Dowry, an Aſſignation of the Manors of *Henham* in *Eſſex*, *Diſce*, and *Hemenhale* in *Norfolk*, &c. In 1361, [*q*] this *Joan* purchaſed by Fine of *Nicolas de Walcote* and *Joan* his Wife, one Meſſuage 80 Acres of Land, 60 Acres of Meadow, 6 Acres of Paſture, 4 Acres of Wood, and 14 *s. per Annum* Quit-Rent in *Diſce*, *Frenze*, and *Burſton*, which was added to the capital Manor, and was part of *Walcote* Manor that was granted by one of the *Mounteny*'s, to *William de Walcote*, the Father or Grand-father of this *Nicolas*. She it was alſo that brought the Caſtle of *Egremond* in *Cumberland*, and a third Part of that Manor, and many others, to this Family. This *Robert* was in the Expedition made into *Scotland* in 1326, and died the Year following leaving

[*r*] JOHN his Son, then 13 Years old, poſſeſſed of two Parts of his Eſtate, the third being held by the ſaid *Joan* in Dower, he was a Ward of *Henry de Percy*'s, but in the 9th of *Edward* III. by the King's ſpecial Favour, his Homage was accepted, and Livery made to him; *Diſs* Manor then, was valued at 31 *l.* *Hemenhale* at 48 *l.* *Fincham* at 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* He was in the *French* Wars in 1359, being one of thoſe appointed to accompany Sir *Walter Manny*, in that Skirmiſh at the Barriers of *Paris*, the Duke of *Normandy* then lying in that City, and was then Knighted: He married *Eleanor* Daughter of *Henry* Lord *Percy*, his Guardian, was ſummoned to Parliament from the 15th to the 34th of *Edward* III. excluſive, and died upon Monday the Feaſt of St. *Luke* the Evangeliſt, *Anno* 1360, leaving *Walter* his Son and Heir 16 Years of Age, *Joan* his Mother ſurviving him, ſhe died in 1362, whereupon *Walter* her Grandſon was found to be next Heir, and 19 Years of Age, [*s*] this Manor being then held at three Fees as of the Barony of *Bainard* Caſtle.

[*t*] WALTER Lord FITZ-WALTER, making Proof of his Age in 1362, and doing his Homage, had Livery of all his Lands: In the 44th of *Edward* III. he was in that Expedition made into *Gaſcoign*, and there reputed one of the moſt Expert Soldiers in the whole Realm, but being taken Priſoner in thoſe Wars, was forced to mortgage his Caſtle and Lordſhip of *Egremond* for 1000 *l.* towards raiſing his Fine for his Redemption; In 1372, an Invaſion being feared from the *French*, having raiſed what Power he could, for Defence of *Eſſex*, he was commanded to repair into *Norfolk* for the Safeguard of thoſe Parts. [*u*] In 1379, he procured the King's Charter for a Weekly Market every Friday, at his Lordſhip of *Hemenhale* in *Norfolk*, and a Fair Yearly on the Eve, Day, and Morrow, after the Feaſt of St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, ſoon after in 1381, he did great Service in *Eſſex* againſt the Rebels under *Jack Straw*, by ſuppreſſing thoſe that endeavour'd to make head there. Many other great and

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[*h*] Autog: penes W. Camell de Diſs Gen:

[*i*] Dug: Bar: V. , 221.

[k] Ibid. fol. 613.

[*l*] Anno 1309, Robertus filius Walteri Cuſtos de Eſſex, Fundamentum poſuit Fratrum Minorum de Coleceſtria. Lib: *Dunmow*.

[*m*] Frater Dominus Robertus Fitz-Walter Baro, Fundator Conventus Coleceſtrie, intravit ibidem Ordinem Anno Domini 1325.

[*n*] Dug: Bar: V. 1. 221.

[*o*] Pat: 33. E. I. P: 1. mem: 3.

[*p*] Clauſ: 11. E. 3. P. 2. m. 25.

[*q*] Coll: P.L.N.

[*r*] Dug: Bar: Ibid.

[*s*] Coll: P.L.N.

[*t*] Dug: Bar: V: 1 221:

[*u*] E Carta Regis Ric: 2di, An: Reg: 2 N 3:

noble Exploits of this Man may be ſeen, in the firſt Volume of *Dug: Baron.* fol. 222. And in the ſecond Volume of *Holinſhed*'s Chronicle, fol. 405, 419. [x] He was Lieutenant to *Thomas* Duke of *Glouceſter*, Conſtable of *England*, in the great Cauſe between the Lords *Lovell*, and *Morley*, for the Arms of *Burnel*, in the Court of *Chivalry*, *Anno* 1384, and 1386, in which Year he died in *Spain*, on Wedneſday before St. *Michael*, being one of thoſe that accompanied *John* Duke of *Lancaſter*, King of *Caſtile* and *Leon*, in his Expedition thither, where the *Engliſh* not able to bear the Heat of the Country, died in great Numbers; [y] "Among others there " died before the breaking up of the Camp, one of the greateſt Barons of all the Company, " the Lord *Fitz-Walter*". [z] I have ſeen an antient Deed of this *Walter* in *French*, by which as Lord of *Diſce*, he granted a Meſſuage and 8 Acres of Land, to one *William Moundry*; it was dated at *Henham* 40 E. III. to which his Seal was faſten'd, being his paternal Coat, and an Eſtoil between two Plumes for his Creſt, (circumſcribed, *Sigillum Walteri Filij-Walteri.*) His firſt Wife was *Eleanor*, by whom he had no Iſſue, his Second, as Mr. *Dugdale* tells us, was *Philippa* Daughter and Co-heir to *John de Mohun* Lord of *Dunſter*, and Widow of *Edward* Duke of *York*, ſhe ſurvived him. [a] But *Le-Neve* in his Collections differs in this Point, for as he juſtly obſerves, this *Philippa*, Widow of that *Edward* Duke of *York*, who was killed in the Battle of *Agincourt* in the 3d Year of *Hen*: V. could never be the Wife of this Sir *Walter Fitz-Walter*, who died the 10th of *Richard* II. before that Battle was fought: to reconcile this we muſt obſerve, that *Robert Fitz-Walter*, the eldeſt Son of this *Walter*, lived to be of Age, though he died before his Father without Iſſue, and he it was that married *Philippa* aforeſaid, who after his Death married again to *Edward Plantaginet* Duke of *York*, and Earl of *Rutland*, who held *Diſce* Manor, Hundred, and Market, together with *Hemenhale*, 'till he was kill'd as aforeſaid, and from his Death, ſhe held them 'till 1431, in which Year, it appears by the Inquiſition then taken, that ſhe died ſeized: And that

Sir WALTER FITZ-WALTER, ſecond Son, and now Heir, of *Walter* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, Brother and Heir of Sir *Robert Fitz-Walter*, firſt Huſband of the ſaid *Philippa*, had Livery of the Manors of *Diſce* and *Hemenhale*, with their Appurtenances, all which (except the Advowſons) were held in Dower, by the ſaid *Philippa*, but they went with the reſt of the Eſtate of the ſaid *Robert*, and had been in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid *Walter*, ever ſince 1389, when he had Livery to them, as Heir to *Walter* his Father, and *Robert* his elder Brother; and accordingly I find, he preſented to *Diſs* in 1390, and in 1399, *Philippa* aforeſaid levied a Fine, to *Alexander Walden*, Sir *Richard Bouchier*, Knt. and others, ſettling theſe Manors on herſelf for Life, after to the ſaid *Walter* and his Heirs as his Inheritance. [b] This *Walter* married, *Joan* Daughter of Sir *John Devereux*, Knt. he died in 1408, and order'd his Body to be buried in *Henham* Church, leaving *Joan* his Wife who ſoon after married to *Hugh Burnel*, and two Sons, *Humphry* and *Walter*, and one Daughter named *Eleanor*.

HUMPHRY Lord FITZ-WALTER, his eldeſt Son, was under Age at his Father's Death, and was a Ward of King *Henry* the Vth's, who granted the Cuſtody of him, to *John de Beauford* Earl of *Somerſet*, the Earl dying ſoon after, left him to his Executor, *Henry Beauford* Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, but dying before he came of Age he never was in Poſſeſſion of his Inheritance, but it went to his Brother

WALTER FITZ-WALTER who was under Age, and had not Poſſeſſion of his Eſtate, 'till 1428, at which Time he had Livery thereof, but not of *Diſs* and *Hemenhale*, 'till 1431, when *Philippa* died, who had held them all this time in Dower. In this Year he ſettled them in truſt on his Feofees [c] *Richard Baniard*, and *Simon Ciſtern*, Rector of *Berningham*, who preſented here jointly with him; and immediately after that Settlement, I find a Pardon paſſed the Great Seal, for the Alienation of his Manors of *Hemenhale*, *Diſce*, and *Diſce* Half Hundred, without the King's Licence: [d] This *Walter* was one of the moſt active Men in the *French* Wars, in the Time of that Victorious Prince *Henry* V. who in the eighth Year of his Reign, for the great Services that he had done him, gave to him and his Heirs Male, all the Lands and Lordſhips which Sir *John Cheney*, Knt. deceaſed, held in the Dutchy of *Normandy*, which reverted to the Crown, for default of Heirs Male of the ſaid *John*, and were of the Value of 5000 Scutes. [e] He was then a very young Man, not being of full Age 'till 1422, tho' in 1421, he was taken Priſoner by the *French*, but ſoon got releaſed; he died about 1432, (in which Year the Probate of his Will bears Date) and deſired to be buried in *Dunmow* Priory, ordering his Executors to make an Arch in the Wall, near his Mother's Grave, allowing 40 Marks to defray the Expence, and requeſted that his own, and his Wife and Children's Bodies ſhould be there depoſited. [f] *Elizabeth* his Wife ſurvived him, who held in Dower

[x] MSS. cauſ. predict. penes P. L. N.

[y] Hol. Vol. 2. fol. 450.

[z] Autog: pen: T. Martin, Gent.

[a] Col. P. L. N.

[b] Dug. Bar. 222.

[c] P. L. N.

[d] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. p. 222.

[e] Hol. H. v. 44. b.

[f] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. 223.

*Hemenhale* and *Diſs* Manors, with the Hundred of *Diſs* in *Norfolk*, the Manors of [g] *Shimpling* and *Thorne* in *Suffolk*, of *Wodeham-Walter*, *Henham*, *Leiden*, *Vitring*, *Dunmow-parva*, *Burnham*, *Winbuſh*, and *Shering* in *Eſſex*; She after married to *William Maſſey*, and lived to *June* 14, 1463, [h] at which Time ſhe died, leaving *Anne* Wife of *Thomas Ratcliff*, Eſq; and *Elizabeth* (then ſingle) her Daughters and Heireſſes, *Anne* had no Iſſue, but *Elizabeth* afterwards married to

JOHN RATCLIFF, Knt. Brother of the ſaid *Thomas*, who was ſoon after ſummoned to Parliament as Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and in right of his Wife enjoyed all the Honours and Poſſeſſions of this noble Family, and tho' we have different Accounts of this Matter, the Eſcheat Roll confirms it to me [i] that this *Elizabeth* was the Wife of *John*, and not of *Thomas Ratcliff*, as is ſaid by ſome.

This Family, as Mr. *Le-Neve* thinks, came firſt into this County in 1411, when *John Ratcliff*, Eſq; Father of this Sir *John Ratcliff* married *Cecily*, the Widow of Sir *John de Herling*, by which he much advanced his Family; this Sir *John* after he was Lord *Fitz-Walter*, ſided with *Edward* IV. againſt King *Henry* VI. [k] and being by him appointed to keep the Paſſage at *Ferrybridge*, which the Lord *Clifford* reſolved to gain by Surprize, was there ſlain, on Saturday before Palm Sunday, 1460, as he roſe from his Bed unarmed, with a Poll-Ax only in his Hand in order to appeaſe the Fray (as he thought) among his own Men, leaving his Eſtate in Poſſeſſion of *Elizabeth* his Wife, and *John Ratcliff*, after Lord *Fitz-Walter* his Son, all which the ſaid

[l] JOHN enjoyed 'till 1493, when he was attainted of Treaſon, and being apprehended was brought into *England* with ſeveral other Knights, among which was Sir *Robert Ratcliff*, who was beheaded, but the Lord *Fitz-Walter* was pardoned; after that he went to *Calais*, and being there laid in hold was beheaded, becauſe he would have corrupted the Keepers, with many Promiſes, to have eſcaped out of the ſame, intending (as was thought) to have gone to *Perkyn*, at that time a Pretender to the Crown againſt *Henry* VII. who at the Time of his Attainder, ſeized upon all his Revenues, and among them, on this Manor, Hundred, and Advowſon, together with the Manor of *Watton's*, or *Cock-ſtreet*, and *Walcote* in *Diſs*, both which, were become Members of the Great Manor; [m] and in 1498, the King preſented here, by reaſon of the Forfeiture and Attainder of *John* late Lord *Fitz-Walter*. They remained in the Crown 'till *Henry* VIII. reſtored them to

ROBERT RATCLIFF, Son of the ſaid *John*, who was in ſo great Favour with that King, that he not only reſtored him in Blood and Eſtate, but made him Knight of the Garter, Lord *Fitz Walter*, *Egremond*, and *Burnel*, and afterwards, [n] on the 16th of *June* 1525, created him Viſcount *Fitz-Walter*, and the 8th of *December*, 1529, Earl of *Suſſex*: He had three Wives, by *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Henry Stafford*, Duke of *Buckingham*, he had *Henry* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, who ſucceeded him, he died at *Chelſey* the 28th of *November*, 1542, and is buried in the Church of *Boreham* in *London* Dioceſs, with two other Earls, his Son and Grandſon, under a ſumptuous Monument, as appears by their Inſcriptions, in Mr. *Weaver's* Funeral Monuments, fol. 635.

HENRY RATCLIFF, Earl of *Suſſex*, Viſcount *Fitz-Walter*, Lord *Egremond*, and *Burnel*, held his firſt Court in 1542, he was in great Favour with Queen *Mary*, and of her Privy-Counſel, [p] and by her Grant, dated *Nov.* 2, in the firſt Year of her Reign, had, "Liberty Licens "and Pardon to were his Cappe, Coyf or night Cappe or twoo of them at his pleaſor as well "in our preſens as in the preſens of any other perſon or perſons within this our Relme or any "other place of our Dominion during his Life". He died at *Weſtminſter*, 17 *Feb.* 1556, [q] leaving Iſſue by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *Thomas Howard*, Duke of *Norfolk*, *Thomas* the third Earl of *Suſſex*, and *Henry* the fourth Earl.

THOMAS the 3d Earl in 1557, was ſeized of *Diſs*, *Attleburgh*, and *Hemenhale*, *Dockyng*, *Southmere*, *Warners*, *Billingford*, *Ruſhton*, *Skerning*, *Shedeſtrond* and *Sturſton* in *Norfolk*, he had two Wives, *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Thomas Wriotheſley*, by whom he had *Henry* and *Robert*, who both died young, and *Frances* Daughter of Sir *William Sidney*, by whom he had no Iſſue, [r] who died *June* 9, 1583, leaving

FRANCES his Widow this Manor, and great Part of the Eſtate for Life, and at her Death to *Robert* Lord *Fitz-Walter* his Son, who died before her, ſo that it came to

HENRY RATCLIFF his Brother, who died ſeized the 14th of *December*, 1593, when it deſcended to

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[g] Eſc. 4. E. 4. N. 37.

[h] Coll: P. L. N.

[i] (1463) "Elizabetha que fuit uxor Walteri Fitz-Walter tenuit die quo obijt maneria de Hempnal et Dyſs, una cum Hundredo de Dyſſe cum ſuis pertinentijs de Rege per ſervitium militare ut parcel: Baronie de Fitz-Walter, Reman' inde Rectis Heredibus ipſius Walteri, Quodque Elizabetha Domina Fitz-Walter nuper uxor Johannis Ratcliff eſt filia et Heres et Etatis triginta annorum.

[k] Hall. H: 6. 102.

[l] Hall: H, 7, 34, a,

[m] Inſt: N° 12

[n] Vincent againſt Brook, 561.

[o] Cop. Cur.

[p] Weaver 636.

[q] Vincent 562.

[r] Vincent 563.

Robert Ratcliff his Son, who in 1621, ſold it to

Francis Shute, Widow, and her Heirs, who [s] held a Court in 1622, in 1635, it was in [t] John Duke, Eſq; of *Worlingham* in *Suffolk*, who about 1649, left it to

Parnell and Anne Duke, his Daughters, who kept their firſt Court in 1656, this *John* ſold the Advowſon from the Manor.

Parnell married

Roger Pepys of *Impington*, Eſq; who afterwards had *Anne*'s Part alſo, and at his Death left it to

Talbot Pepys, his Son, who married *Hannah* Daughter of *John Man*, Alderman of *Norwich*, ſhe out lived him, and held the Manor and Hundred 'till 1694, when ſhe died, and left it to

Roger Pepys, her Son and Heir, who is lately dead; and

Mrs. Anne Pepys, his Widow, is preſent Lady thereof.

## PECCHE'S MANOR, *now call'd* Heywode-Hall,

Had its Riſe out of the Capital Manor, Sir *Robert Fitz-Walter*, who held two Thirds of the Hundred and Town of *Diſs*, granted one Third thereof with his Daughter (ſome ſay Siſter) *Alice*, in Marriage to

Sir Gilbert Pecche, Knt. Lord of *Brunne* in *Cambridgeſhire*, [x] upon whoſe Death it deſcended to

Sir Hammond Pecche, Knt. his Son, who died in 1240, leaving by *Eva* his Wife, ſeveral Children, *Gilbert* was his Eldeſt Son and Heir, but this was given [y] to

Robert Pecche, his fourth Son, who held it in 1286, in which Year he claimed View of Frankpledge, and Aſſize of Bread and Ale of all his Tenants. [z] 'Twas this *Gilbert* and *Agnes* his Wife, that in 1292, convey'd two Third Parts of this Manor to Sir *Robert Fitz-Walter*, ſo that it was again join'd to the Great Manor, all but one third Part, which they in 1285, had convey'd by Fine to

Sir Richard de Boyland, and *Maud* his Wife, together with a third Part of the Demeans and 28 *s. per Ann.* Quit-Rent, and this Part conſtituted that Manor here, which is now called

## HEYWOOD-HALL,

[a] Of which I find a Fine levied in 1289, by Sir *Richard de Boyland* and *Maud* his Wife, to *Stephen Fitz-Walter*, Lord (in Truſt) of the Great Manor, who deſigned to join this, as his Predeceſſor had done the other Parts to that Manor, in order to make it more Compleat, [b] but it proved of no Force, for in 1314,

Richard Son of *Richard de Boyland*, ſued *Robert Fitz-Walter* for it, and recovered it, it having been ſettled on his Mother before the Fine was ſued to which he was not a Party, and ſoon after he ſettled it upon *John de Mortimer* in Truſt, for himſelf and his Heirs, which *John* is ſaid to hold it in 1327, at Sir *Richard*'s Death it came to

Sir John de Boyland, of *Boyland-Hall* in *Briſingham*, (in which Place more will be added of that antient Family) he left only one Daughter, married to

John Lancaster, of *Briſingham*, Eſq; Senior, who left it to

[c] Elen his Wife for Life, then to

John Lancaster, Junior, of *Briſingham*, Eſq; he [d] by Will proved 28 *July* 1470, left it to

Elizabeth his Wife for Life, and after her Deceaſe to

[e] William Lancaster, Eſq; (her Son) of *Catywade* and *Briſingham*, who married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Co-heireſs of *William Notbeam*, by whom he had

Benedicta his ſole Heireſs, who married to *Edward Bolton*, about the Year 1505, and by Will dated 15 *July* 1528, bequeathed it to

Tho. Bolton of *Saham Tony*, his ſecond Son, who died ſeized in 1544, it was ſold to

Tho. Jermyn, Knt. and Will. Curson, Clerk, his Truſtee; but it continued very little while in this Family, for in 1616,

Will. Mason, Eſq and John Beseley, Gent. ſold it to

Will. Webb, and Charles Wiseman, Gents. from whom it came to the *Fiſhers*.

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[s] Cop: Cur.

[t] P.L.N,

[u] A large and full Account of the Fitz-Walters may be ſeen in Dugdale's Baronage, Vol. 1. fol. 209, but the Pedigree is faulty in many Places, as Mr. Le-Neve proves in his Books from the Records themſelves: And again for the Ratcliff's, ſee Vol. 2 fol 285. Vincent againſt Brook 563, Weaver 635, and for the Fitz-Walters 632. Theſe being remarkable Men in the ſeveral Ages they lived in, few Hiſtorians are to be met with, but what ſpeak much of them.

[x] Eſc. 25, H. 3.

[y] Plita: Corone de dicto anno.

[z] P. L. N.

[a] Fines divers: com: de dicto anno.

[b] Coll: P. L. N.

[c] Rot: Cur.

[d] Will Book of that Year.

[e] P. L. N.

Richard Fisher, Gent. being ſeized in 1636,

Edward Fisher, Gent. in 1662, and in 1667, I find it in

John Buxton, Gent. 'till 1684, and after in

Robert Buxton, Eſq; of St. *Margaret*'s in *South Elmham*, who was Lord in 1715, at his Death, it was held by

Elizabeth his Widow, now dead: And

Elizabeth Buxton, a Minor, their ſole Daughter and Heireſs, is the preſent Owner.

I muſt obſerve, that in a Court Roll of this Manor, among Mr. *Le-Neve*'s Papers, in 1423, when *Elen*, Widow of *John Lancaſter*, Senior, held her firſt Court, there were two Diſtinct Juries, one for the part of the Manor in *Diſs*, and the other for that part in *Burſton*, [*f*] it was always held of the Great Manor of *Diſs* by Fealty, and 5*s*. *per Annum* Rent, in full for all Suit and Service, being eſtimated at 8*l*. *per Annum*.

## *Hewode, or Heywode* Manor,

Was always part of *Winfarthing* Manor, 'till it was ſeparated by *Henry* I. who gave it to

Sir Richard de Lucy, and ſo join'd it to *Diſs*, he gave a third Part of the Hundred, Manor, and Market, in Frank Marriage with *Dioniſia* his Daughter, to

Sir Robert de Muntenei, or *Mounteney*, [*g*] and accordingly we find in the Black Book of the *Exchequer*, that in the Year 1161, the ſaid *Robert* held of the ſaid *Richard*, 3 Knights Fees, *ſc.* in *Newton*, a Member of *Stow* (*Market* in *Suffolk*) one Fee, and in *Walcote* a Member of *Diſce* one Fee, and in *Spreſton* (now *Sprouſton* in *Norfolk*) one Fee, and in *Tacolveſton* two Fees, and in the ſame Town, *Hugh* Son of *Hamel*, held one Fee (this afterwards was *Uvedale*'s Manor there) of all which Knights, the Anceſtors of *Richard de Luci* performed Ward to *Dover Caſtle*, [*h*] and among *Richard de Luci*'s Knights of the old Feoffment, *Robert de Muntenei* is ſaid to hold five Fees, of which *Walcote* a Member of *Diſce* is one.

Sir Arnold de Munteney, his Son ſucceeded him, and in 1230, it was found, that he held it of Sir *Robert Fitz-Walter* at one Fee, as of his Barony; in 1239, a Fine was levied between himſelf and *Hamon Chevere*, by which he ſettled it on himſelf and his Heirs: He ſealed with a Bend between 6 Martlets, circumſcribed, *Sigillum Arnulphi de Muntenie*, in 1277, he ſettled this and *Sprowſton* Manors on

[*i*] Robert his Son, who in 1286, had View of *Frankpledge*, and died ſeized of this Manor, with a third Part of the Hundred, and Market, leaving it to

Arnold his Son and Heir, who claimed Liberty of Free Warren in all his Demeans, and had it allowed: [*k*] In 1293, he was ſummoned to attend King *Edward* I. into *Gaſcoign*, for the Recovery thereof. This *Arnold* granted part of this Manor, *viz.* 17 Meſſuages, 150 Acres of Land, 40 Acres and an half of Meadow, 3*s*. 4*d*. 1 *q*. Rent, and the Rent of 14 Hens, and 30 Eggs, to

William his ſecond Son, and his Heirs, which at *William*'s Death, were [*l*] *Anno* 1313, by Fine ſettled on

Katherine his Widow, then married to *Gilbert Baliol* for Life, remainder to

Dionisia, afterwards Wife of *Hugh de Vere*, Daughter of the ſaid *William*, by which *Dioniſia* it reverted to *Winfarthing* Manor again, and being joined in the ſaid *Hugh*, it hath gone with it ever ſince, for which Reaſon I ſhall ſay nothing farther here, but refer to *Winfarthing* with which it hath ſo long paſſed.

## *The* Customs *of the* Manor *of* DISS, *confirmed by the Lord and Tenants, at a General Court of Survey there held, the* 13th *of* Sept. 1636, *are as follow, as appear by the Original, now in the Church-Warden's Hands.*

The Fines are Arbitrable upon every Alienation and Deſcent, and on every Death the Lands deſcend to the eldeſt Son, or next allied, according to the Courſe of the Common Law, and are ſubject to ſuch Forfeitures as the Common Law doth direct.

The Copyhold Tenants may fell Timber without forfeiture on the Copyhold Lands.

The Lord's Bailiff can take but one Penny for each Beaſt's Poundage: The Tenants can digg Gravel, Sand, Turff, *&c.* on the Waſte, and make Hemp-Pits on *Diſs Moor*, and *Cockſtreet Green*.

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[f] Lib. Cur. Ward. & Eſc. 8 H. 7.

[g] The Black Book of the Exchequer, publiſhed by Mr. Hearne at Oxford, 1728, Vol. 1. 255.

[h] Red Book of the Exchequer.

[i] Plit: Coron: 15 E. 1.

[k] Rot. Vaſcon. de dicto anno.

[l] Coll: P. L. N.

The Tenants can Plant upon the Waſtes againſt their own Lands and Houſes, by the Name of an *Outrun*.

They can alſo ſtub Furs and Buſhes on all the Waſtes.

The Lord hath all the Strays, he hath no Warren, but Liberty of Hawking, Hunting, and Fiſhing in the Manor; and the Lords formerly have granted Liberty of Fiſhing to divers Tenants, and 'tis returned, that *John Turner*, *Samuel Folſer*, *Thomas Shreve*, *Reginald Shuckforth*, and *Henry Turner*, have, and maintain certain Pits in their Yards and Grounds, with Inlets from them to the *Great Mere*, as by Cuſtom they can juſtify.

The Tenants can make Steps out of their Doors into the Street, and Stairs out of their Cellars, and alſo they can ſet up Booyes, or Props at their Windows, and Seats at their Doors, according to Cuſtom.

The Lord hath a Market every *Friday*, a Fair on St. *Simon* and St. *Jude*, when his Bailiff takes 2 *d*. for every tilted Stall, and 1 *d*. for every one un-tilted, and no more; and for rhe Market Stalls he takes either a Weekly or Yearly Rent, but all that ſtand under any Houſes, Pent-houſes, &c. pays the Bailiff 4 *d*. *per Annum*, by 1 *d*. every Quarter, and no more, but all they that ſell any manner of Victuals pay nothing, ſtand where they will, and all Corn, Corn-Carts, &c. pay nothing.

As to the Extent of the Manor, they ſay that it extends from the River dividing *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, on the South, in and thro' a great Part of the Town of *Diſs*, and into *Raydon*, *Burſton*, *Frenze*, *Shelfhanger*, and *Winfarthing*, and that *Thomas* Earl of *Arundell*, and *Surrey*, Earl Marſhal of *England*, hath a Manor here called *Heywood*, alſo *John Havers*, Gent. a Manor that extends into this Town, call'd *Raydon-Hall cum Tufts*; *Richard Fiſher*, Gent. hath a Manor call'd *Heywood-Hall*; and *Richard Nixon*, Gent. *Frenze* Manor, which extends into this Town; the Manor of *Diſs* Rectory, and the Manors of *Brockdiſh-Hall*, and *Milden-Hall* in *Burſton*, extend hither. The Lord of this Manor hath a Manſion Houſe, in which *Samuel Pethaugh* now dwells, and 35 *l*. *per Annum*, and a part of the Toll-Houſe now in decay for want of Tiling, and a Piece of Land called *Hingelſwode*, and a Piece of Marſh in *Briſingham*.

The Advowſon belongs to the LORD, whoſe Officers are, a Steward, a Bailiff, and a Heyward.

*N. B.* The Manors in *Diſs* give a Moiety Dower.

The capital Manor-Houſe, called *Diſs Hall* is ſituated at *Heywode Green*, which with 16 Acres 3 Roods of Land, is held by Copy of Court-Roll of this Manor.

## *Watton*'s MANOR, now call'd *Cock-Street*,

Was very ſmall, being held by a Freeman, of *William Malet* Lord of the Honour of *Eye* in *Suffolk*, tho' it did not belong to his Fee, 'till

[m] WALTER DE CADOMO (*Caam* or *Cauz*) diſ-ſeized him; this was after called *Wattons*, from one of it's Lords, it continued ſome time in *Walter*'s Family, and was afterwards held of the Capital Manor.

[n] In 1235, *Ralph de Cunges* or *Canz* (a Deſcendant from the ſaid *Walter*) was Lord, he held it by the 4th Part of a Fee; from him it came to

RICHARD DE CUNGES who enlarged it, by purchaſing more Lands and Rents to it of the *Fitz-Walters*.

[o] In 1322, REGINALD LE-MAN of *Diſce* was Lord, who in 1337, left it to ALICE his Wife, [p] from which Family it came to the *Wattons*.

About 1420, JOHN WATTON was Lord, who before 1431, had convey'd it to

[q] HENRY SIRCOK, for then he occurs Lord; it was ſoon after purchaſed by the FITZ-WALTER's, and added to *Diſs* Manor, with which in 1493, upon the Lord *Fitz-Walter*'s Attainder, it was ſeized by the King, as a Member of that Manor, and was then called *Watton*'s, or *Cock-ſtreet* in *Diſce*; from which Time it hath been always included in the Manor of *Diſs*. The Scite or Manor Houſe abutts on *Cockſtreet Green* Weſt, and was granted in 1494, by King *Henry* the VIIth to be held by Copy of Court Roll, paying 4 *s*. 6 *d*. *per Ann.* Quit-Rent.

[m] Iuvaſiones,——(*ſc.*) Walteri de Cadomo. (Domſd. f. 300) In Diſce 1. lib: homo. v. acr: terre de Dominio Manerij, quem tenuit Will. Mallet, ſed non pertinuit ad Feudum ſuum, eodem modo offert ſe neciſſe, ii. bov. val. x *d*.

[n] Norf. Feodary.

[o] Cart. pen. T. Coggeſhall de Diſce. Gen.

[p] Cart. pen: me.

[q] E. Cop. Cur. pen. T. C. Gen. predict.

## *Diſs Rectory* MANOR,

Hath all along gone, and now is in the Rector of the Pariſh: The Cuſtom of which is, that all Lands and Tenements deſcend to the eldeſt Son, and the Tenant can not waſte his Copyhold Houſes without Licence, the Fines are at the Lord's Will, but in all things elſe, the [r] Tenants may do as they pleaſe.

## RECTORS.

The firſt that I find Poſſeſſed, before there was any Inſtitution, was
[s] *Wulketel* the Prieſt, who left it to
*William* his Son, as his lawful Heir.

*Bale*, in his *Actions of Engliſh Votaries*, (fol. 98. b.) ſays, that Pope *Alexander* wrote to *John* of *Oxford*, then Biſhop of *Norwich*, that *William* the now Parſon of *Diſs*, for claiming the Parſonage of *Diſs* by Inheritance, after the Death of his Father Parſon *Wulketel*, which begat him in his Prieſthood, ſhould be diſpoſſeſſed, and no Appellation admitted. From his Time to 1299, when the Inſtitution Books begin, I find no more Rectors; nor then, 'till

[t] 1304, 7 Kal: *Dec.* when *Adam de Waudringfield*, (or *Waldingfield)* Prieſt, was inſtituted, being preſented by Sir ROBERT FITZ-WALTER, Knt.

1316, 2 Non: *Nov. Thomas de Couling*, Prieſt. WALTER FITZ-WALTER, Knt. Lord of *Wodeham*.

[u] King *Edward* III. by Letters Patent, dated the 2d of *July*, preſented [x] *Martin de Ixning*, one of his Chaplains, to this Church; he had ſeveral Eccleſiaſtical Preferments given him, both before and after, as the Deanry of *Bocking* in *Eſſex*, the Cuſtody or Maſterſhip of *Maidſtone* College in *Kent*, and of *Dorcheſter* Hoſpital in *Saliſbury* Dioceſs, and a Canonry of St. *Stephen* at *Weſtminſter*, I take it, that it was a Preſentation only, for the Turn when void, if he liv'd ſo long, and was obtained by the King from the *Fitz-Walter* Family. However, certain I am, that he never poſſeſs'd this Living, for [y] *Thomas de Couling* did not reſign it, 'till

1350, in which Year *ſc.* the Ides of *February*, *William Baltrippe*, Prieſt, was inſtituted, JOHN FITZ-WALTER, Knt. Lord of *Wodeham* being Patron.

1361, 2 *July*, *John de Berking*, Prieſt; *Ditto.*

1390, 30 *Aug. Hubert Tailour de Thorley*, Prieſt. WALTER FITZ-WALTER, Knt. he is often in Evidences called *Hubert de Thorley*.

1424, *ult. Febr.* He reſign'd to *Richard Druryval*, *Walter Fitz-Walter*, Knt. Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and *Wodeham*, *Richard Bainard*, and *Simon Cyſtern*, Rector of *Bernyngham*, his Feoffees.

[z] *Edward Atherton*, Prieſt, who was Clerk of the Cloſet to King *Henry* VI. and by him *Decem.* 26, in the 7th Year of his Reign, preſented to this Rectory, he was ſucceeded in 1457, in which Year he died, by

*Richard Donyngton*, Prieſt, inſtituted 16 *Nov.* King *Henry* VI. as Guardian to the Lord *Fitz-Walter*'s Heirs, being Patron.

1452, 7 *Octob. Richard Tateſhale*, A. M. Prieſt, by *Donyngton*'s Death. JOHN RATCLIFF, Eſq;

1465, 11 *Feb. Tho. Motyng*, (or *Multing*) at *Tateſhale*'s Death. ELIZ. Lady FITZ-WALTER. This *Motyng* was either Maſter or Fellow of *Metyngham* College, where he reſided much as I find in the Collections of the ſaid College, (MSS. *T. M.*)

1490, 16 *April*, *John Wimbuche*, (or *Wimburle*) S. T. D. on *Moutyng*'s Death. JOHN Lord FITZ-WALTER.

1598, 16 *Auguſt*, *Peter Greves*, Prieſt, preſented by King *Henry* VII. by Reaſon of the Forfeiture and Attainder of *John* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, he was ſucceeded by

*John Skelton*, the King's Orator, and Poet Laureat, whoſe Inſtitution occurs not, but I find him Rector in 1504, for in

1529, 17 *July*, *Thomas Clerk* was inſtituted, on the Death of the ſaid *John*, at the Preſentation of ROBERT Lord FITZ-WALTER, &c. *Clerk* died in

1545, And *William Browne* ſucceeded, being preſented by THOMAS BROWNE, Gent. who had this Turn by Grant from *Henry* Earl of *Suſſex*. This *Browne* was deprived for being married, both of this and *Stonham-Jarnegan*, and in

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[r] Lib: curiæ. ibidem pen. Rectorem, A.

[s] Bale Cent: Script: 3, 10. "Tempore H. II. in Nordouolgia "Wulketellus Presbyter, Guilhelmo filio, ut Legitimo hæredi, "Sacerdotium de Dyſſa reliquit.

[t] Lib. Inſt: N° 1.

[u] Pat: 7. E. 3. p. 2.

[x] Newcourt antiq: Lond: Dioc: p 748.

[y] Lib: Inſt: 4.

[z] Lib: Inſt.

[a] 1554, *6 May*, The Right Rev. *John Saliſbury*, Biſhop of *Thetford*, Suffragan to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, was preſented by Henry Earl of *Suſſex*, to this Rectory, which was void by the Deprivation of the laſt Incumbent: [b] He was Biſhop of the *Iſle of Man*, and held in Commendam, the Deanry of *Norwich*, the Archdeaconry of *Angleſey*, the Church of *Thorp* on the Hill, in *Lincoln* Dioceſs, and the Rectory of *Diſce*, by Licence from Archbiſhop *Parker*, dated *Anno* 1570; he was Rector for ſome time of *Lopham*, and ſeveral other Pariſhes in this County: He died at *Norwich*, and is buried in the Middle of St. *Andrew*'s Church there, being ſucceeded by

*John Hilton*, who was inſtituted *March* 24, 1572. Thomas Earl of *Suſſex* being Patron, he died in 1587, and on *October* 23, in that Year,

*John Reeve*, A. M. was inſtituted, at the Preſentation of Frances, then Widow of the ſaid *Thomas*, but he had no peaceable Poſſeſſion, for *Henry* Earl of *Suſſex*, Brother to *Thomas*, who was Huſband of the ſaid *Frances*, brought his Action again both Patroneſs and Incumbent, and ejected him in 1589; and on *May* 17, in that Year,

*Richard Cox*, A. M. was inſtituted, as on the Death of *John Hilton*, the laſt legal Incumbent, at the Earl's Preſentation, in which he is ſtiled Earl of *Suſſex*, Viſcount *Fitz-Walter*, Lord *Egremond* and *Burnell*, and Captain or Governor of the Iſle and Town of *Portſmouth*; the Diſpute ſeems to have been this, That tho' the ſaid *Frances* held the Manor for Life in Jointure, yet the Advowſon, as the Earl would have it, was not in the Settlement. But it ended not here, *Frances* containing her Claim, *Cox* was ejected, and *Reeve* declared Incumbent, but he remain'd ſo but little Time, for *Nov.* 17, 1591, *Cox* was re-inſtituted, and very ſoon after ejected again, and no Incumbent declared, nor none preſented, ſo long, that it had laid from the latter End of 91, to *Dec.* 93, when one *William Goddard*, A. M. was preſented, but denied Inſtitution; whereupon

*Cox* to make himſelf ſure and End all Diſputes, took the Broad Seal, it being lapſed to the Crown, and obtained Queen *Elizabeth*'s Letters Patent, to void all other Preſentations, on which he was inſtituted *Dec.* 2, 1593, and held it to 96, when he died; and on *Nov.* 12, in that Year,

*John Taverner*, Preacher of God's Word, [c] was inſtituted at the Preſentation of Robert Earl of *Suſſex* in full Right, all other Claimants whatever being now dead, he continued Rector to

1613, in which Year, *Dec.* 23, [d] *William Withers*, A. M. was inſtituted; he died in 1647, when

*Edward Palgrave*, B. D. ſucceeded, the Patron being Richard Prettyman of *Griſton*, Gent. it was not long before he was ejected by the unjuſt Proceeding of thoſe Rebellious Times, and his Living given to one

*Richard Moore*, A. M. who ſigned the Atteſtation of the Miniſters of this County in 1648, as *Calamy* informs us in his *Addenda*, Vol. I. p. 481, but he was ſoon diſplaced, and it was taken by one

*John Hobart*, who held it by Uſurpation ſome time, but was after thrown out by Mr. *Moore*, who held it to

1662, when he was ejected, and *Edward Bernard*, Clerk, inſtituted, upon his Deprivation, at the Preſentation of John Hubart, Eſq; he held it to 1678, and then died, being ſucceeded by

*John Burlington*, A. M. at whoſe Death in 1695,

*June* 1, *Edward Boſworth*, A. M. was inſtituted at the Preſentation of Willim Bosworth, Clerk, Patron for this Turn. In

1713, *John Briars*, A. M. was preſented by William Burlington of *Diſs* Gent. the preſent Patron; upon the Death of Mr. *Briars*, the ſaid William in

1729, preſented the Rev. Mr. *Edward Boſworth*, who is now Rector.

## *Diſs* Rectory.

Is in the Deanry of *Redenhall*, Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Dioceſs of *Norwich*, being [e] ſtill charged with Firſt Fruits, and the following Annual Sums, for Synodals and Procurations; it hath a good Rectory Houſe, and convenient Out-houſes, with 12 Acres of Glebe adjoining to it, all which abutt South on *Diſs Moor*.

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[a] Lib. cur. Rect.

[b] MSS. Parker in Archiv: Cantuar:

[c] He was born at Berkyng in Eſſex, and died in 1613, aged 55,

[d] He was alſo Rector of Wetheringſet, Suffolk.

[e] I omit ſetting down the Firſt Fruits that each Living pays, becauſe, if a Years Tenths are deducted out of the Sum 'tis charged at in the King's Books, the remaining Sum, is the Sum paid for the Firſt Fruits. I ſhall alſo take no Notice of the Procurations that are paid to the Biſhop, upon his Septennial or Primary Viſitations out of each Living, becauſe one general Rule will ſerve for all that pay them, viz. to remember that it is Threepence in the Pound, according to the Valuation in the King's Books.

| (f) King's Books. | Tenths. | Synodals. | Archd: Procur: | (g) Norw: Taxa: | Lincoln Taxa: | Acr. Glebe. |
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In the Dean and Chapter's Book [h] called *Norwich Domeſday*, it is ſaid, that the Rector then had a Manſion Houſe much in decay, with another Houſe which was formerly the Vicar's; it may ſeem odd that there was ever a Vicar, but we are to remember, that often in thoſe Times, [i] Vicars ſignify'd no more than Curates, and were Removeable at the Rector's Pleaſure, indeed when Churches were appropriated to Monaſteries and the Religious were forced to ſet out a Portion of the Glebe and Tythes, for the Maintenance of a Vicar, ſuch a one is called, *a perpetual Vicar*, made Preſentative and Inſtitutive, but there are no Footſteps of any Inſtitution to the Vicarage of *Diſs*, not but that the Rector might with the Conſent of the Biſhop and Patron, have at any Time created a Vicarage, and made his own Share a *Sinecure*, as was done at *Eaſt Dearham*, *Terrington*, *&c.* and this, ſince the Council of *Lateran*, nay in the Dioceſe of St. *Aſaph*, there are ſuch Separations of Tythes made, and Vicarages erected, as low as King *Henry* VIIIth's Time.

## CUSTOMS *of the* RECTORY.

In the Time of King *James* I. there was a long Suit about the Cuſtoms of this Rectory, and at length it was ended, and an Exemplification under Seal paſſed, *Nov.* 21, 1610, in which it was thus acknowledged on all Sides.

[*] That the Rector is to receive in Kind, the tenth Sheaf of all Corn bound up.

And of all Corn not bound up, the tenth Heap, ready heaped.

Of Peaſe, he is to take the tenth Stetch.

For the Fall of every Calf, Lamb, or Pig, under ſeven, he is to receive One Half penny; but if there be ſeven, he is to take the Seventh, and to pay to the Owner Three Half-pence, becauſe there lacks Three of Ten, if there be Eight One Penny, if Nine One Half-penny, if Ten nothing.

For the Fall of every Foal, the Rector to receive One Penny.

Every ſeventh Goſlin, allowing One Farthing for each Goſlin wanting of Ten, and taking One Farthing for each Goſlin under Seven.

The tythe Eggs are due in Kind.

Tythe Wooll, every Tenth Pound.

Every tenth Bite or Sheaf of Hemp in Kind.

In lieu of tythe Wood, the Rector is paid One Penny every Sunday, Houſe after Houſe, throughout the Town; for when Holy Bread was uſed, Three Penny-worth of Bread was brought to the Parſon every Sunday, of which he diſtributed to the Poor Two Penny-worth, and the Third Penny he had to his own Uſe, by the Name of *Harthage*, and at the time of taking away Holy Bread, the Inhabitants paid as above for Wood and *Harthage*.

In lieu of Tythe Hay, the Rector receives Two Pence *per* Acre for all Mowing Ground, by the Name of *Fenage*.

For every Milch Cow he receives One Penny *per Ann.* by the Name of *Lactage*.

For every Orchard and Garden Plot, he receives One Penny *per Ann.* in lieu of it's Tythe.

For every Hive of Bees, One Penny *per Ann.* except it be the firſt Year they Swarm, and then nothing.

For every Gaſt Heifer, Steer. or Colt, feeding from One Year old to Three, One Penny.

The Tythe Calves are to be paid at ſeven Weeks old, and not before; Pigs at five Weeks old; Chickens at a Month old; Lambs and Goſlins at *Lammas*; Eggs are due at *Eaſter*; *Herbages*, *Lactages*, and *Fenages*, to be paid between *Lammas* and *Chriſtmas*.

[†] By the Church-Wardens Book it appears, that upon every Burial in the Church, they receive 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for breach of the Pavement. In 1571, *Richard Foulſer* paid it for his Wife's Burial, and *Nicholas Eſtowe* did the ſame.

[k] The Church here is dedicated to the Honour of the Virgin *Mary*, and is a regular Building, having a ſquare Tower join'd to it's Weſt End; with Six Bells, a Clock and Chimes, the Nave, the two Iſles, and two Porches are Leaded, the Chancel is Tiled, between which and the Nave, hangs a Saint's Bell, on which is this Inſcription,

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[f] Ecton's Valor, &c

[g] There have been three Taxations of the Eccleſiaſtical Preferments in England. The Firſt, which is called the Norwich Taxation, was made in 1254, and was confirmed in 1256, it is ſo called from Walter de Suthfield, Biſhop of Norwich, who by the Command of Pope Innocent, (who had granted the King the Tenths of all Eccleſiaſtical Goods for three Years) drew up a Deſcription of all the Clergy's Revenues in England: For every Deanry of every Dioceſe, he appointed the Dean and three beneficed Perſons in his Juriſdiction, to certifie upon Oath, the true Value of all Preferments in that Deanry, The ſecond is called the Lincoln Taxation, and was made in 1280 The third and laſt, is the preſent Valuation, which was made in the 28th Year of King Henry VIII.

[h] In Edward I. Time, about 1280

[i] Coll: Ep. Aſaph.

[*] Exemp. Sigillat. penes Rector: & Gardian: dictæ Eccleſiæ.

[†] L. Comp. Gardian- ibid.

[k] Regr. Haydon in Offic: Norw: 1374.

* Sancte Gabriel Ora pro nobis.

The Veſtry which was on the North Side of the Chancel is down; at the End of the North Iſle is a Chapel, formerly belonging to *Corpus Chriſti* Gild, oppoſite is another, belonging to the Brothers of St. *Nicholas*'s Gild; but upon their Incorporation, about *Henry* VIth's Time, when they built St. *Nicholas*'s Chapel, they were forſaken by them, and left to the Soul Prieſts of the Pariſh, who Sang in them 'till the Reformation; the Organs uſed to ſtand between the firſt of theſe Chapels and the Chancel; the Roofs of the Nave, Chancel, and two Chapels, are ſtained with Red and White. The Building now ſtanding, was without doubt built by the *Fitz-Walters*, [l] whoſe Arms are often cut on the South Porch in Stone, and were formerly in many of the Windows, [ſee fol. 5.] as were the Arms of *Wingfield*, and *De-la-pole*: In other Windows *Fitz-Walter* impales, *Ufford*, in another, were the Arms of *England* and *France* Quarter'd, and St. *George*, as alſo *Bury-Abbey* Arms, and in another Shield, the *Eaſt Angles*, all which are now loſt except the *Fitz Walters*,

In an upper North Window of the Nave, is a Man in a Blue Robe, with a Red Mantle, kneeling on a Cuſhion, bidding his Beads, and ſaying,

Jeſu Chriſte Dei miſerere mei.

Oppoſite (in the ſame Window) a Woman in the ſame Poſture, ſaying,

Mater Sancta Dei Ora pro : : : :

There being no Arms nor Inſcription, we know not who they were deſign'd for.

In the South Iſle is an old in-arched Monument, with a Coffin-Stone lying by it, but there are no Arms nor Inſcription. In the North Chapel was ſuch another Stone, which being taken up to make a Vault for Mr. *William Burton*, they found an entire Skelton, by it's Head was a Silver Chalice; this in all probability was ſome Prieſt, it was buried again in the Coffin. By this Stone ſtands a fine Altar Tomb of Black Marble, and *Portland* Stone, on which is this Inſcription in gilt Letters.

> Underneath this Stone lyeth interred the Body of Mr. *William Burton*, late of *Cock-ſtreet*, within this Pariſh of *Diſs*, who was a Perſon of known Probity, Juſtice, Integrity, and Charity, and very much valued for his true and hearty Friendſhip to his Neighbours, he departed this Life the 14th of *February*, *Anno Dom.* 1705, in the 59th Year of his Age, and by his Laſt Will and Teſtament, bearing date the 26th Day of *December*, 1705, which was proved in the Biſhop's Court in *Norwich*, (amongſt other Charities) did deviſe, that his Executrix ſhould purchaſe Lands to the Value of † One Hundred Pounds, and that the ſame ſhould be ſettled upon two Truſtees, to the intent that this Tombſtone, and the Vault, ſhould by the Church-Wardens of *Diſs* be conſtantly kept clean, and in good Repair, and what remains of the yearly Profit of the Eſtate when purchaſed, or of the Intereſt Money 'till the Purchaſe be made, ſhould upon *Chriſtmas-Day* Yearly, for ever, be diſpoſed of by the Church-Wardens and Overſeers of the Poor for the time being, to ſuch of the poor Houſe-keepers within this Pariſh, as they or the major Part ſhall think fit, with a Condition or Proviſo in the ſame Will, that if this Stone or the Vault underneath it, ſhould be broke open, [m] other than for the Interment of *Mary* his Wife, or if the Church-Wardens neglected to keep the ſame clean, and in good repair, or to keep an Account in their Books, how, and to whom, the Money ſhall be yearly diſpoſed of, then the Payment of the Charity to *Diſs*, is from thenceforth to ceaſe, and to be paid to *Roydon*, for the like Uſes, and under the like Conditions, and if *Roydon* make default, then in like manner to *Briſingham*.

Againſt one of the North Pillars in the middle Iſle, is fixt a neat ſmall Monument, on the Top of which in a Shield.

*Deynes*, impaling *Sab.* 3 Boars Heads coupee, *Or*: And this Inſcription.

Lector,
Recede Paulo,
Hæc dum tu vides,
Conculcas Cineres venerandos,
Sub pedibus jacet corpus humile
Animâ humiliori prius hinc aſcenſâ,
*Martha Henrici Deynes* Gen: uxor,

Stirpis, Sexûs, Pietatis, Ornamentum,
Quæ dum vivens, modeſté ſilere ſolita,
Jam mortua adhuc loquitur,
Obijt Maij 30 Anno
Ætatis 23°
Dni.
1661.

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* They call this the Kay Bell, being a Corruption for the Gabriel Bell.

[l] MSS. penes: J. Anſtis, Garter, mark'd E. 26. fol. 26.

† That was laid out for Land called Hingelſwood, being Copyhold on Frenze Manor, and is now infeoffed among other Lands, 5 *s.* per Annum is ſettled to keep clean the Tomb, the reſt to the Poor.

[m] Mary his Wife is dead and interred in it.

On the ſame Pillar another ſmall Monument is faſtened, on which,

Juxta hoc Monumentum
Jacet Corpus *Rici. Deynes*,
Fil: *Henrici & Marthæ*, Gen:
Qui obijt 25 die Julij Anno Dom.
1712.
Etat, ſue. 56.

All the Stones are robbed of their Braſſes, on one of which in the Chancel, is the Impreſſion of the Chalice and Wafer, under which is a Prieſt buried.

Two Black Marbles in the Chancel have the following Inſcriptions: The Arms are a Lyon Ramp. impaling a Croſs Floree, between 4 Trefoils. *Creſt*, a Plume of Feathers.

Here lieth the Body of
*Edward Boſworth*, late
*Rector* of *Thelveton*, who
departed this Life the 14th of *June*,
1714, aged 40 Years,
And alſo *Deborah* his Wife
who was one of the Daughters of
*Samuel Manning*, Gent. deceaſed,
who died the 13th of
*September*, 1708, aged
28 Years.

On the Second, *Boſworth*'s Arms and Creſt as before.

Here lieth the Body of
*Edward Boſworth*, late
*Rector* of this Pariſh who depart-
ed this Life the 18th Day of January
1713, aged 65 Years.

In the Church-Yard, a large Black Marble lies flat on the Ground, on the South Side, by the Chancel Door. A Chev. *Erm.* between 3 Eagles with double Heads, diſplay'd.

To the pious memory of Margaret Daughter of Mr.
*Henry Houching Rector de Palgrave* virtuous
wife of Mr. *Henry Shuckforte*, Indulgent mother
of *Thomas Margaret Henry Samuel & Sarah* their
Children ſhe departed this life the 13th day of
October 1692, aged 70 Yeares.
Alſo to the pious memory of *Thomas* their
Eldeſt Sone who departed this life the 2d
Day of March 1703, aged
20 Yeares.

On an Altar Tomb much decayed.

- - - - - - - - - - *Thomæ Baylie* Generoſi . . . . tatem Probitatem
Charitatem conjugalem et parentalem Affectum
vere ſpectabilis,
Qui cum Prudentia, Fortitudine, Dexteritate, et indefeſſa
in Rebus Opera feliciter geſtis,
Deo Patriæque diu inſerviſſet, de hac Villa optime mæruiſſet,
Et ad Invidiam uſque claruiſſet
Annorum jam ſatur bonorum cum Luctu
obijt, Jul: 18. Anno 1640 Ætatis, ſuæ. 76.
Obſervantiæ
Et Amoris ergo poſuerunt Executores,
C. R. P. M.
Here lyeth interred
*Anne Baylie* Wife of *Thomas Baylie*
Who after ſhee - - - - - - him
52 Yeares departed - - - - Anno 1638.
Near this Place - - - - - Bodies
of { *Thomas Baylie*, the Younger } dep. 1619.
and *Martha Baylie* his Daughter. } 1620.

On another Altar Tomb. *Creſt* a Garb, Arms, on a Chief, an Eagle diſplay'd

Here under lyeth the Body of John
Harriſon, Gent. who departed this Life
the 18th Day of May Anno 1665.
& Mary his Wife who departed
this Life the 1 Day of April An: Dom:
1673.

On an Altar Tomb by the South Iſle,

*Sheriff*'s Arms, *viz.* *Az.* on a Feſs ingrail'd between 3 Griffins Heads, eraſed *Or*, a De-liſs between 2 Roſes *Gul.*

[f] Thomas Sheriffe Gen: & Artium
Magiſter, Sub Tumulo a Laboribus
Hic repoſitus Quieſcit.
deceſſit April 13, Anno Ætatis 61 mo.
Dom: 1669.

Here alſo lyeth the Body of Charles
Kett, Gent. who departed
This Life the firſt Day of June 1696.
And Charles Kett his Son, who
died in the ſame Month being
about two Yeares of Age.

On another Altar Tomb, *Sheriffs* Arms as before.

Conditur hic
Johannes Sheriffe
Chariſſimus Apollinis Filius
Vir vere probus, & civilis Officij non ignarus,
omnibus benevolus
ob Peritiam in Re medicâ non vulgarem

Ditioribus acceptus,
ob promptum Animum tenuibus opitulandi
Quot Diebus Quæſitus,
defunctus utriſque ploratus,
obijt *Prid.* Id. Jul. Anno Dom: 1689.
Ætatis ſuæ 56.

On another Altar Monument.

Coggeshall, *Arg.* a Croſs between 4 Eſcallops *Sab.* *Creſt*, a Buck Couchant *Sab.* attired *Or.*

Here reſteth in Hopes of a joyful
Reſurrection, the Body of
[g] William Coggeſhall, Gent.
Late of Diſs, born at Stretford
In Suffolk, who departed this Life
Auguſt the 9th, 1714, aged 48
Years

And under the North Side of this Stone,
lieth John, Son of
William Coggeſhall, Gent.
And Elizabeth his
Wife, who departed this
Life April the 13th, 1706,
Aged 6 Years.

On another Altar Tomb.

Here lyeth the Body of Elizabeth Burroughs,
Relict of John Burroughs, Gent.
And Daughter of Mr. Samuel Cann, late
of this Pariſh, who departed this Life,
Dec. the 2d, 1711, in the 59th Year of her Age.

Here alſo lyeth the Body of
Hugh Cann,
Who departed this Life,
The xxii of Febr. 1688.
Ætatis ſuæ xxviij.

Here are three Coffin Stones; the Firſt for,

William, Son of Robert Camell, and Elizabeth his Wife, born at Diſs the 11th of April, 1634, obijt. 29, Jan. 1702. Margaret Wife of Robert Camell, Gent. died 24 Dec. 1685.
Mary 2d Wife of Robert Camell, Gent. died 22 May, 1705.

[h] Robert Camell
Gent. obijt. xvi° Die
Novem. Anno Dom:
MDCCXVI°.

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[f] This *Man* tho' he was in ſo great Favour with the Anti-Royaliſts, as to be made and continued, a Juſtice of Peace, yet altogether deſerves a good Character, for by him were many Royaliſts, ſaved from their deſigned Ruin: When the Gentlemen of the Neigbourhood were impeached or impriſoned, he privately ſent them Letters, informing them what was intended, and adviſing them how to proceed, by which means, ſeveral eſcaped out of Ipſwich Goal, and others were ſaved from threatened Deſtruction; by which Behaviour he gained ſuch Eſteem, that tho' Times altered, he lived beloved, and died reſpected, for the good he had done. ( Ex Autog: penes me.

[g] This William was Son of Henry Coggeſhall a Deſcendant from the antient Family of the Coggeſhall's of Coggeſhall in Eſſex, which Family flouriſhed there, from the Time of King Henry the I. down to Queen Mary, Roger de Coggeſhall and Mary his Wife lived in 1281, Sir John Coggeſhall of Rewenhall in Eſſex, Kt. in 1356. Sir William de Coggeſhall Kt. in 1395, was Lord and Patron of Arlesford, *Coggeſhall*, &c. having a large Eſtate in that *County*, 'till Queen Elizabeth s Time: This Henry mnch improved the Art of Gauging, by inventing the Rule call'd after his Name. He was Grandfather to the preſent *Mr.* Thomas Coggeſhall of Diſs. The Creſt belonging to this Family, was granted in Queen Elizabeth's Time. Autog: pen: Joh: Coggeshall, Gent. de Framlingham, Suffolk. E. Lit: Will: Holman de Halſted Eſſex, pen: T. Coggeſhall de Diſs Gent.

[h] Robert Camell being abont 14 Years of Age, came out of Scotland in the Time of the War between that Nation and Eng and, and ſetled at Giſlingham in Suff: in 1583, he died 12 April 1687, leaving Robert his eldeſt Son, who died *Anno* 1667, William Camell of Diſs was his third Son, whe left this Robert his eldeſt Son, who left three Sons, all now dead, except Mr. William Camell of Diſs, his ſecond Son, to whom I am much obliged, for the Sight of the Evidences of this Town, and of ſeveral other *Antiquities*; Robert the Eldeſt was of Sidney College iu Cambridge, LL. D. Rector of Bradwell and Lounde in Lothingland, he died on Wedneſday November 21 1732 at Norwich, where he had been elected Lecturer of St. Peter's Mancroft, Dec: 22 1731 He publiſhed ſeveral ingenious Tracts without his Name, and three Sermons preached at Yormouth, with it affixed thereto: Such was his Character, ſo well was he Known, and ſo much was he eſteemed, that I need not enlarge upon it, tho' I can't ſorbear taking Notice of the many Helps I received from him towards this Work. (See more of him in St. Peter's *Mancroft* where he is buried.) Ex Evid: pen: Will. Camell de Diſs, Gent.

The Steeple hath a Paſſage through it's Arches, which ſerves for a Weſt Porch; on a ſmall Marble fixed in the Wall is this,

Near this Place lyeth the
Body of Thomas Shreeve,
Who departed this Life
The 11th Day of February, in the Year
Of our Lord 1721,
Aged 34 Years

Sheriff, impaling a Chev. between 3 Roundells. On an Altar Tomb.

M. S.
Elizabethæ
Johannis Sheriffe,
hujus Oppidi dudum Incolæ,
necnon Medici inclyti,
Viduæ pientiſſimæ,
Quorum, Sobolis Pietas,
Parentûm Moribus imbutæ,
hoc Monumentum, poni voluit,
Illa autem, pacificâ ſpe Beatæ Reſurrectionis,
ad Vitam ſempiternam, Naturæ Debitum Solvit.
Anno Ætatis 46°
Nov. v. 1702

In the South Porch is a Marble, thus inſcribed;

Here lieth the Body of [i] John Petit, who died the 21ſt of September, Anno Dom. 1727, aged 71 Years. Alſo near this Place lyeth the Body of Abigail his firſt Wife, who died the 17th of March, Anno Dom. 1708, aged 56 Years.

See here our Bodies are laid in Grave,
Chriſt Jeſus died our Souls to ſave;
We commit both Soul and Body to his Protection.
In hopes of a joyful Reſurrection.

## *BURIALS taken from the* REGISTER.

10 *Feb.* 1558, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Prieſt, (he was the laſt Soul Prieſt here.)
30 *June* 1579, *Thomas* the Son of Parſon *Crabb*, of the Plague.
(The Plague was here this Year, 56 Perſons died of it.)
1613, 22 *Dec. John Tavenour*, Clerk, buried.
1626, *Suſſex* Son of *William Leake*, Eſq; 15 *Sept.*
1475, *John Hungir*, Chaplain, buried in the Church, he was a Benefactor to *Corpus Chriſti* Gild, and to St. *Peter*'s Gild at *Palgrave*. *(R. Gelour.)*

[k] 1414, 28 *Sept.* Stephen Cowper was buried at *Diſs*, and gave his Tenement called *Cheppys* in *Diſs*, to *Thomas* his Son, on Condition, that he and his Heirs for ever, ſhould out of the ſaid Tenement, keep a Lamp burning in this Church, in time of Service, on all Holy-Days, before the Crucifix, and alſo his Anniverſary every Year.

[l] 1494, Ric. Edon *de Diſs*, buried there: I Will that the *(Town)* Village of *Diſs* have my Houſe and Land in *Sturſton*, (except my Paſture at *Overgate-went*, and half an Acre and a Rood at *Wetland-went*,) and alſo my Meadow in *Skole*, and half an Acre at *Sondewey* there, and one Acre and half in *Broome* for ever, on Condition, that the annual Profits thereof, be applied to pay the Common Fine (i. e. the *Lete Fee*) of the Town of *Diſs* for ever, and that they Annually keep my Obit for ever, for the Souls of me and *Agnes* my Wife, of *Henry Edon*, and *Margaret* his Wife, of *Robert Avelyn* and *Emma* his Wife and of *Henry Clerk*, and of all Benefactors, 4*d.* to Ryng; 3*s.* 4*d.* (*Pro Certitudine*) for a Certyn.

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[i] By his Laſt Will he gave 10 *s.* per Annum, for ever, to the Miniſter or Curate for the Time being, to preach a Sermon Annually on the Day of his Interment, by way of Exhortation, to prepare for Death, 1 s. per Ann. to the Sexton, and one to the Clerk, to attend the Service of the Day, and 10 s. per Ann. to the Poor, to be diſtributed on the ſame Day, which is the 23d of September, for all which, he tied his Eſtate, called the Unicorn in Diſs.

[k] Regr. Caſton. int. Arch. Ep. Norwic.

[l] Regr. Woolman, par: Seda, fol. 197.

1497, Sir JOHN DOWE, buried in our Lady's Church here, gave x Marks for a Silver Baſon, to Sir *John Peny*, Sir *John Colop*, Sir *John Pepys*, and Sir *William Thonder*, to each 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to bear him to Church and pray for his Soul, and to the Pariſh Prieſt the ſame, and a Legacy to the Tabernacle of St, *Nicholas* in the Church.

[m] 1504, JOHN HEROLD, Parſon of *Sterſton*, gave two Buſhels of Wheat, and two Buſhels of Malt to *Corpus Chriſti* Gild, and the ſame to St. *Nicholas*'s Gild, and to the Prieſts Service in the ſame Town, vj *s.* viij *d.* (this was to the Prieſt that daily ſaid JESUS *Maſs*, in one of the Chapels of this Church.)

[n] 1504, MARGERY COWPER, buried in the Church before the Rode Awter by her Husbonde, to the High Altar 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to *Corpus Chriſti* Gild, 20 *d.* to St. *Nicholas*'s Gild 2 *s.* to the Gild of St. *Nicolas.* my greteſt Cadern [Caldron] and an Ale Tubbe. " I wyll myne Executors pay " the Money I promyſyd to the Purchaſe of the Church [this was towards *Framlingham* Lands] " *Item*, to *Thomas* myne Son, *Mil Cloſe* to ringe the Yereday for me and myne Husbande, ſo " long as it ſhall pleaſe the ſaid *Thomas*, but never the leſſe, I conſtrayne him not to do it, " but at his awn voluntary Will be it done.

Witneſſed by Maſter *John Skelton*, Laureat, Parſon of *Diſſe*, and Sir *John Clarke*, Sowle Prieſt of the ſame Town, proved 6 *Mar.* 1504.

[o] 1505, JOHN PRIKKE of *Diſſe*, Sener, buried in the Church of the Bleſſed Virgin *Mary*, in *Diſs*, he gave towards the purchaſe of the Lands in *Framlingham*, 20 *s. per Ann.* 'till the Purchaſe is compleated, to the Gild of St. *Nicholas* the Biſhop, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Gild of *Corpus Chriſti* 5 *s.* He founded an Obit for two Years in the Church, and gave 16 Marc. to the Prieſt for it; to repair *le fowle Slothe*, [foul Slough] between the Pightell of *Thomas Shreeve*, and *Margery Cooper*, towards *Reydon*, 6 *d.* to repair St. *Spinus* in *Diſſe* Church, a Silver Spoon. Witneſs *John Collop*, Chaplain, proved 25 *Maij* 1506.

[p] 1506, 2 *Feb.* Proved 14 *Ap.* 1507. JOHN CLARKE, he ordered his Executors to pay to the Purchaſe of *Framlingham* Quarterly, to each of the two Gilds 8 *d.* He left Money, " To " a Pylgrym, a Prieſt, to be in Prayer, and Pilgrimage at *Rome* the whole Lent there, to pray " and ſyng for me and myne Children, my Fader and Moder, *Robert* and *Cate*, *John Kew* and " *Maut*, *Stephen Brightled*, and *John Payn*, the which I am in Dett to.

[q] 1512, THOMAS COWPER, buried in *Diſſe* Church. " *Item*, I wyll that my Cloſen, " called *Chepys*, and the *Mylle-cloſe*, ſhall find the Lamp with, for the Rood, and the Certen, " and the Yerday, for the Soulys of *Stephyn Cowper*, and *Margery* his Wife, *Thomas Cowper*, " and *Agnes* his Wife, and all our Children, for whom a Prieſt ſhall be found to ſing, lx Yers " of my Londs in *Harleſton*.

[r] 1514, THOMAS PURCHASE, *alias* SPICER of *Diſſe*, buried in the Church there, gives *Margaret* his Wife for Life, and after to *Thomas* his Son, a Meadow in *Diſs*, called *Mekill-Cloſe*, with a Houſe on it, on Condition to keep his Anniverſary Yerely, for evermore in the Church, that is with 11 *s.* 4 *d.* to be given to three honeſt Prieſts, and in other Deeds of Charitie and Rynging, to pray for my Soul, and the Souls of Friends and Benefactours.

1563, JOHN RIVET of *Diſs*, 25 *Sept.* buried in the Steeple Porch, he gave a Surplice, to repair the Market-ſtreet Pavement 20 *s.*

Some of the Lands that were ſettled on the Soul Prieſts, and to maintain the Lamps, &c. [s] were ſeized by *Edward* VI. in 1547, and were granted with divers others to *Roger Townſend*, Knt. and ſome to others.

## *Soul Prieſts of* DISS.

1487, Sir JOHN DOBBYS, Sir WILLIAM ALRED, and Sir JOHN COLLOP.
1490, WILLIAM BOKYNHAM 1504, Sir JOHN CLERK.
1536, Sir REGINALD WOTTON, and Sir ROGER BIRDE.
1546, Sir JOHN COLLET, and Sir DOBBES, their Stipends were 5 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d. per Ann.* each.

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* In 1420, John de Diſs, Rector of Melton, by Woodbrigge, in which Priory he was buried, gave to the Altar at Diſſe, 13 s. 4 d. to repair the Church 26 s. 8 d. to the Poor 20 s. to St: Nicholas's Chapel 6 s. 8 d.

[m] R. ix.

[n] R. ix. 212. b.

[o] Ibid.

[p] R. ix. fol. 460. Norw.

[q] E. Libro Johnſon, Reg. Norw. fol. 159.

[r] Regr: Briggs, fol. 11.

[s] As Chepys and Mill-cloſe.

At the Reformation, the Church Plate was ſold to *Henry* Earl of *Suſſex*, 15 *Aug.* 1546, at which Time he gave the Inhabitants a Bond for 20 Marks for it, and after this I find a Letter from the ſame Earl, dated at his Manor of *Attleburgh* 25 *July* 1587, [t] directed to the chief Inhabitants, ſigned by him, *Your Lovynge and aſſured good Lorde*, (as he calls himſelf) deſiring them, that as he had already received Part of their Town Plate, that he may have the *Nay* (as we call it) of of ſuch Portion more, as ſhall be ſold, at a reaſonable Price, which ſhall be paid them by Warrants directed to his Bailiff, out of his Manor of *Diſs*; at the ſame time intimating, that as they do by him in this Affair, they may expect he ſhould do to them and theirs. I never could meet with an Account of the Plate, but don't doubt but that it was fine and valuable, elſe ſo great a Man as the Earl, would never have thought it worth his while to trouble himſelf about it, [u] I find that they ſold all ſo far, that in 1571, they had only one Cup of 23 *oz.* wt. There is now belonging to this Church, a Chalice, a Cup, two Silver Diſhes, a ſmall Plate, a Spoon, and a Silver hafted Knife and Fork.

This Place is ſaid to have produced the following Writers, and Remarkable Men.

## RALPH *de* DICETO,

Dean of St. *Pauls* and a great Benefactor thereto, was a very learned Man, and a great Author, ſome of his Works are printed: He lived in the Time of King *Henry* II. of whom more may be ſeen in *Newcourt*'s *Repertorium*, and in Sir *William Dugdale*'s Hiſtory of St. *Paul*'s 2 Ed. p. 10, where by Miſtake (as *Le-Neve* ſays) it is called *Diſca* in *Suffolk*, tho' in Page 501, it it is called † *Diſce*.

## [x] WILLIAM *of* DISSE,

Was Sacriſt of St. *Edmund*'s Monaſtry at *Bury*, duly elected, but he continued ſo but 4 Days, having ſo great Fear upon him, that he ſhould not diſcharge his Office well, that all that time he could take no Reſt, and therefore petitioned Abbot *Samſon*, that he might reſign, who conſenting thereto, *Robert de Gravely* was choſen in his Place.

## [y] WALTER *of* DISS, *Born here, was*

A *Carmelite* Fryar at *Norwich*, one of the moſt Ignorant of all that Convent in his Youth, at length he turned the Reverſe, continually applying himſelf to gain Knowledge and Learning, in which he ſo much profited, that he took his Doctors Degree in *Cambridge*, with the utmoſt Honour. He was afterwards Confeſſor to *John* Duke of *Lancaſter* and *Acquitain*, King of *Leon* and *Caſtile*; and alſo to *Conſtance* his Queen, [z] and a great Stickler for Pope *Urban*, and the other Popes, that were by him and his Faction named the Anti-Papes, of whom he obtained, thro' the Duke's Favour, certain Faculties, to be diſtributed to ſuch as would pray, and pay for them, of which one was, to make all thoſe, whom he thought good, the Pope's Chaplains, according to form of Law, and the Cuſtom uſed in the Court of *Rome*, and becauſe ſuch as obtained this Favour, enjoyed great Liberties, (*viz.* to hold as many Eccleſiaſtical Preferments as they could get, *&c.*)many were glad to give largely, to be ſo preferred; another *Bull*, gave him Power to create 50 Doctors, and as many Prothonotaries, to re-conſecrate ſuch Things or Places, as had been prophaned, to Legitimate Baſtards, and ſuch like. In 1387, he was made the Pope's Legate, *a Latere*, to preach up the Cruciade againſt the Antipape's Faction, granting Indulgences to all thoſe that helped or went to thoſe Wars, in as ample a Manner, as if they went againſt the common Enemies of Religion, the *Turks*; this he did in *Urban*'s and Pope *Bonniface* the XIIth's Time with Succeſs, and that not in *England* only, [a] but in *Caſtile*, *Portugal*, *Acquitain*, *Leon*, *Navarre*, *Gaſcoign*, and ſeveral Foreign Parts; [b] at laſt he returned to his Monaſtry, in which he died, and was buried 14 *Auguſt*, 1404, near the High Altar of their Church.

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[t] Ex Autog. pen: J. Bryars, Rect. 1725.

[u] L. Comp: Gard:

† I own I am no ways certain of his Original, for Leland doubts whether he was an Engliſhman, and his Name is ſpell'd ſo very different in old Manuſcripts, that I can make no Inference from thence, tho' I find him placed under this Town in Le-Neve's Collections.

[x] Mon: Ang: Tom. 1. p. 300.

[y] Bale de Scrip. Anglic. Edit. Gippeſwici. 4to, Anno 1588, p. 175.

[z] Hol. Vol. 2. 542.

[a] Poſſevin. Apparat. Sacr: Tom. 1. fol. 614. & 693. Weav. 806.

[b] He compoſed the following Treatiſes, and ſeveral others.
Lecturam Theologiæ, Lib. 1.
Contra Lollardos ſive Wicleſitas, Lib. 1.
De Sciſmate, Lib. 1.
Sermones de Tempore ac de Sanctis, &c. (ſee Poſſevin:

## [c] WILLIAM *of* DISS,

A Frier Preacher, was Confeſſor to King *Henry* V. with whom he went to *Caen* in *Normandy* in the 6th Year of his Reign, where the King hearing of the Holy Life, and frequent Miracles of one *Vincent* of *Arragon*, a Frier Preacher, he ſent this *William* to him, who brought him to the King, of whom he was honourably received, *Anno* 1417.

## JOHN SKELTON, *Rector of DISS*,

[d] Was a pleaſant merry Poet, ſo much eſteemed for his Oratory, as well as Poetry, that he was made § Poet Laureat, and King's Orator: He flouriſhed in the Times of King *Henry* VIIth and VIIIth was Rector and lived here in * 1504, and in 1511, as I find by his being Witneſs to ſeveral Wills in this Year. I take it, that *Skelton*, was not only Rector, but a Native of this Place, being Son of *William Skelton*, and *Margaret* his Wife, whoſe Will was proved at *Norwich, Nov.* 7, 1512. [*Regr. Johnſon*] That his Name was *Shelton* or *Skelton*, appears from his Succeſſors Inſtitution, *viz.* “1529, 17 *July, Thomas Clerk*, inſtituted on the Death of *John Shelton*, laſt Rector, [e] and indeed, tho' the late Biſhop of St. *Aſaph*, in his Notes to me upon this Hundred, obſerves, that *Bale, Wood, &c.* make him to have been born in *Cumberland*; and tho' one of both his Names was admited to the Reading of the Decretals, and ſeems to have been Beneficed in *Somerſetſhire*, yet he much doubts whether it was the ſame with our Poet, tho' he was an *Oxonian*, Laureated, in that Univerſity, ordained Deacon, *April* 14. 1498, and Prieſt the 8th of *June* following, by *Thomas Savage*, Biſhop of *London*, “[Johannes Skelton, Poeta Laureatus, London Dioc: ad titulum Monaſterij de Gracijs Juxta “Turrim London, ordinatur Diac: per Thom: London: Ep: 14. April 1498, Preſbit, 8 Jun: “ſequen: [Regr. Savage Ep: Lond:] *Will. Caxton* in his Preface to his Tranſlation of *Virgil's Æneid's*, printed in 1490, hath this; “I pray Mayſter *John Skelton*, late created Poete Laureat “in the Univerſite of *Oxforde*, to over ſee and correct this ſayd Boke.

Mr. *Le-Neve* ſays, that his Inſtitution does not appear in the Books, which is true, for often thoſe that were collated by the Pope, had no Inſtitution from the Biſhop, many Inſtances of which, in thoſe Books occur; but it is certain from abundance of Records, and Evidences that I have ſeen, that he was Rector ſeveral Years. *Eraſmus* himſelf gives him this Character, in his Letter to King *Henry* VIII. that he was the Light and Honour of the *Britiſh* Learning: [f] He was Scholar enough, and no bad Poet, unleſs for himſelf, for being addicted too much to Satyr, he created three ſuch Enemies, as ruined him, both in Reputation, Liberty, and Eſtate, *William Lilly*, the *Dominican* Fryars, and Cardinal *Wolſey*; the firſt of theſe was that great School-maſter, the Author of our *Latin Grammar*, upon him he reflected as a bad Verſe maker, to which *Lilly* reply'd,

*Skeltone, dum tibi parare Famam*
*Et doctus fieri, ſtudes Poeta,*
*Doctrinam nec habes, nec es Poeta.*

Whilſt *Skelton* thou to get Eſteem,
A learned Poet fain would ſeem;
*Skelton* thou art, let all Men know it,
Neither Learned, nor a Poet.

The *Dominicans* were very obnoxious to his ſatyrical Pen, for their Vices, and he could not forbear excerciſing his Wit upon them, but they who would bear no ſerious Reproofs, would much leſs endure his Poetical Scoffs; whereupon they ſtirred up *Richard Nix*, then Biſhop of *Norwich* to call him to an Account for keeping a Concubine, (tho' we ought to obſerve with *Bale*, that ſhe was his Wife) for which the Biſhop ſuſpended him from his Benefice; but theſe were not his worſt Enemies, for the [g] Cardinal it was that compleated his Misfortunes: Our Poet having inveighed againſt ſome of that great Prelate's Actions, and charged him with too much Truth, he proſecuted him ſo hard for it, that he was forced to take Sanctuary in *Weſtminſter Abbey*, where Abbot *Iſlip* treated him with much reſpect in his Confinement, in which he died, *June* 21, 1529, and was buried in the Chancel of St. *Margaret*'s Church, *Weſtminſter*, under a Stone with this Epitaph;

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[c] MSS. Hiſt. Priorat: Spalding, Bib. Coll: Caij Lib 117.

[d] Weav. fol. 497. § (Orator Regius & Poeta Laureatus.) I could not omit adding at this Place, a Remark out of Doctor Knight's Life of Dean Colet, p. 121. To ſet the matter of Poet Laureat in a true Light, moſt People being often deceived in that Point; “It may ſhew the great Regard had about this ” Time to theſe Studies, that the Univerſity Students took their ” Degrees in Rhetorick and Grammar, the manner whereof Mr. ” Wood tells us, in his account of an eminent Gramarian, Robert ” Whitington: In the Beginning of the Year, 1513, he ſupplicated the venerable Congregation of Regents under the Name ” and Title of Robert Whytingdon, a ſecular Chaplain, and a “ Scholar of the Art of Rhetorick; that whereas he had ſpent “ fourteen Years in the Study of the ſaid Art, and twelve Years “ in the informing of Boys, it might be ſufficient for him, that he “ might be laureated. This Supplicat being granted, he was “ (after he had compoſed a Hundred Verſes, which were ſtuck “ in Publick Places, eſpecially on the Door, or Doors, of Saint “ *Mary's* Church) very ſolemnly crowned, or his Temples adorned wirh a Wreath of Laurel, that is, Doctorated in the “ Arts of Grammar and Rhetorick, 4 July the ſame Year. *And* “ this may diſcover the Error of ſome, who not conſidering the “ Crown of Laurel, as the Enſign of a Degree, have been apt “ to think, that a Poet Laureat of old, as well as of late, had “ that Title, and a Penſion with it from the Prince, when it came “ from the Univerſity, in Commencing the Degree of Dr. of “ Grammar; as it came thus to Bernard Andreas, Tutor of Prince “ Arthur, to John Skelton, Tutor of Prince Henry, &c.

* 1504, The Will of Mary Cowper of Diſſe, “ Witneſſes “ Maſter John Skelton, Laureat, Parſon of Diſſe, &c. And among the Evidences of Mr. Thomas Coggeſhall, I find the Houſe in the Tenure of Maſter Skelton, Laureat.

[e] Lib. Inſt. No. 18, 1529, 17 July, Tho. Clerk, inſtituted on the Death of John Shelton, Rector.

[f] Atlas p. 335.

*Johannes Skeltonus, Vates Pierius, hic ſitus eſt.*

He fortold Cardinal *Wolſey*'s Downfall, and being charged with keeping a Concubine and having ſeveral Children by her, he ſaid, in his Conſcience he ever eſteemed her for his Wife, tho' he did not declare it, becauſe Fornication in the Clergy was thought a little Sin, and Marriage a great one.

Mr. *Wood* in his *Athenæ Oxonienſes*, tells us, that “the Generality ſaw, that his witty Diſcourſes were biting, his Laughter opprobrious and ſcornful, and his Jokes commonly ſharp “ and reflecting.” His Character may be ſeen at large in [h] *Bale* and [i] *Pitts*, where there is alſo an Account of ſome of his Works, [k] moſt of which were publiſhed this Year. He wrote alſo a Poem in *Engliſh* called, *The Ymage of Ypocreſy*. being a bitter Invective againſt the Monks and Friers, and ſome of the great Men of that Age: Mr. *Le-Neve* ſays that the Manuſcript was in his own Hands, and that he had it out of the *Aſhwell-Thorp* Library, and that it was allow'd to be *Skelton*'s own Hand Wrighting; it now belongs to Mr. *Weſt*, who purchaſed it at Mr. *Le-Neve*'s Auction-

### *JOHN BRIARS*, A.M. *Rector of* Diſs, *was*

Chaplain to *Charles* Biſhop of *Norwich*, he Publiſhed,

A Sermon preached at *Palgrave* in *Suffolk*, at the firſt Meeting of the Gentlemen and Clergy, for encouraging the Charity School, lately ſet up there, on *Phil.* 4. 17. Edit. *Lond.* 1711. And alſo a Pamphlet, entituled, *The preſent Behaviour of Mankind, inconſiſtent with the true Spirit of Charity, which alone can prove available to put an End to our unhappy Diviſions:* Being a Diſcourſe on the 13 Chap. 1 *Cor.*

And ſeveral Poems without his Name, inſerted in divers *Miſcellanies*. He was alſo Rector of *Billingford* by *Diſs*, where he was buried, *Jan.* 1. 1728.

## *St. NICHOLAS*'s *Chapel*.

Beſides the Pariſh Church, there was a Free Chapel dedicated to the Honour of St. *Nicholas* the Biſhop, which was built about the Time of *Henry* V. by the Bretheren and Siſters of St. *Nicholas*, and of *Corpus Chriſti* Gilds, which then were conſolidated. [l] It ſeems by the Evidences, and Wills that I have ſeen, as if theſe two Gilds were Antient, mention being frequently made of them in the Time of *Richard* II. upon their joining together, it ſhews as if they were rich at that Time, for they ſoon built this Chapel, and began a Fund to purchaſe Land, ſufficient to endow it; but tho' they joined their common Stock, yet each to their

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[g] Hall's Chronicle, Hen. 8. fol. 110, b. “ The Cardinal by “ his Power Legantine, diſſolved the Convocation at Paul's called “ by the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, and called him and all the “ Clergy to his Convocation to Weſtminſter, which was never “ ſeen before in England, whereof *M*aſter Skelton a mery Poet “ wrote

“ Gentile Paule, laie down thy Swearde  
“ For Peter of Weſtminſter, hath ſhaven thy Beard.

For this and ſuch like Jeſts it was, that the Cardinal proſecuted him ſo eagerly.

[h] Bale Scriptor: fol. 651. Baſil: apud Johan: Oporin.

[i] Pitts, de illuſtribus *A*ngliæ Script: Tom. 1. 701. Paris 1619.

[k] Pithy, pleaſaunt and profitable Workes of *M*aſter Skelton Poete Laureate to King Henry VIII.

1 The Crowne of Lawrel.  
2 The Bouge of Court.  
3 Speak Parrot.  
4 Edward the 4th.  
5 *A*gainſt the Scottes.  
6 The Tunning of Elinour Rumming.  
7 Why come you not to Court?  
8 Colin *C*lout.  
9 Phillip Sparrowe.  
10 Upon a Dead mans Head.  
11 Ware the Hawke.  
12 Of three Fooles.  
13 En Parlement a Paris.  
14 Epitaphs of 2 Knaves of Dice.  
15 Lamentation for Norwiche.  
16 The dolorous Death of the Earl of Northumberland.  
17 *A* Parable by Will. *C*orniſh in the Fleete.  
18 *A*gainſt venemous Tongues.  
19 Of *C*alliope.

With ſeveral other Poems and Epitaphs.

Printed for C. Davis in Pater-Noſter Row, near *A*men-corner London. (Price Bound 5 s.)

He wrote 54 Treatiſes, as Pitts ſays, ſome of which were printed in Queen Elizabeth's Time, as

*C*olin *C*lout &c.  
*C*horus de Dys contra Scottes: &c.  
Chorus de *D*iſſe contra Gallos, &c.  
Ware the Hawke.  
Epitaphium Adæ Uderſal & Johannis Clark, Nebulonum de *D*iſſe.  
Henry the VII*th*'s Epitaph; and that on Mary Counteſs of Richmond, &c.

[l] Evid. penes Gardian.

Diſſolution had a Prieſt, that ſeparately belonged to each of them, and all Gifts were given as to ſeparate Gilds, and the Bretheren and Siſters of each, were ſeverally admitted and enrolled, the Gild-Hall was common to them both, being the ſame that is now ſtanding at the South Eaſt Corner of the Church-yard, which was granted to the Inhabitants, and is now uſed for the Charity School-houſe. [m] It was at that Time well furniſhed, for the merry Meetings of the Bretheren and Siſters of thoſe Gilds, for I find that in 1575, here were kept the Standard Scales and Weights for the Market, that there then was left to the uſe of the Town in this Houſe,

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| 1. | Caldron. | iiij. | Platers. |
| 1. | Braſs Pott. | xlvj. | Meaſe of Plates. |
| 5. | Spitts. | xl. | Meaſe of Diſhes. |
| 2. | Bowls. | xl. | Meaſe of Trenchers. |
| 1. | Ladle. | ix. | Dozen of Spoons. |
| ij. | Trewets. | iiij. | Cupps. |
| xx. | Salts. | vj. | Table Cloaths, &c. |

by which we may conjecture what jolly Doings there had been formerly. Their Chapel ſtood in St. *Nicholas*'s-*Street*, exactly where the Houſe now ſtands, between the Street that leads down to the Steeple, and that that goes on the Right Hand to the Market-place, the Chapel Yard extending Eaſt to the Blackſmith's Traverſe, and no further. This in the 2d Year of *Edward* VI. ſuffered the Fate of all other free Chapels, being then diſſolved; from that time it ſtood in a decaying Condition, and was in the Crown, by Virtue of the Act, 'till the 18*th* of *June*, 1584, at which Time the Queen granted "All that Chapel with the Apurtenances in *Diſs*, in the County of *Norfolk*, now in decay, commonly called St. *Nicholas*'s Chapel, which was formerly uſed for the celebrating Maſſes, and other ſuperſtitious Uſes," to *William Croft* and *John Hallyet*, by her Letters Patent dated at *Weſtminſter*, the Day and Year aforeſaid, all which they were to hold to them and their Heirs, of the Queen and her Succeſſors, as of her Manor of *Eaſt Greenwich* in *Kent*, by Fealty only, in free Soccage, and not in Capite, or by Knight's Service, paying 3*d.* into the *Exchequer*; they held it 'till 1595, and then ſold it to *Henry Cullyder*, Butcher of *Diſs*, and *Robert Haull* of *Palgrave*, Notary Publick, and they, the Year after, ſold it to *William Chambers* of *Diſs*, Blackſmith, now it is in the Poſſeſſion of *Jonathan Walpole*.

## *The* TOWN LANDS.

This Town hath an Eſtate at *Framlingham* in *Suffolk*, which (as I am inform'd) is now lett, at 56 *l. per Ann.* It was purchaſed of *Wm. Knights* of *Great Glemham*, and *Robert Aldred* of *Bruſyerd*, *Anno* 1500, by the Fund that the Bretheren of St. *Nicolas* and *Corpus Chriſti* Gilds had made; which was, that every Brother and Siſter ſhould pay a certain Sum, every Quarter into the Gild Cheſt, to be kept 'till it ſhould amount to a Sum ſufficient to purchaſe Lands, to endow their Stipendary Prieſts; this was ſo generally approved of that few died here, without leaving ſome more, ſome leſs, towards this Purchaſe, and the chief Inhabitants ſubſcribed to it, tho' they were not Bretheren, nay ſeveral left Money to be annually paid by their Executors to it, for Years after their Deaths, this by Degrees raiſed enough to buy more than they at firſt intended, but yet they laid out more than at that Time they had, for they bought no leſs than 80 Acres of Freehold Ground, called *Coldhaugh* alias *Cowle-Hall* in *Framlingham*, and *Tho. Cowper* of *Diſs* Raſman, *Edward Cooper*, *John Lowdale*, and *Thomas Folſer* of the ſame, were infeoffed therein, they in 1508, infeoffed *Thomas Shardelowe*, and 14 more, aud by an Engliſh Schedule annexed, declared the uſes of the Feofment, *viz.* "that a Bailly or Officer, by them or the moſte Parte in Nombre of them appointed, ſhall take & perceyve the Yerely Profits of the ſeid Londes and Tenements, and other the Premiſſes compriſed within the ſaid Deed, therwith an honeſt and govenable ſeculer Preeſt, by the moſt Parte of the Co-Feoffees to be named, hired and waged competently, yerly to ſynge or ſeye Maſſes, and other devygne Service, for the Sowles of the Bretheren and Siſtern of the Gildes and Fraternities, of *Corporis Chriſti* and St. *Nicholas* the Biſhop, in the Pariſhe Churche of *Diſſe*, within the Counte of *Norfolk* by the Space and Terme of lxxxxix Yeres, next enſewing the Date of the ſeide preſent Dede, and at the End of the ſeid lxxxxix Yeres, the ſeid Feoſees their Heirs and and Aſſignes, and all maner of Perſons that then ſhall be lawfully ſeaſed, or inſeffed in the Premiſes or ony of them, at and for ſuche Price as they or the moſt Parte of them in Nombre, canne agree, ſhall ſelle alle and every of the Premiſes with the Apurtenaunces, and with or for the Money therof or therefor comyng or growyng, ſhall fynde annuelly, an honeſt Govenabill ſeculer Preeſt, to ſynge for the Sowlys aforeſeid, or ellis with the ſeid Mony or Londs or Tenementes, and other the Premiſes, ſhall make further Proviſion for a competent Le-

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[m] Lib: Comp: Gardian:

“ vyng for an honeſt Preeſt for the tyme being, if it then may be, by an amortiſement, or “ other wiſe as they ſhall ſeeme beſt, for the moſt ſewer and longer Continuance of the ſynd-“ ing of the ſeid honeſt Preeſt, to contynewe for ever, if it ſo may be contynued, by the Ordour of the Lawe, the ſame Preeſt for the tyme being, to do the Devygne Servyce, and “ ſynge for the Sowles in Manner and Forme aboveſaid.” When all the Feoffees are dead but Five, then they to renew again, and thoſe Five to name Twelve more at leaſt, all which are to be Brothers of one of the ſaid Gilds, and none of the Heirs of the former Feoffees; the Stipend allowed to each of theſe Prieſts, was at the Diſſolution 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* tho' at firſt it was but four Marks each, or if they kept one Prieſt only, for both Gilds, then he was to have eight Marks *per Ann.* and the Overplus was laid out in Repairing the Steeple, Church and Streets every Year. Thus it continued 'till the 2d Year of *Edward* VI when it was ſeized by the Statute for Diſſolution of the Gilds, Chapels, and Chanteries, but the Townſmen of *Diſs* objected againſt it, and ſtood an Action with that King, but it appearing that the Term of the Feoffment was not expired, they could do no good in the Affair, and it continued in the Crown 'till the 43d of *Elizabeth*, in which Year, the Queen granted them to *Thomas Mildmay*, for divers Years yet unexpired, at the yearly reſerved Rent of 4*l.* and *Thomas*, Son of the ſaid *Thomas Mildmay* of *Framlingham*, Gent. ſucceeded his Father, under that Grant, not thinking that the Townſmen knew when this Term expired; but he was much miſtaken in that Matter, for the Original Feoffment and Writings (out of which I collected this Account) were carefully kept and preſerved, and in 1608, when the 99 Years of the Feoffment were expired, *John Shreeve*, and the reſt of the Townſmen, entered upon the Premiſes, ejecting the ſaid *Thomas Mildmay*, and *John Wood* his Tenant, pleading that theſe Lands were ſettled only for 99 Years to ſuperſtitious Uſes, and that during that Time, the Prieſt had but 8 Marks, and when there were two, they had but 20 Marks Yearly, and that theſe Stipends could be no longer than the Settlement, which being now out, they entered upon theſe Premiſes, as the Purchaſe of their Forefathers, the then Townſmen, and would employ them (as lawfully they could do) to the ſame Uſes of Repairing their Church, and their Streets, as they always did; this they proved by an Inquiſition, taken at *Hoxne*, in the very Year that *Edward* VI. ſeized it, they proved that it was purchaſed by the Contribution of the Townſmen, by the Book in which all the Contributors Names were enter'd; and in Order to prove *John Shreeve's* Entry good, they produced Feoffments, ſhewing that the Feoſees in the firſt Feoffment above ſpecified, did infeoff *Thomas Shardelowe* and others, who in 1534, infeoffed *Reginald Wotton*, and *Roger Bird*, Prieſts, and others, and they convey'd it to *Tho. Shardelowe*, *John Baron*, and others, with one *Robert Fuller*, alias *Garbleſham*, who was the laſt ſurviving Feoffee, and died ſeized thereof, and *Edward Fuller* his Great Grandſon, and right lineal Heir, enter'd into part of the Lands in the Name of the reſt, and then by Deed in 1589, infeoffed *Matthew Wilbye*, and *Thomas Shreeve*, which *Thomas* died ſeized, and *John Shreeve* his Son, enter'd into the Lands as his Right, and brought the Ejectment. All this being plainly proved, the Lands were given by Verdict to the Town, and in the 9 *Jac:* 1. the King and the ſaid *Thomas Mildmay*, and *John Wood* renounced all Right, Title, Claim, or Demand, in the ſaid Lands, or in the 4*l.* *per Ann.* Stipend, mentioned to go and be paid out thereof. This coſt the Pariſh ſo much, that in 1613, they ſold to *George Spalding*, Part of this Land, called *Hellbrook-Field* in *Framlingham*, containing 10 Acres, for 150*l.* with which they paid the Charges, and then ſettled the reſt by Feoffment, to the Uſes aforeſaid, and then made a Leaſe thereof to one *Edward Wickham*.

But tho' they had ſuch Succeſs with this Affair, they met with the Contrary, in Relation to the other Lands, that were under the ſame Limitation, in the ſame Feoffment, *viz*, a Cloſe called *Chawmpenyes* in *Diſs*, and *Frenze*, and three Pieces of Land in *Diſſe*, and 18*d*, Rent in *Diſſe*, *Frenze*, and *Skole*; the firſt Piece laid in *Diſs*, in *Frenze Field*, and contained 3 Acres the ſecond Piece 1 Acre, the third Piece 2 Acres, for it appeared by Feoffments, Prior to this, that theſe Lands were given without Limitation, to find Lamps, Anniverſarys, &c. for ever in *Diſſe* Church; whereupon *Chawmpeneys* Meadow, which at that time was in the Hands of the Lord of the Manor of *Frenze*, under the King's Grant, was by Arbitration confirmed to him and his Heirs; and the other three Pieces which were then in the Hands of Mr. *James Blomefield*, by the ſame Arbitration, was confirmed to him and his Heirs, upon his paying 10*l*, to the Church-wardens of *Diſs*. *Richard Gwine*, and *Nicholas Hearne*, Eſqrs. were Arbitrators, their Arbitration bearing date *Jan.* 9. 1610.

The Lands that were given by *Richard Edon*, in 1494, to pay the Lete Fee, or Common Fine of *Diſs* for ever, and to keep his *Obit*, &c. were ſeized by *Edward* VI. and by him granted in 1546, to Sir *Ralph Sadleyr*, Knt. and *Laurence Wennyngton*, Gent. to be held of his Manor of *Eaſt Greenwich*, by Fealty only; they gave them to *Thomas Cook* of *Norwich*, Gent. and *William Nectun* of the ſame, who ſold them to *Thomas Aldred* of *Diſſe*, and others.

*Anno* 1595, Mr. *Thomas Fulcher* gave 24*l.* with which the Townſmen purchaſed 3 Roods of Copyhold Land, on the Rectory Manor, called *Bell Acre* in *Diſs*, which they took up this Year, and ſettled the Profits to be employed to the Relief of the Poor of honeſt Converſation in the ſaid Town.

1601, 25 *Dec. Richard Fiſher* of *Diſs*, by his Will obliged *Edward* his Son, to purchaſe half an Acre Freehold in *Diſs*, within two Years after his Deceaſe, and thereupon at his Coſt and Charge, to build a Houſe ſufficient for the Dwelling of two poor People, and afterwards to infeoff the Church-Wardens and chief Inhabitants therein, who ſhall have power to place what poor People they pleaſe in thoſe Dwellings. In 1610, he bought a piece of Land in *Dirt-Street*, built a Houſe thereon, and made a Feoffment according to the Will; this Houſe is now down, and the Land is called the Town-Yard.

1605, *John Ketleborough* of *Flordon* in *Norfolk*, Gent. granted to *John Okes* of *Wymondham*, Sadler, a Pightle of two Acres in *Roydon*, called the Gravel Pitts, reſerving a free Rent of 6 *d. per Ann.* to his Manor of *Roydon-Hall*; this Pightle in 1672, was purchaſed by the Town of *Diſs*, and is now their Gravel Pitts.

1618, *Ralph Chapman* of *Burſton*, granted to *James Blomefield* Senior, Gent. and *James* his Son, and other Feoffees, an Annuity of 20*s.* iſſuing out of his Meadow in *Burſton*, called *Shimpling Cloſe*, abutting upon the Highway leading from *Burſton* to *Shimpling* North, and upon the Proceſſion Way dividing *Burſton* and *Shimpling* Eaſt, which Meadow he purchaſed of *John Shardelowe*, Gent. the Money to be diſtributed by the chief Part of the Feoffees, every *Chriſtmas-Day*, for the Relief and Comfort of 60 of the pooreſt Houſholders, moſt comfortleſs and diſtreſſed poor People of *Diſs*, *viz.* 4*d.* to each, as of the Alms Gift, and Donation of the ſaid *Ralph*.

*Anno* 1620, Mr. *Sherman* gave 45*l.* to purchaſe a Cloſe of *William Yewles*, called *Yewles*'s Pightle, which by Meaſure contains 4 Acres and 6 Perches, 2 Acres of which are Free, and pay 4*d. per Ann.* the other two Acres are Copyhold on the Capital Manor, and pay 1*s.* 4*d.* Quit-Rent; in 1635, *James Blomefield*, Gent. Senior, and *James* his Son, and others, were infeoffed, to the following Uſe, that it's Rent ſhould annually be laid out to pay the Common Fine or Leet Fee of *Walcote* Hamlet in *Diſs*.

*Anno* 1636, the Townſmen purchaſed of *Thomas Deynes* of of *Carleton-Rode*, a Parcel of Ground in *Cock-Street*, with a Houſe thereon, being 27 Feet broad at the South End, and 33 Feet at the North End; this is now the Stall-Houſe on *Cock-Street Green*.

*Anno* 1658, 15 *Oct. Richmond Girling*, of *Old Bokenham*, Gent. by Will proved in the Prerogative Court, gave to the Poor of *Diſs* 11*s. per Ann.* for ever, the Sexton to have 1*s.* a Year for mending the Grave of his late Wife, for which Payment, he tied his Houſes and Lands in *Stradbrook*, which he gave to *Ralph King* his Brother.

*Anno*, 1716, *Robert Buxton* of St. *Margaret*'s *South Elmham*, Eſq; Lord of the Manor of *Heywood-Hall*, gave to this Pariſh a ſmall Houſe, called the *Hopper-Houſe*, lying at the Eaſt End of *Diſs Moor*, which he alſo manumiſed, it being Copyhold before it came into his Hands. This is now uſed as a Peſt-Houſe.

*John Petit* of *Diſs*, and Mr. *William Burton*, both which were Benefactors, are before ſpoken of.

Mr. *John Burroughs* built an Alms Houſe of Brick, on the Eaſt Side of the Church-Yard for four poor Widows.

Here is a good regulated Work-Houſe, which was lately built by the Inhabitants for an Alms Houſe, ſtanding on the *Moor*.

The COMMONS are many, but not large; they are called by the Names of *Heywode Green*, *Weſtbrook Green*, *Walcote Green*, *Cock-Street Green*, the *Moor*, (on which the Cuſtom is, never to put on any Sheep, as appears by the Town Books) and *Penning*'s *Green*, Part of which Time out of Mind, (as the Church-Wardens Book informs me) hath been always incloſed at *May-Day*, and ſo kept 'till *Lammas*, on which Day there is yearly paid to the Church-Wardens, 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Rent, by thoſe that Mow it, *viz.* the Tenement *Baxter*'s, that ſtands by it, hath always one half of the Crop, and pays half the Rent, the other half goes by Turns, to every Tenement on the *Green*, *viz.* Mr. *Caſon*'s, Mr. *Pettoe*'s, Mr. *Jubb*'s twice, becauſe this is two Farms laid into one.

The Charity School, was erected firſt [n] at *Palgrave* in *Suffolk*. in 1711, and two Years after removed hither; *Mr. Briars* Rector of *Diſſe*, preached a Sermon, which was publiſhed at the firſt Meeting, of the Gentlemen and Clergy, for Encouraging this School; which he dedicated to *Charles* Biſhop of *Norwich*, (whoſe Chaplain he was) in which it appears, that the Rector of *Palgrave* began it, at whoſe Requeſt, that Pariſh ſet apart a large Room belonging to the Town for that Purpoſe, and ſubſcribed with him 10*l.* *per Ann.* for it's Maintainance, the neighbouring Gentlemen and Clergy, had then ſubſcribed between 20 and 30 *l.* beſides caſual Gifts, which then came to about 12 *l.* The School was opened the *January* before, 10 Boys of that Pariſh, were taught and cloathed, ſix more taught but not cloathed; This School is now kept at *Diſs*, where the Maſter hath his Dwelling in part of the late *Gild-hall*, and keeps his School in another Part, there are now 10 Boys, cloathed and taught.

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[n] Atlas Norfolk, p. 438.

The Grammar School is kept above, in the ſame Houſe, where the Maſter hath Lodgings, and 10 *l. per Annum*, but this is at the voluntary Contribution of the Pariſh.

[c] This is a neat compact Village, ſituated on a riſſing Hill, having a large Baſon of Water of about 12 Acres on it's South Part, which they call the *Meer*; (hence the *Diſs* Farthing's have a Shield wavy for their Device) it is compaſſed about half round with Houſes and Gardens, which look very pleaſantly from the Water, but it being almoſt a ſtanding Lake, having only a ſmall Run or two into it, and one only out, and all the Filth of the Town centering here, beſides the many Conveniencies that are placed over it, make the Water very bad, and altogether uſeleſs, and ſo foul that when it purges it's ſelf, which it does once a Year, it ſtinks exeedingly, and ſometimes the Fiſh riſe in great Numbers, ſo thick that they are eaſily taken, they are chiefly Roach and Eels, 'tis very deep being plumb'd it was found 8 Yards in the deepeſt Place, which is by the Common Stathe, the Liberty hereof belongs to the Lord of the Manor of *Diſs*, and without his Leave no Man can keep a Boat or Fiſh, except at his own Stathe, where every one can lay in Bow-nets, Leaps, Eel-poles, or any other Engines, to catch what Fiſh they can there, without the Lord's Licence; If the paſſage out of this *Meer* be ſtopped up, it is of great Damage, by overflowing the Yards that lye round it, wherefore it is veiw'd at the *Lete*, and if it be not clear, the Tanner to whom it always belongs to keep it ſo, is amerced, as is the Townſhip if they do not keep up the Rails at it's Mouth, for Want of which in 1635, a Man as he water'd his Horſes was drowned and the Town was fined. It is of great Uſe in Caſe of a Fire, as was experienced in 1940, when the great Fire happen'd in that Street, all the Wells and Pumps being dry, the Town was ſaved by this Water.

The chief Streets are, *Smith-ſtreet* or *Mound-ſtreet*, ſo called from the *Mound* or *Hill* that riſes the whole Length of it, *Tem-ſtreet* or *Mere-ſtreet*, which lies along the *Mere*'s Side, *Dirt-ſtreet* properly enough ſo called, *Market-ſtreet* and St. *Nicholas*'s-*ſtreet*.

The Hamlers are *Cock-ſtreet*, where the Fair is kept on St. *Simon* and St. *Jude*, *Wolcote*, *Wolſey*, *Heywood*, and *Weſtbrook*.

The Market is kept Weekly ,on *Friday*, the Chief of which conſiſts in the Linnen Cloth Manufacture, for which this Market is famous, great Quantities of it being ſold here; the Streets being newly paved, is a great Ornament, as well as Service to the Town.

In 1602, there were 400 Communicants, and at this time it contains near 240 Families, and near 2000 Souls.

It is now aſſeſſed to the King's Tax at 2300 *l.* in the Civil Wars, during the Aſſociation, when the Publick Charges were levied by the Month, there were two Valuations made of this Town, one at 2616 *l. per Ann.* the other at 2700 *l. per Ann.* which far exceeds the preſent real Value. It paid 7 *l.* for every 10*th*, when the Taxes were aſſeſſed that Way.

The Lete Fees for *Diſs* and it's Hamlets, now paid to the Capital Lord is, 1 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per Annum*,

The following Arms have been born by the Predeceſſors of, and are now born by

The Rev. Mr. *Edward Boſworth*, See fo. 15.
Mr. *Thomas Coggeſhall*, See fo. 16.
Mr. *Thomas Sheriffe*, See fo. 16.
Mr *John Goodwin*, *Or* 3 Pallets *Sab.* on a Chief *Gul.* 3 Martlets of the Field.
Mr. *William Camell*, Gironne of 8 *Or.* and *Sab.* a Creſcent *Arg.*
Mr. *John Burroughs*, *Az.* a Chev: between 3 Horſe-ſhoes *Arg.*

And thus much of *Diſs*; From whence I ſhall proceed to

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¶ There is lately put up a Mural Monument in the midſt of the North Iſle; on which is this Inſcription,

Near this Place lyeth the Body of
JOHN KETT, Gent,
Who departed this Life 12 July 1692,
Aged 74 Years.
Alſo PHILIPPIA his Wife,
Who departed this Life 17 Jan. 1734,
In the 84 Year of her Age.

Kett's Arms are Or, on a Feſs betwen 3 Leopard's Heads eraſed Azure, a Lyon Paſſant Guardiant Argent, Creſt a Leopard's Head eraſed Azure.

¶ Fol. 9. inſtead of Mere in the 52 Line, Read Moore.

Fol. 20. laſt Line of the Notes, inſtead of Skelton, read Shelton.

o E. papyr: Script: Anno 1685, pen: Will. Camell de Diſs. Gen: Anno 1728.

# ROYDON.

THIS Church is dedicated to the Honour of St. *Remigius*, who flouriſhed about the Fifth Century, the Dedication Day was kept on the 1ſt of *October*, being the Day of his Tranſlation.

This Rectory is [*p*] valued as follows,

| King's Books. | Tenths | Synodals | Procurations | Glebe | Pention | Norw: & Lincoln Taxa: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09 00 00 | 00 18 00 | 00 02 00 | 00 06 08 | 51 03 00 | 00 03 04 | 14 Marks beſides the Pention. |

But tho' the Glebe lies in the Terrier as aforeſaid, yet the real Meaſure, including the Scite of the Rectory Houſe, do not much exceed 40 Acres.

In 1603, there were 124 Communicants, and now there are 60 Families, and 240 Souls. It is now aſſeſſed to the King's Tax, at 630*l.* 10*s.* when the Taxes were raiſed by Tenths this paid 2*l.* 10*s.* and to the Monthly Levies during the Aſſociation, ſometimes at the Rate of 752*l.* and ſometimes 780*l.*

The Rectors that I have met with are as follow ;

In 1198, *Richard* the Parſon of *Roydon* granted 7 Acres of Land to *Roger* his Son. [*q*]

1304, 2 Cal. *March*, *Nicholas de Fyleby*, Prieſt: inſtituted at the Preſentation of WILLIAM, *Marſhal* of *Ireland*, Knt. Guardian to *Robert*, Son and Heir of Sir *William de Morle*, Knt. deceaſed.

1321, 6 Ides *Dec*. *Robert de Fyleby*, Deacon. ROBERT DE MORLE, Knt. Patron.

1328, 12 Cal. *Aug*. *Walter Claver*, Prieſt : Sir ROBERT DE MORLEY, Knt. Marſhal of *Ireland*,

1329, 2 Cal. *Aug*. he reſigned, and *Robert de Morley*, Prieſt, ſucceeded, —— *ditto*.

1345, 28 *Sept*. *Robert de Ouneby*, Prieſt. —— *ditto*.

1349, 2 *July* *William Gray* of *Strapton*, Prieſt. —— *ditto*.

1376, 21 *Nov*. *Henry Smith* of *Diſs*, Prieſt. —— *ditto*.

1387, 18 *Feb*. *John de Birlingham*, Prieſt; THOMAS DE MORLEY, Marſhal of *Ireland*.

1412, 26 *Apr*. *John Hoppe* of *Bathele*, Prieſt; ROBERT DE MORLEY, Knt. This Rector was buried in the Church.

1420, 12 *June*, *Edmund Ingland*, Prieſt; ELIZABETH, Widow of *Thomas de Morley*, Son of *Robert de Morley* Marſhal of *Ireland*.

1462, *ult*. *Dec*. *Edmund Ingland*, being very old, reſigned to *John Newton*, who was obliged to pay him a Penſion of Five Marks a Year, during Life; MARGARET RATCLIFF, Patroneſs.

1498, 18 *Feb*. *John Wymbyſſch*, (or *Wimbuche*) S. T. D. ——by Lapſe. He was Rector of *Diſs*.

1498, 27 *Sept*. *John Coppin*, Prieſt; Sir EDMUND ARUNDELL, Knt. and JOHANNA his Wife.

1509, 31 *May*, *Tho*. *Quarles*, Chaplain, at *Coppin*'s Death, WILLIAM RAMMESBURY, Eſq; in Right of ANNE his Wife.

1510, 26 *May*, *Benitius Everton*, Prieſt, at *Quarles*'s Death. —— *ditto*.

1514, 30 *March*, *John Coke*, on *Everton*'s Death, by Lapſe.

1533, 8 *May*, *Coke* reſigned to *Henry Sturges*, reſerving a Pention for Life of 4*l.* a Year. The King as Guardian to *Elizabeth Lovell*, Lady *Morley*.

*John Tuddenham* ſucceeded *Sturges*, at whoſe Death,

1560, 8 *July*, *Robert Fordham*, Prieſt, was inſtituted. —— THO. SHERMAN, Gent. of *Yaxley*.

1572, 26 *Febr*. *John Cullyner*, Clerk, at *Fordham*'s Death. —— *ditto*.

1591, 15 *July*, *John Horner*, A. B. on *Cullyner*'s Death; WILL. KETTLEBURGH, Patron.

1625, 18 *Dec*. *Robert Horner*, A. M. on *John Horner*'s Death; MARY, Widow and Relict of *John Horner*, Clerk, by Grant from *Edward Havers*, and *Laurence Lomax*, Gents.

1675, 1 *Dec*. *John Dawney*, Clerk, A. M. on *Robert Horner*'s Death; ROBERT BURTON of *Cley-juxta-mare*, Gent. for this Turn only.

1704, 4 *June*, The Rev. Mr. *Rookwood Searank*, the preſent Rector, at *John Dawney*'s Death; ROBERT BURROUGHS of *Diſs* Gent.

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*p* Dominus Robertus de Morle eſt Patronus illius; Rector habet Manſum cum xv Acris Terre, Eſtimatio ejuſdem prater Portionem xiiii Marc: Portio Prioris de Eye in eadem xxvi. *s.* viii. *d.* Procuratio vi. *s.* viii. *d.* Sinodalia pro Term: Paſchæ xii. *d.* pro Termino Sancti Michaelis xii. *d.* Denarij Sancti Petri xii. *d.* Thus the Lincoln Valuation, to which the Norwich exactly anſwers, only the Eye Portion is valued there, at but xv. *s.* and is called, Portio Magiſtri Willi: de Jakele. In Mr. T. Martin's Regiſter of Eye Priory, againſt this Portion, are theſe Words, " ſolebat valere xl. *s.* his Diebus non valet i Marc.

q Fin: Norf. 19 R. 1. No. 176.

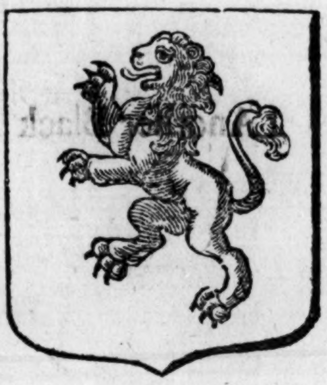
r From the Inſtitution Books.

The Incloſure that joins to the South Part of the Church-yard, is called Chapel Cloſe, in the midſt of which formerly ſtood a Chapel, dedicated to the Honour of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, in which was a Chantry of 3 or 4 Prieſts, daily Singing for the Soul of Sir *Robert*, Son of Sir *Matthew de Morley*, their Founder: The Foundation Deed was produced in the Cauſe between *John* Lord *Lovell*, and *Thomas* Lord *Morley*, about the Arms of a Lyon Rampant, which being on this Seal, proved that the Lord *Morley*'s Anceſtors had antiently uſed thoſe Arms. This Chapel was well endow'd, many Free Lands in *Roydon* were held by paying an Annual Rent to it; it was diſſolved in 1547, and ſoon after pulled down, and the Scite convey'd by the Crown to Lay Hands; it is now owned by the Rev. Mr. *John Dawney*. It was Founded about 1282, but being a Free Chapel without Inſtitution, it is never mentioned in thoſe Regiſters.

The Prior of *Eye* in *Suffolk*, had the Tythes of about 100 Acres of Land here, given to that Monaſtery by *Odo de Charune*, who gave two Parts of the Tythes of his Land in *Roydon*, in the Conqueror's Time, and by *Richard Hoveel* of *Reindun*, who gave all the Tythes of his Lands here; and in the Charter of King *Stephen*, granted to that Honſe in 1137, they were confirmed to the Monks among their other Revenues: [s] And in the Regiſter, called *Danoun*, which formerly belonged to this Priory, and is now in the Hands of Mr. *Martin* of *Palgrave*, I find, that the Portion of Tythes belonging to the Monks of St. *Peter* at *Eye*, lying in *Roydon*, were Lett to the Rector at two Marks a Year, and ſo continued for ſome Time, 'till afterwards a perpetual Compoſition was made for the Rectors to pay 3 *s*. 4 *d*. *per Ann*. Thus it continued 'till the Diſſolution, and then the Penſion went with the Priory to the Crown, from whence it was granted off, and hath ſince paſſed through many Hands: It ſome Time was payable to *Catherine*, Wife of King *Charles* II. but belongs now to the Rev. Mr. *Thomas Pyle* of *Lynn-Regis*.

Here were ſeveral Freeholds held of the Honour of *Eye*.

[t] In 1355, Sir *Robert de Morley*, Knt. confirmed to King *Edward* III. the Advowſon of this Church, with the Chapels annex'd, under divers Limitations. His Seal was a Lyon Ramp. in a Shield, circumſcribed, *Sigillum Roberti de Morley Militis*, notwithſtanding which it hath all along paſſed with the Manor.



[u] The Abbot of *Sibton* in *Suffolk* had Temporals here taxed at 3 *s*. being part of their Manor called *Friers* in *Shelfhanger*, which extended hither.

The preſent Building is very Antient, having it's Nave only ſtanding, the South Iſle having a long Time in Ruins: It is cover'd with Lead, tho' the Chancel and South Porch are tiled, the Steeple (which is in a very ruinous Condition) is round at Bottom, and octangular at Top; had formerly four Bells, but being unable to bear them, the Pariſhioners obtained a Faculty in 1680, and ſold Three of them: On that which is left I read this,

**Petrus ad Eterna ducat nos Paſcua Vite.**

The Chancel ſeems to have been built by one of the *Fitz-Walter*'s about *Henry* I. Time, but which of them it was, I can't learn, tho' he was buried here, under an Arch in the North Wall, out of which the Stone Coffin, now ſtanding in the Church-yard, was taken ſome Years ago, and the Pavement, ſome of which ſtill remain, was adorn'd with the Arms of the *Fitz-Walter*'s, ſometimes in a Shield, ſometimes in a Lozenge, and ſeveral others with initial Letters of Saints Names, the Letters being all crowned.

In this Church was a Gild in Honour of St. *Peter*, to which *Mary Payn*, gave a Legacy in 1488, as others did about that Time, [x] among which one gave a Light to be ſet before the Tabernacle of the *Bleſſed Virgin*.

In a North Window are the Arms of

*Ratcliff* Earl of *Suſſex*, *Arg*. a Bend ingrail'd *Sab*.

*Morley* and *Knivet*. In another North Window, is a broken Inſcription which deſires the Reader to pray for the Soul of one *Charnby*.

The following Inſcription is cut on a Seat,

Hoc Scamnum factum fuit per Ricardum Waynforth cum ſuâ propriâ Pecuniâ, decimo Die Junij, Anno Domini 1653, atque locatum in Loco ubi Parentes ejus antiquitum ſederunt, Ætatis dicta Ricardi quinto decimo Martij ult: præterit: 61.

In the Chancel are ſeveral Stones with Inſcriptions, ſome of which are printed in *Le-Neve*'s Monuments, and ſome are not, however I ſhall give you Tranſcripts of them all.

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[s] Eye Priory Regiſter in the Hands of Mr. Tho. D'Eye of Eye, Anno 1636. d. page 5.

[t] The Original in the Exchequer, 1697.

[u] Taxation of the Religious Anno 1428.

[x] Regr. Gelour

Here lyeth the Body of
John Horner, Preacher of
God's Word in this Par-
iſh, which was buried the
30th Day of July,
Anno Dom:
1625.
How long Lord?

This is on a Freeſtone by the Altar, and is in *Le-Neve*. [Vol. 1. p. 98.]

Adjoining on a Black Marble,

Here lyeth buried the Body of
Robert Horner, Rector of this
Pariſh, who died July 7th A°.
Dni. 1657,
Ætatis 75. (*Le-Neve*, Vol. 2. p. 110.)

A Black Marble in the midſt of the Chancel has this, (Vol. 2. p. 224.)

Robertus Horner de Briſingham,
Generoſus,
Filius Reverendi Roberti Horner
Nuper hujus Eccleſiæ Rectoris,
Hic Animæ ſuæ Exuvias repoſuit;
Vir Literarum Ornamentis decoratus,
Pietate, Probitate, et ſumma Charitate,
Eximie præditus
Obijt 4to Die Decembris, An°. Dni. 1708.
Ætatis 62.

Another Black Marble, (Vol. 4. p. 122.)

Subter
hoc Marmore jacent
Corpora,
Henrici Deyns Generoſi, qui
Obijt tertio die Aprilis,
A° Dni. 1691. Ætatis 61.
Simul et
Elizabethæ Redrich, prædicti Henrici
Socrus, & Relicta Henrici Redrich,
M. D. quæ obijt 8vo. Maij
A° Dni. 1688 Ætatis 61.
Flens poſuit Conjux et Filia.

On a ſmall Monument over the Altar,

Ad Pedham hujus
Monumenti ſe-
pulta jacet Ma-
rtha Horner Uxor
Roberti Horner.

And on a Stone on the Ground under it, is this Inſcription,

Here lyeth
the Body of
Martha, the Wife
of Robart Horner,
Clerk, who died
October the 26th,
Anno Dni. 1662.
Ætat. - - - -

Here lyeth Margaret the
Wife of John Dawney, Clerk.
Who died the 3d of Sept.
1691. aged 61.

*Deynes*, impaling 3 cocks.

Here lyeth the body of Hannah, the beloved wife of Tho.
Deyns, Gent. and one of the
Daughters of Clement Rolf,
Gent. deceaſed, who was here
Buried the 15 day of October,
1663.
To mourn for her 'twer ſin,
Rejoyce yee rather,
For ſhe hath gain'd an
Everlaſtinge Father.

Here alſoe reſteth the body of the
aforeſaid Thomas Deyns, who dyed
the 27th day of November, Anno Dom.
1675.

On the ſouth ſide of the chancel, in the church-yard, is an altar-tomb, covered with a black marble, having the arms of

*Burrough* [ſee fol. 25.] with a label of 3. impaling,

*Camell* [ſee fol. 25.] with his creſt, *viz.* a boar's head coupe. The inſcription (compoſ'd by Dr. *Camell*) is as follows,

Lector,
Juxta hunc Tumulum Exuvias invenies,
ROBERTI BURROUGH,
ROBERTI et MARIÆ BURROUGH, de Diſs in Com:
Norf. Gent. Filij Natu maximi,
Parentum Spem, Amicorum Deſiderium,
Præcluſit Mors heu! nimis immatura,
Obijt Collegio SStæ. Trinitatis apud Cantab:
} Domini { 1723.
14° die Decemb: Anno { Ætat. { 19.
Filio dilectiſſimo placide obdormiunt
PARENTES AMBO,
Chariſſimæ Conjugis Conjux Ille amantiſſimus,
Unionem conjunctiſſimam Mors ipſa vix,
Et né vix quidem ſeparabat
Præivit enim Ille 28° die Jan: Anno } Dni. { 1727.
{ Ætat. { 52.
46.
Conſequitur Illa, 6° die Mar:

Monumentum hoc Sepulchrale Pietatis
Et Gratitudinis, Ergo GULIELMUS,
Filius eorum Natu minimus
Mœrens poſuit.

This village joins to *Diſs* on the eaſt, to *Briſingham* weſt, *Shelfhanger* north, and the county river ſouth; It hath now two manors only, though formerly it had three, which were in one in the Conqueror's time, and was then two miles and an half long, and two miles broad, and paid ixd. *Danegeld.* It was held by *Lefriz* ſon of *Boſe*[†] a thane or guard of the Confeſſor's, and was afterwards given by the Conqueror, to *Ralph de Bello-fago* or *Beaufo*, of whom it was held by *Hugh* at the time of the * ſurvey.

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[†] (Tegnus Regis) This is ſometimes rendered, a thane or nobleman, ſometimes a freeman, ſometimes a guard of the kings.

It after came to

*Hubert de Rie*, who had it in 1146; and died in 1171, without male iſſue, leaving his barony of *Rhie* diviſible between his daughters *Iſabella* and *Aliva*, the firſt of which was married to *Geffrey de Cheſter*, and at his death to *Roger* ſon of *Hugh de Creſſi*, who paid a fine of 20 marks and 12 palfreys to King *John*, for marrying her without licence, upon which the king revoked the ſeizure that he had made of all his lands in *Norfolk*, and elſewhere; it appears that he had for his part 17 knights fees and an half, tho' the other part of the barony ſeems to have been the head, ſeveral of theſe fees being held of it.

In the 1ſt of King *John*, *Robert Fitz-Roger*, a great baron in *Northumberland*, gave 300 marks for *Aliva*, the younger daughter of *Hubert de Rie*, to marry to his nephew, and in the 13th of the ſame king, *John Marſhal* the nephew, anſwered for 17 fees and an half of that barony; In the 9th of King *John* he had obtained a grant in fee, of the office of marſhal of *Ireland*, and had livery of it in the 17 of that king, he died in [y] 1234, *Aliva* his wife ſurviving him, who by the death of *Iſabell de Creſſi*, her ſiſter, was heireſs to the whole barony of *Rie*, and agreeable to this in the record called *Teſta de Nevil*, 'tis found that,

*Roger de Creſſi* held one fee in this town, of *Walter Fitz-Robert*, and that,

*Matthew de Morley* held another fee, which was formerly *Robert de Morley's* of *Aliva Le-Marſhal*, as of her barony of *Rhye*, of which it was ever after held. It was this *Robert* that in 1253, had a grant of free-warren to this manor, which was allowed in *Eire*, in 1215; at the death of Matthew aforeſaid, it deſcended to

Sir *William de Morle*, knt. who died before 1304, for in that year, *William Marſhal* of *Ireland*, preſented as guardian to

*Robert*, ſon of Sir *William de Morley*, knt. this *Robert* afterwards married *Hawiſe*, ſiſter and heireſs of *John*, ſon of the ſaid *William Marſhal*, whereby the barony of *Rie*, the marſhalſhip of *Ireland*, and all the inheritance of the *Marſhals* came into the *Morley* family: *William Marſhal* the father died about 1313, and *John* his ſon in 1316, *Ela* wife of the ſaid *William* then ſurviving. Upon this match it was that the arms of, arg. a lyon ramp. ſab. double quevee, came to be quarter'd, and often born by the *Morleys*, it being the arms of *Roger de Creſſi*, whoſe inheritance went to the *Morleys*, as is before obſerved. This *Robert* in 1326, ſettled the manor on

*William de Morley* his ſon, for life, and *Cecily* daughter of *Thomas Bardolf*, his ſon's wife, and their heirs, as part of the jointure of the ſaid *Cecily* with remainder for want of ſuch heirs, to *Robert de Morle* his ſon, and his heirs male; *Cecily* out-lived her huſband and enjoy'd it, but for want of heirs, it deſcended to the aforeſaid,

*Robert de Morley*, knt. marſhal of *Ireland*, who in 1361, ſettled it (with his wife *Cecily's* conſent) on Sir *Thomas Felton*, knt. for life, but he lived not long, for in 1386, the ſaid *Cecily* was lady, and in 1387,

*Thomas de Morley*, ſon of *Robert de Morley* marſhal of *Ireland*, was in poſſeſſion, who in 1416, died ſeiſed, and left it to

*Elizabeth* his widow, for life, after to

*Margaret* his daughter and heir, then one year old, ſhe afterwards married

*Thomas Ratclyff*, who in 1487, died ſeized, leaving it to

*Jeffrey Ratclyff* of *Frameſden* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; his ſon, who was then nine years old, and dying in 1504, without heirs male, the manor came to his three daughters co-heireſſes,

*Elizabeth* then aged 15 years, who was married to *Chriſtopher Spilman*.

*Eleanor* the 2d, then 13 years old, married to *Tho. Lovell* junior, of *Enfield*.

*Joan* the 3d, then nine years old, afterwards married to *John Sturgeons* of *Cranwich*.

*Elizabeth* died the 10th of *December* 1518, leaving *Elizabeth* her daughter then 13 years old, who afterwards married *Edmund Dethick*, of *Bichamwell*.

*Eleanor* died a widow in 1518, leaving *Elizabeth* her daughter, who held her third part in 1521, in 1533, ſhe was married to *James Pergetor*.

[z] In 1546, *Thomas Sherman* of *Yaxley*, gent. purchaſed one third part of *John Sturgeons*, and in 1553, another of *James Pergetor*, and the ſame year

*William Kettleburgh*, gent. purchaſed the other part of *Edmund Dethick*, and *Eliza-*

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* (Domeſ: fo. 215.) Terra R. de Bellofago. H. Dice dim: Regedona ten: Lefriz filius Boſe Tegnus Regis pro Man: modo tenet Hugo. tunc et poſt iv Villi. mo. v. tunc & poſt xii. Bor. mo: xi. Semp: i Ser: Semp: ii Car. in Dom: & ii Car: Hom: Silv. xxx Por: & iiii. Acr. Prati. Semper ii. Equi in Aula. Semp. vi. An. tunc xl. Por: mo. xxx. tunc lx. Ov: mo: xxii. Capr: & vi Soc: de xxiiii. Ac. Terre. tunc & poſtea i Car: mo. dim: val. xl. s. x. quar: in long, & viii. in lato & de Gelto ix. d.

[y] Dug. Bar, Fol. 1. p. 600.

[z] Ped. Fin. Hil. Ao. 38. H. 8. No. 76.

*beth* his wife, ſo that *Sherman* had two thirds, and *Kettleburgh* one; and thus it continued 'till 1586, at which time the courts then kept, had two homages, one for this manor of *Roydon Hall*, and the other for *Tuft's* manor, which was joined to it; they extended into *Roydon*, *Diſs*, *Briſingham* and *Shelfhanger*; it went in theſe families 'till about 1600, and then the whole was purchaſed by

*Edward Havers*, who was ſucceeded by
*John Havers*, gent. of *Shelfhanger*, who left it to
*Thomas Havers* of *Thelveton*, his ſon, from him it came to *Will. Havers*, Eſq; then to
*Thomas Havers*, who died in 1697, and it deſcended to
*Will. Havers*, Eſq; his ſon, who ſold it to
Mr. *Robert Burrough* of *Diſs*, at whoſe death it came to
*Mary Burrough* his wife, who gave it to
*William* her youngeſt ſon, who in 1733, ſold it to
Mr. *Philip Dykes* of *London*, the preſent lord.

The lete belongs to the hundred, the lete fee being about 2*s.* 5*d.*

The advouſon was always appendant to the manor, till Mr. *William Burrough* of *Diſs*, ſever'd it, by ſelling it to
Mr. *Edward Chappelow* of *Diſs*, clerk, who is the preſent patron.

The cuſtom of this manor is, to the eldeſt ſon, it gives dower, and the fine is at the lord's will: The ſcite of the manor of *Raydonhall* and the demeans adjoining, are freehold, and were ſold off about 200 years ſince, being now the eſtate of Mr. *John Dawney*, clerk.

## GISSINGHALL MANOR,

Which was ſo called from a family of that name, the antient lords thereof, and was originally in two parts, one of which belonged to the honour of *Eye*, and the other to the abbey of *Bury*; that belonging to [a] *Eye*, was held by *Edric* the anceſtor of *Robert Malet*, lord of that honour in King *Edward's* days, and by one *Walter* in the Conqueror's time, the other was given to [b] *Bury* abbey in 962, by *Thurketel* the *Dane*.

After it came to the abbey, they held it till the Conqueror, and then it was held of them [c] by *Fulcher*, being of the yearly value of 20*s.*

It was ſoon after join'd to the other part, but was always held of the abbey, as that was of the honour, and

*William de Giſſing* in 1174, owned them both, from which time to 1579, it paſſed with the honour of *Giſſinghall* in *Giſſing*, to which place I refer you.

[d] In 1579, *Arthur Heveningham* of *Heveningham* knt. was lord, in
1590, *Antony Reve* had it, who this year ſold it to
*William Kettleburgh*, gent. in
1600, *John Kemp*, of *Flordon* kept his firſt court, in
1602, *Robert Kemp*, gent. his ſon, kept his firſt court, and in
1612, *John Kettleburgh*, gent. held his firſt court, he ſold it to
*John Pykarell*, gent. in 1618, he left in 1649, to
*John Pykarell*, gent. his ſon, in
1707, *John Pykarell* of *Cringleford*, gent. was lord, who left it to his ſon.
*John Pykarell*, gent. the preſent lord.

The ſcite of this manor alſo with the demeans are freehold, and were ſold from the manor about 150 years ſince, and is now in the poſſeſſion of Mr. *Richard Waynforth*.

The cuſtom of this manor is [e] *Borough Engliſh*, that is, the copyhold falls by deſcent to the youngeſt ſon, the fine is arbitrary, but in all things elſe the tenants do as they pleaſe.

## TUFT's MANOR

Was erected after the Conqueror's time, it being then as it is now, included in the manor of *Roydonhall*: in 1272, it belonged to

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[a] (Domeſd. fo. 77.) Terre Roberti Malet. dice dim: hundr: In Regadona tenuit. i liber homo Edrici commend: xx acr. terre modo ten & Galterus ſemper dim. car: & i acr. prati. tunc. & poſt val. ii. ſol. vi. d. modo. iii ſol. The original of this town's name ſeems by the modern ſpelling, to ſignify the King's Down, or Hill; by the antient ſpelling it appears to be the down or hill by the water, and this is moſt likely, it's ſituation anſwering exactly to it.

[b] Regr. Album fol. 22.

* (Domſ: fo. 181 ) Terra Abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo. Dice dim: hund: In Ragheduna ten & Fulcherus de dominio, i car, Terre quod tenuit S. E. (Sanctus Edmundus) ſemp: ii vill: & vii bor: & i car. in domino & ii car. hom: & ii ac. prati. & v ſoc: de xxi ac: prati. ſemp. ii car: & i runc: et ii. an: et v bor: et xii. ov: val. xx ſol.

[d] From the Court Rolls.

[e] Borough or Burgh Engliſh, is a cuſtomary deſcent of lands and tenements, whereby in all places where the cuſtom holds, the lands or tenements deſcend to the youngeſt ſon, or if the owner hath no iſſue, to the younger brother; and the reaſon for this, as Littleton ſays, is, becauſe the youngeſt is preſumed to be leſs able to ſhift for himſelf. Minſheu.

*Samſon*, ſon of *Roger*, who was ſon of *Reginald*, ſon of *Jeffery* of *Reidun*, who lived in the time of *Henry* II. this family bare for their arms chequy arg. & gules, a croſs, and ſometimes a bend az. ſometimes ermine. [*f*] It came about *Henry* III. time to

*Wydo de Verdun*, lord of *Barſingham*, in this family it continued ſome time: It was owned by

*Will. Roos* towards the latter end of the 13th century, and ſoon after it fell into the great manor again.

It was held of the barony of *Rie*, which ſhews that it was a part of the great manor, at firſt granted to ſome younger branch of the *Morley* family.

The ſcite was granted from the manor along with *Roydonhall*, and is now quite deſtroyed, the old motes ſtill go by the name of *Tuft's Hall-Yard*.

## BRISINGHAM MANOR

Extends into this town, and hath ſo done ever ſince the conqueſt, for we read that there were then four (*g*) ſocmen that had five acres of ground, valued in that pariſh.

## FILBY's MANOR

In *Briſingham* and *Roydon*, was joined to *Boyland* manor in *Briſingham*, for which reaſon I ſhall treat of it in *Briſingham*.

The gifts to this pariſh are ſmall, viz.

Two acres of copyhold land, held at *Giſſinghall*, given long before 1577, as appears from the court books.

About 1609, *William Kettleburgh*, gent. gave 20*s*. *per ann.* to the poor, to be divided by the church-wardens, where moſt need ſhall be; and there is a ſmall houſe now the ſign of the *Hart*, with a garden thereto adjoining, tied for the payment of it, the overplus of which is the eſtate of Mr. *John Dawney*, aforeſaid.

Mr. *Robert Horner*, who died in 1708, gave the freehold cloſe, called *Fuller's*, joining to the eaſt ſide of the rectory garden, for ever to the rector, on condition that he preaches an annual ſermon on *Good Friday*, and diſtributes 40*s*. *per ann.* to cloath four poor widows of *Roydon*.

The commons are very ſmall, being called the *Dort*, *Waynforth's-Green*, the *Parſonage-Green*, and the *Little Green*; in all which they common alone, and inter-common on *Roydon-Green*, which joins to *Briſingham* pound.

These ARMS are born by,

Mr. *John Pickarell*, lord of *Giſſinghall*, in *Roydon*; ſab. a ſwan proper, a chief erm.

Mr. *Tho. Blake*, ſab. on a chev. gul. between 3 garbs or, a de-lis of the field.

Mr. *Charles Deyns*, or, 2 bars in a bordure, ſab.

Mr. *Richard Waynforth*; or, a lyon ramp. az. between 3 hurts. Creſt, a lyon rampant gardant or, a hurt in his paws.

The next village on the river joining weſt to *Roydon*, is,

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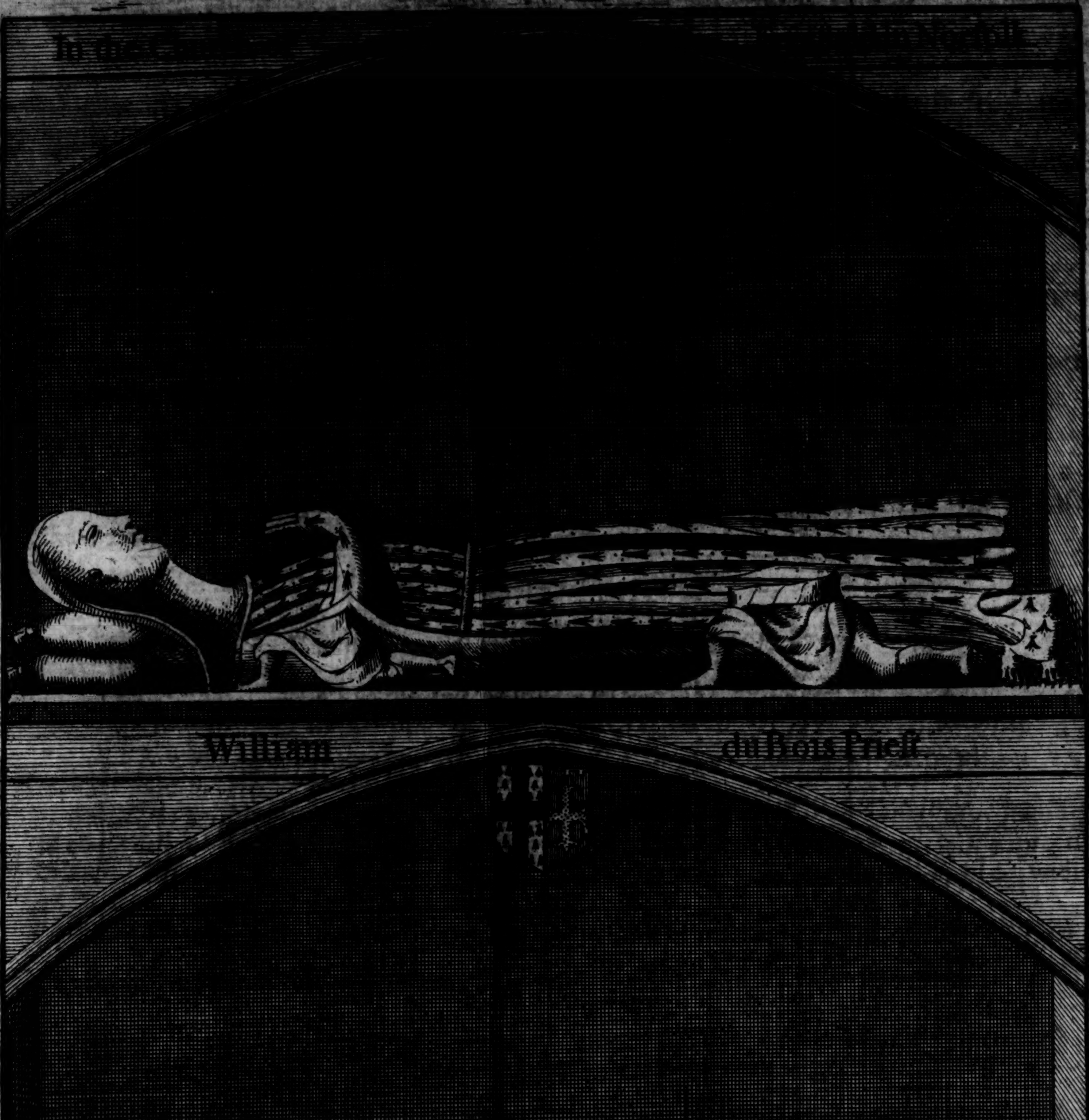
*f* Chauncy Antiq. Hertf. fol. 413.

*g* In Ragadona iiii ſoc. de v. acr. appretiat ſunt in Breſingham. (Domeſd. fol. 182.)

FERSFIELD.

BRITISH MUSEUM

In the Ch[illegible] Norfolk



William du Bois Priest

St. Robert du Bois Knight died in 1311.

This lies at William du Bois's right hand

J. Blomefield Delin. Toms Sculp.

# FERSFIELD

IS bounded on the Eaſt and South by *Briſingham*, on the Weſt by *Lopham*, on the North by *Kenninghall*, the Hundred of *Diſs* extending to the utmoſt Limits of this Pariſh, and no further.

I find the Name of it very differently written, as, *Ferſevella*, *Ferveſſella*, *Fereſeud*, *Fairſeud*, *Fairvill*, and *Ferſfell*, all which ſeem to ſignifie, a Fair Fee, or Village.

One Part of it was very early in the Abbot of St. *Edmund*'s-*bury*, being given about 963, along with *Briſingham*, by * *Oſulph Le Sire* and the Lady *Laverine* his Wife, and was valued with that Manor in the Confeſſor's, and Conqueror's Surveys; this Fee being not mentioned in *Doomeſday*, under *Ferſfield*, it is evident it muſt be included in that Manor, with which it was infeoffed, by Abbot † *Baldwin* ſoon after the Conqueſt, in

ROGER LE BYGOT, Earl of *Norfolk*, and that it was ſo, appears from an antient Manuſcript of that Abbey, now in Lord *Cornwaleis*'s Hands, [*f*] in which it is ſaid, that Earl *Roger* held 3 Fees of that Abbey, one in *Norton*, one in *Briſingham*, and one in *Ferſfield*, for which he paid nothing to the Guard of *Norwich* Caſtle, the Abbot being anſwerable for 7*s.* every 20 Weeks. And in the ſame Book, [*g*] it is found, that the Fee in *Briſingham*, was held of the Earl by *John de Verdon*, that in *Ferſfield* by Sir *Robert de Boſco*, (or *Bois*) and that in *Nortone* by *Richard de Cham*; the Fee in *Ferſfield*, at the Death of Earl *Roger* [*h*] who died in 1107, went to [*i*] WILLIAM his Son and Heir, and from him to

HUGH BYGOD his Brother and Heir, [*k*] who infeoffed

Sir WILLIAM DE BOSCO in it, in the Time of *Henry* II. [*l*] whoſe Heir

Sir ROBERT DE BOSCO held it in 1165, it was near one Half of the Town, and was ever after held of the Earls of *Norfolk*, who held it of the Abbot of St. *Edmund*'s-*bury*.

The other part belonged to *Alſius*, a *Thane*, (or Nobleman) of *Edward* the Confeſſor's; the Demeans being valued at two Carucates, it was then an extenſive Manor, part of *Burſton*, *Breſſingham*, and *Shimpling*, belonging to it. The Manor with the || *Berewic*, and that part in *Burſton* that belonged to it, was then valued at 60*s.* [*m*] but by the Conqueſt was riſen to 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and all that belong'd to it was then valued at 12*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* of which the Freemen paid 106*s.* 8*d.* It was at the Survey two Miles long, and one broad, and paid to the *Danegeld* 7*d.* being at that Time in the King's Hands, under the Management of Earl *Godric*, and the *Soc* and *Sac* of all the Freemen in the Hundred, that held leſs than 30 [*n*] Acres, belonged to it.

Thus it paſſed with the Crown ſome time, but was after given to the *Bygod*'s, then Earls of *Norfolk*, to be held at one Fee, and

ROGER BYGOD, infeoffed

Sir WILLIAM DE BOSCO in it, as *Hugh* his Son afterwards did in the other Fee, ſo that he had the whole Town, [*o*] except a Wood, and 19*s.* 4*d.* Rent belonging thereto, which had been held a long Time by the Earl of *Arundell*, but the Jury knew not how, or of whom, this

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* Alb: Regr: fo. 28. *e* Cronica Jocelini in Bib: Cot. Joceline was Chaplain to Abbot Samſon, and collected his Cronicle of the Knights that held of that Abbey, for the Abbot's Uſe.

† He lived in the Conqueror's Time, aud ſoon after infeofed almoſt all the Knights, that held of that Houſe. Alb: Reg: fo. 97. Reg: Pinchbek fo. 116.

[*f*] Lib. Conſuetud: Sancti Edm: MSS. p. 34.

[*g*] Ibid: p. 105.

[*h*] Dug: Bar: Vol. 1. fo. 132, 3.

[*i*] In the 12th of Hen. 2. he certified, that he had 125 Knights Fees, of the old Feoffment, and 35 of the New, he died in 1177. Dug: Bar Vol. 1. fo. 133.

[k] Lib: Rub: Scaccarij. Lib: nigr: edit: per Herne A° 1728. fo. 283. " Carta Comitis Hugonis Bigod. Hoc eſt Scriptum Comitis Hugonis, quos tenet in Capite de Rege de veteri Feofmento, quos Rogerus Bigod Pater ſuus feſavit, ſc. Will de Boſco 1 Mil: et dim: & Ipſe comes Hugo de novo feſavit, Will. de Boſco 1 Mil. & dimid.

[*l*] Teſta de Nevil.

|| Part of a Manor, that lies in another Town.

[*m*] Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat. Dim: Hund. de Dice.

Ferſevella tenuit Alſius Tegnus Regis E. (Edwardi) pro ii. car: Terre. ſemper v Bordar: Tunc & poſt iii. ſerv: modo i. ſemper ii. car: in Dominio. tunc i. car. & dim: Hom: poſt & modo i. In Borſtuna i. Beruiuita de i. car: Terre pertinens in Ferſevella. ſemper ii. Villan: & i. Bordar: tunc dim: car: in Dominio: poſt nichil m° dim. In Ferſevella xiii. Socman: lx. acr. Terre. ſemp. iii. car. In eadem: iii. Liberi homines Alſi T. R. E. lxxx. acr: Terre et iii. Bordar: Tunc et poſt iii. car. m° i. & dimid. In Borſtuna xi. Liberi homines Alſi T. R. E. de xxx. acr: Terre, ſemper, i. car. et i. acr. Prati. In Breſingaham vii. liberi Homines Alſi commend: de xxx. acr. terre Tunc iii. car: poſt & m° ii. Silva vi Porc: et ii. acr: Prati.

Ferſevella cum Beruiuita & Borſtuna Tuno valuit lx. ſol. poſt vii. libr. & vi. ſol. & viii. *d.* inter cenſum et conſuetud: modo valet xii libr. & vi. ſol. & viii. blanc: et de his xii. libr: dant liberi homines c. ſolid: & vi. & vii. *d.* Habet Ferſevella viii. quart: in longo et iiii. in lato et de Gelto vii. *d.* In Simplinga i. dim: lib: homo de iiii. acr. Terre. In Fervella jacet Soca et Saca t. r. e. de omnibus qui minus habent quam xxx. acr. De illis qui habent xxx. acr. jacet Soca et Saca in Hundredo. de Wineferthinc. quando Radulfus forefecit habuit eam. (Domeſd. fo. 38. 39.)

[*n*] ** Invaſiones (ſc. Galteri de Cadomo).

In Ferveſſella i. liber Homo Alſi commendat: cum. iiii. acr: quem tenuit Will: Malet, die qua fuit vivus et Mortuus, et Galterus modo (tenet) de Rege, ſed Rob. Malet Contradic: ſe neciſſe uſque ad diem qua fuit inbreviatus. tunc ar: ii. bov: modo i. val. viii. d. (Domſd. fol. 299.)

[*o*] ** Teſta de Nevil, per Will: Mariſcal: Junr:

Part, that Earl had from the Crown, before the *Bygod*'s had the Town, this alſo afterward came by Purchaſe to the *Bois*'s; *William du Boys* aforeſaid, at his Death left the whole Town, Manor, and Advowſon, to

Sir ROBERT DE BOSCO of *Feyrfeud*, Knt. his eldeſt Son, and Heir, [p] who in 1165, held it of the Earl Marſhal at two Fees, his Wife's Name was *Iſolda*, who brought him a Manor, held at one Fee in *Denton*. This Sir *Robert* at his Death left

[q] GILBERT DE BOYS, Knt. his eldeſt Son, and Heir, who married and had an only Daughter, called *Joan*, he died in 1249, at which time it appears, that ſhe was married to *William de Bovile*, who inherited in his Wife's Right, all the Lands and Tenements of the ſaid *Gilbert*, except the Manors of *Fersfield*, *Garbaudeſham*, *&c.* which deſcended by entail to

Sir ROBERT DE BOSCO of *Fersfeud*, Knt. ſecond Son of *William*, and next Brother to *Gilbert*, as Heir Male of the Family, all which Lands and Tenements the ſaid *William* and *Joan* held 'till 1256, and then Sir *Robert* purchaſed part of them; and in 1285, [r] he purchaſed all the remainder of the Eſtate, belonging to the *Bois* Family, being two Carucates of Land in *Fersfield*, *Briſingham*, *Lopham*, and *Kenynghale*, for 300 Marks; and for the Payment thereof, he mortgaged all the Manors, Lands, *&c.* that deſcended to him, with thoſe that he had purchaſed of them in *Fersfeud*, *Garbaudiſham*, *Denton*, *Newton*, *Bakenton*, *Brokys*, *&c.* with whom *John Le-Bretun*, and *Godfrid de Beaumond* were bound, and tied all their Lands in *England* for Payment thereof, ſo that by this Purchaſe, all the Eſtate of *Gilbert* his eldeſt Brother was veſted in him: He was a Man that purchaſed much, for beſides this; [s] he bought the Manor of *Burſton*, in this Hundred, and ſeveral other Lands in divers adjacent Towns. * In 1285, he had the following Priviledges allowed in *Eire* at *Norwich*, to his Manor of *Fersfield*, *viz. A Pillory*, *Aſſize* of *Bread* and *Beer*, *View* of *Frankpledge*, *Weyf* and *Stray*. [t] He married *Amy*, (*Amicia*) Widow of *Tho. Haſtyng* of *Giſſing*, and ſuing for her Dower, recover'd, and had the Manor of *Giſſing* ſettled on her for Life, [u] Sir *Robert* died in 1298, ſeized of *Fersfield*, then valued at 10*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* *per Ann.* of which there is a Fine *Extent* in the Eſcheat Roll, in which the Great Wood, or Home Wood, from which the Family firſt took their Name, is mentioned; he is found alſo to be ſeized of a Manor in *Denton*, another in *Burſton*, and of *Garboldiſham*, *&c.* and

ROBERT his Son and Heir was then 30 Years old, to whom he left all his Manors, *&c.* [x] except an 8th Part of *Fersfield*, or a Quarter of that Fee, which was held of *Bury* Abbey, which he gave to

JOHN DE BOIS, his ſecond Son: this *John* built a new Hall upon it, married a Wife named *Katerine*, and ſettled in it, calling his Part,

## *The* MANOR *of* NEW-HALL,

Which Name he himſelf is called by in ſeveral Evidences, and in particular, in the *Nomina Villarum*, of the 9th of *Edward* II. in which *John de Nova Aula*, or *Newhall*, is ſaid to hold a Manor here: He lived to 1335, and dying without Iſſue, his Manor reverted to the Great Manor again,

## *The* ADVOWSON *of* FERSFIELD,

And 40 Acres of Land there, was given to *William de Bois*, Clerk, third Son of the ſaid *Robert*, he was firſt Rector of *Fersfield*, afterwards of *Garboldiſham All-Saints*, and after that, Vicar of *Conerthe-Magna* in *Suffolk*. In 1305, he granted the Land and Advowſon to

Sir ROBERT his eldeſt Brother, [y] and by Fine ſettled it on him and *Chriſtian* his Wife, and their Heirs, with a remainder to *Wm. Carbonel*, if they had no Iſſue. He lived 'till after 1351, for in that Year, by his Deed, he releaſed to Dame *Alice Howard*, all his Claim in the Manor and Advowſon, with a remainder to *Robert* her Son, by Sir *John Howard*, Knt. and his Heirs, and if he hath none, then to remain to the right Heirs of Sir *John* for ever.

There were two other Brothers, *viz.* *Nicholas*, who lived in 1299, whoſe Son (as I take him to be) *Wm. de Boſco*, and *Chriſtian* his Wife, lived at *Cretyng St. Mary* in 1310, and *Richard* a fifth Son, whoſe Son *Thomas de Boſco* in 1330. was preſented by Sir *Robert de Boſco* his Couſin, to *Garboldiſham*; but to return to

Sir ROBERT DE BOSCO, who ſucceeded in 1298, being then 30 Years old, [z] at which time he had two Fees, which formerly were the *Bygod*'s, one of which was in *Smalburgh*, and the other here, [a] and another in *Fersfield*, held of the Abbot of St. *Edmund*: He married *Chriſtian Le Latimer*, Daughter of Sir *Wm. Latimer*, and Widow of Sir *John Carbonel*, of *Waldingfield* in *Suffolk*, who was her firſt Husband, by whom ſhe had *Wm. Carbonel* her Son, and

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[p] Teſta de Nevil.

[q] Plit. de Jur: et Aſſiſ: 41 H. 3 Rot. 33.

[r] Plita de Jur: et Aſſiſ: apud Norwic: Hilar. 14 E. 1 Rot. 38 in dorſo.

[s] See Burſton.

(*) Plita Corone, 14 E. 1 Rot. 14 in dorſo.

[t] Fin: divers. Com: 34 H. 4 Li. 4 No 35, 6.

[u] Eſc: 27 E. 1 No 31.

[x] Inquiſ: E. 1.

[y] Fin: E. 1 L. 7 No 128.

[z] Feodar: Norff.

[a] Eſc: 25 E. 1.

Heir to his Father, upon Sir *Robert*'s Marriage, he ſettled this Manor upon her for Life, which ſhe held ſome time after his Death, for it appears by the *Inſtitution* Books, that ſhe preſented in 1316, and the Year after Sir *Robert*'s Death, which was in 1311, ſhe married a third Time to Sir *Thomas Moſe*, Knt. by whom ſhe had a Daughter *Mariot*, married to Sir *Wm. Botevile*, or *Bovile*, Knt. Some Pedigrees that I have ſeen, make this *Thomas* (or *Robert Mooſe*, Knt. as he is called in ſome Deeds) her firſt Huſband, but I am certain he was her laſt, for in 1312, the very Year that ſhe married Sir *Thomas*, ſhe preſented here [b] by the Name of *Chriſtian de Moſe*, late Wife of Sir *Robert de Boſco*, Knt. He [c] in 1308, held the third Part of the Manor of *Carbonels*, in *Waldingfield Magna*, in *Suffolk*, with the Advowſons of that Church, and *Chiſton*, in Dower, in right of the ſaid *Chriſtian*, of the Inheritance of *Wm. Carbonel*, on which *Wm.* the Manor of *Ferſfield* was ſettled in Tail, if they had no Iſſue, as was the Manor of *Walton*, and the Advowſons: In 1308, they convey'd the Manor of *Burſton*, to this *Wm.* and his Heirs; Sir *Robert* at his Death in [d] 1311, was ſeized of *Ferſfield*, *Denton*, *Garboldiſham*, *&c.* leaving

ROBERT DU BOYS, Knt. his only Son and Heir, then very young, and one Daughter *Alice*: *Chriſtian* his Mother was his Guardian to her Death, and then he became a [e] Ward of *Thomas*, Earl *Marſhal*, Earl of *Norfolk*, who preſented here in 1326, the ſaid *Robert* being not then of Age, [f] he died a Batchelor in 1333, leaving his whole Eſtate to

ALICE his only Siſter, and Heireſs, then married to

Sir JOHN HOWARD, Junior, Knt. who was upon [g] Sir *Robert*'s Death poſſeſt of *Ferſfield*, and *Garboldeſham* Manors and Advowſons, with *Denton*, *&c.* She lived to 1371, and at her Death left Iſſue by the ſaid *John*, to which the whole Inheritance of the *Bois*'s deſcended.

This Family, I am apt to think, was at firſt, a Branch of the BYGOD's, their Arms varying only in *Field* and *Colour*.

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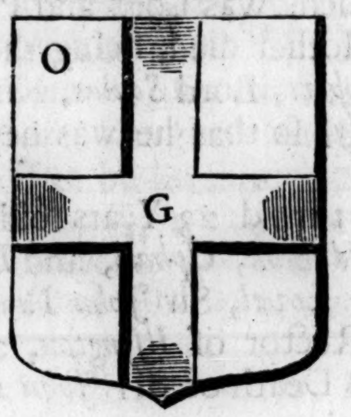
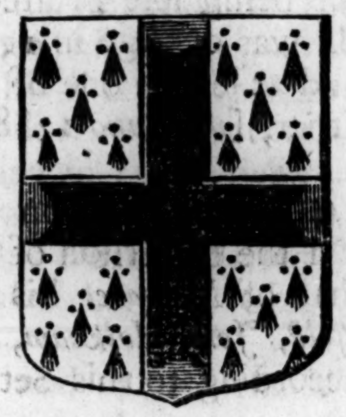


BOIS.



Thomas de Boſco.

Sir William de Boſco of Fersfeud.

1165 Robert de Boſco of Feyrfeud, Knt. — Iſolda his Wife

1249 Sir Robert du Bois, Knt. — Amicia, Widow of T. Haſtyng, of Giſſing.

Gilbert de Boſco.

Will. de Bovile. — Joha: Bois.

Richard.

Thomas Rect. of Garboldeſham.

1299 Nicholas.

Wm. de Bois of Cretyng, St. Mary, & Chriſtian his Wife.

William. de Boſco, Rector.

John de Boſco, or De-Newhall had no Iſſue by Katerine his Wife, died about 1335.

Sir Rob. de Boſco, Knt. died in 1311. — Chriſtian dr. of Sir Wm. Latimer, Widow of Sir J. Carbonel, of Waldingfield, in Suffolk, & afterwards mar: to Tho. Moſe, Knt. ſhe died about, 1313.

Sir John Howard, Junior, Knt. — Alice du Bois, ſole Heireſs, died 1371.

Sir Rob. du Bois, a Minor, in 1311, a Knt. and of Age in 1328, died unmarried in 1333.

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[b] Lib. Inſtitut: 1.

[c] Cart: int: Coll: Deweſian.

[d] Eſc. 5 E. 2.

[e] Eſc. 27 Ed. 1.

[f] Eſc: 8. E. 3.

[g] d°.

They Sirnamed themſelves DE BOSCO, *Or* BOIS, from the Great Wood, which join'd to their Manſion Houſe, and was not cleared 'till Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time; *Boſcus* in Latin, or *Bois* in French, ſignifying a Wood. The Creſt of this Family was a Buck Couchant, *Ermine*: The whole Generation continually reſided here, from *William* who was firſt infeoffed in it, to *Alice* who was the laſt of that Line; they were always a ſeparate Family, from the *De Boſco*'s of *Lincolnſhire*, or thoſe of *Ingham* in N*orfolk*, which Family bears a different Coat from this, and becauſe I have no where met with any Pedigree of them, I have given you one collected from the Evidences before quoted, and other antient Deeds in my own Cuſtody.

In 1333, Sir JOHN HOWARD, Junior, Knt. was ſeized of the Manors and Advowſons of *Ferſfield*, *Garbolaiſham*, *Brokehall*, *&c.* in right of his Wife. This Sir *John* was Grandſon to *Wm. Howard* of *Wiggenhall* in N*orfolk*, a Judge in the Court of *Common Pleas*, in *Edward* I. Time, and Son of *John Howard*, Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber to that King: In the tenth of *Edward* III. [h] he was conſtituted Admiral of the King's whole Fleet, from the Mouth of the *Thames* Northward, being then in great Eſteem at Court, as may be collected from the many Favours he obtained: He was with that King at the Siege of *Calais*, being then Admiral, and had in Pay with him 1 Banneret, 6 Knights, 36 Men of Arms, and 35 Archers on Foot. In 1310, [i] he had the King's Letters of Protection at his going into *Scotland*, with the Earl of C*ornwal*, the King being then at *York*: [k] In 1317, he was Sheriff of N*orff.* and upon his ſecond going into *Scotland*, by the King's Order, he made *G. de Ely* his Attorney, to account in the *Exchequer* for his Office: [l] In 1339, he recovered 20 Marks by Action, againſt Sir *John Segrave* and his Servants, for cutting down Trees, and carrying away the Soil of *Ferſfield* Manor, under Pretence of cleaning the great Ditch round his Park, (now called *Lopham Park.*) In 1347, he ſettled *Ferſfield* on himſelf and Wife for Life, remainder to *Robert* their Son and Heir, and *Margaret* his Wife for their Lives, and their Heirs.

Sir JOHN UFFORD being ſole Truſtee, [m] and as ſuch, was Lord and Patron.

ROBERT the Son was of Age in 1371, when his Mother died, being then married to *Margaret*, Daughter, and at length one of the Heirs of *Robert*, Lord *Scales*, Knt. Lord N*ucels*; he died before his Father, [n] *Anno* 1388, the 3^d of *July*, ſo that he was never poſſeſſed of the Eſtate, leaving

Sir JOHN HOWARD, Knt. his Son and Heir, then turn'd 23 Years old, on whom [o] in 1386, he had ſettled the Reverſion of *Ferſfield*, *Garboldiſham*, *Uphall*, and *Bokenham*'s, after his own Death, and that of *Margaret* his Wife, Sir *John Lovel*, Sir *John Tuddenham*, Knts. *Wm. Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, *John Holkham*, *John Marlere*, Rector of *Ilſyngton*, and *Rich. de Walton*, being Truſtees; according to this Settlement, at the Death of Sir *John Howard* the Father, they deſcended to

MARGARET his Widow, and at her Death, they went to

Sir JOHN HOWARD, Knt. her Son, [p] who was retain'd upon his Knighthood to ſerve the King for his Life, [q] the 10th of *March* 12 *R.* 2. he married firſt, *Margaret* Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *John Plais* of *VVeetyng*, being then above 23 Years old, and had a Son named *John*, then turned 6 Years old, who was Heir after her Deceaſe, to his Grandfather, *viz.* to *VVetyng*, *Oclee Magna*, *Benefield*, and *Stanſtead* Manors and Advowſons, with ſeveral Fees, Lands, and a Park, in *Alcheſley* in *Eſſex*; the Manor and Advowſon of F*oulmere* in C*ambridgeſhire*, and other Lands and Revenues, [r] all which were held by the third Part of the Barony of *Montfitchet*: She died in 1391, [s] after which Sir *John* married again to *Alice*, Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Wm. Tendring*, Knt. and *Catherine Clopton* his Wife, upon which Marriage, he ſettled this Manor and Advowſon with B*rokes* in S*uffolk* *&c.* on their Truſtees, Sir S*imon de Felbrigge*, *John de Rochford*, *Michael* Beverleye *Dean* of *Middelham* College, *&c.* to the Uſe of himſelf and *Alice* his ſecond Wife, for Life, and his Heirs, and if he had none, to the Uſe of the Truſtees Heirs. [t] This Deed is dated at F*erſfield* 1398. ſhe died in 1426, and was buried in the S. Part of S*toke*-N*eyland* Church, under the ſame Stone with Sir *John* her Husband, and by her Father Sir *William Tendring*, [u] leaving to Sir *John Howard* her Husband, if alive, the Manor of *Stoke*-N*eyland* with *Bacon*'s Manor there, for his Life. *Robert Howard* Knt. their eldeſt Son, married *Margaret* Daughter of *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, whoſe Son *John*, was the firſt DUKE, of this Family: Sir *John*, did not die in 1400, as Mr. *Weever* hath it, fol. 772. for the Eſcheat Roll in 1432, tells us, that Sir *John Howard* Knt. then held *Ferſfield*, of *John Mowbray* Duke of N*orfolk*, of his Manor of *Forncet*, at two Fees and an Half; and in 1435, he made his Will, in which he gave *Fersfield*, *Garboldiſham*, *&c.* to his Grandaughter *Elizabeth*, then Counteſs of *Oxford*, and her Iſſue, remainder to *Robert* his Son by his ſecond Wife, and his Heirs, and for want of ſuch, remainder to *Henry* his ſecond Son, and his Heirs; this was dated *Apr.* 1: He died in 1437, * in which Year his Will was proved. [this is confirmed by the Eſcheat Roll 16 H. 6. N° 56.] In 1416 [*x*] he had levied a Fine of this Town and *Brokes*, to Sir *Walter Clopton*, and *Wm. Clopton*, Eſq; in order to ſettle them upon himſelf, and *Alice* his ſecond Wife; and to make it effectual, *John Howard*, Eſq; his Son and Heir by his firſt Wife, in 1408, releaſed to Sir *John* his Father, and *Alice* his ſecond Wife and their Heirs, all their right in them, they being formerly ſettled on *Robert Scales*, and other Truſtees, in Tail, for his Uſe after his Father's Death, ſo that by this Releaſe, the Fee was wholly in his Father, who did not ſettle it as was deſigned, and therefore he was impower'd to give it by Will, as he did, to his Grandaughter. All the Pedigrees that I have ſeen, ſay he died in 1400, grounding their Error on the aforecited Place of Mr. *Weaver*; but if we conſult that Author, Page 773, where there is a Draught of the Monument, of this Sir *John* and *Alice* his ſecond Wife, we ſhall find, that the Miſtake was not in the Author, for there the Inſcription is exhibited with an imperfect date, *viz.*

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[h] Peerage p. 39. Roll of the Arms and Names of all the Noblemen and Knights, that were with King E. III. at the Winning of Cane and Cales.

[i] Rot. Scotiæ 4, 5, E. II.

[k] Maddox Hiſt. Exch. fo. 661.

[l] Plita: 14, E. III.

[m] Lib: Inſt. 4, 5.

[n] Eſc. 12 R. II. No. 25.

[o] Cart. 10 R. II.

[p] Pedigr. Peerage p. 40.

[q] Eſc. 15 R. II. No. 31.

[r] Fin: Paſc: in Scac: 18 R. 2. Rot: 5.

[s] Eſc. No. 31.

[t] Autog: pen: T. Duc: Norff Anno 1709.

[u] Regr. Luſtdopham in Prerog: Cant. fo. 48.

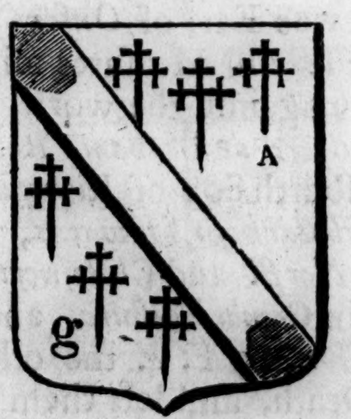
> " Orate pro animabus Johannis Howard Militis, qui objit, Anno 14----
> " Et Allicie uxoris ejus que objit in feſto Sancti Luce Evangeliſte, 1425.
> " Quorum animabus propicietur Deus.

So that in Page 772, where he is ſaid to die. in 1400. is an Error of the Preſs only, which all having followed in the Pedigrees, without any further Examination of their Author, is the Cauſe that we meet with ſo many Miſtakes in Relation to this Sir *John Howard*, that we now treat of, and *John Howard*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, by his firſt Wife, who according to the Pedigrees, married *Joan*, Daughter and Heireſs of *Richard Walton*, Knt. (tho' in a Fine levied A° xi. H. 4. ſhe is ſaid to be his Siſter and Heireſs) he died in 1410, before his Father, as his [*y*] Will proved *October* 26, in that Year, evidently ſhews, in which his Father and the Counteſs of *Hertford* were Executors. His Wife *Joan* after his Death married Sir *Tho. Erpyngham*, Knt. with whom ſhe lived 'till 1424, and then left *Elizabeth* her only Child, 14 Years old, her ſole Heireſs.

This *Elizabeth* married *John Vere*, Earl of *Oxford*, and carried the Manors of *Fersfield*, *Garboldiſham*, *Brokehall*, and *Foulmere* in *Cambridgeſhire*, with their Advowſons, into that Family, (together with the Inheritance of the *Plais*'s and *Walton*'s) all which by the Will of Sir *John Howard*, her Grandfather, were entailed on Sir *Robert Howard*, his eldeſt Son by his ſecond Wife, if the ſaid *Elizabeth* had no Heirs.

But becauſe the Branches of this Honourable Family are very numerous, I ſhall here ſhew that Branch only, thro' which this Manor paſſed, reſerving the compleat Pedigree for another Place.

HOWARD.



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* Regr. Luffdopham, Cur. Prerog. Cant. fol. 48

x Fin: Norff. 8 H. 4 L. 2 N. 81.

y Regr. Marche Cur. Prerog. fol. 170.

Sir John Howard, Jun. Knt. Son of Sir John Howard, Sen. and Grand ſon of Wm. Howard the Judge. — Alice, Siſter and Heireſs of Sir Rob. de Boſco, or Bois of Fersfield, Knt. ſhe died 1371.

Sir Rob. Howard, Knt. died 3 July, 1388. in his Father's Life Time, and was buried at Eaſt Winch, his Tomb to be ſeen in Weaver, fol. 841, 2. — Margaret, dr. and Heir of Rob. Ld. Scales, Knt. Ld. Nucells, buried by her * Husband.

Rob. Howard, Edm. Howard, on theſe two, Fersfield and Brokes Manors were ſettled in Tail, but having no Iſſue, they went to Sir John their eldeſt Brother.

Margaret dr. & Heireſs of Sir John Plais Knt. died in 1391. — Sir John Howard Knt. died in 1437, buried at Stoke-Neyland. — Alice dr. and Heireſs of Sir W. Tendring, buried there, 1426.

John Howard, Eſq; died before his Father, in 1410. — Joan Siſter & Heireſs of Richard Walton, Knt. — Sir T. Erpingham, Knt.

Sir Rob. Howard, Knt. — Margt. Mowbray

John Vere, Earl of Oxford, Son of Rich. Vere. — Eliz. Howard, dr. and Heireſs of both Father and Mother.

John Howard, the firſt Duke of Norfolk of this Family.

[a] This JOHN was the 12th Earl of *Oxford*, of the *Vere* Family, being [b] 9 Years old at his Father's Death, which was in 1415; he was Knighted by the King at *Leiceſter* on *Whitſunday*, the 4th of *Henry* VI. the King himſelf having received that Honour at the Hands of his Uncle, the Duke of *Bedford*. In 1428, being then a Ward, he married *Elizabeth* aforeſaid, without Licence, but for 2000*l*. paid into the *Exchequer*, he was pardoned that Tranſgreſſion, and before the End of the Year, making Proof of his Age, had Livery of his Lands: In 1434, he was licenſed to travel to the Holy Land, with 12 Perſons in his Company; the Year after, he went into *Picardy* for the Relief of *Calais*, and doing his Homage, had Livery of all thoſe Lands, which by the Death of Sir *John Howard*, Knt. in 1437, came to *Elizabeth* his Wife: In 1438, he was join'd with JOHN Duke of *Norfolk*, to treat for a perpetual Peace between *France* and *England*: In 1453, he was one of thoſe Great Men, that undertook to keep the Seas for three Years next following, being allowed the Subſidies of *Tunnage* and *Poundage*, then granted for that Service, but when *Edward* the IVth. gained the Crown, the *Lancaſtrian* Party (of which this Earl was one) ſoon fell, for that King in the firſt Year of his Reign, called a Parliament, wherein *Henry* VI. and all his Lineage were dis-inherited, and this Earl and *Aubrey* his eldeſt Son, Attainted and Beheaded, on the the 26th of *February*, 1461, [c] and were buried in the *Auſtin Friers*, *London*. His Eſtates were all ſeized, except thoſe which were of the proper Inheritance of his Widow, all which ſhe retained, and among them theſe Manors and Advowſons, which ſhe held in her own Right, and Name alſo, 'till 1472, at which Time *John* her Son (who after was Earl of *Oxford*) kept St. *Michael's Mount* in *Cornwal* againſt the King, which made her fear ill Meaſures might be taken againſt her, and therefore to ſecure her Eſtate, and prepare againſt the worſt, [d] ſhe and her Feoffees *Wm. Grey*, Biſhop of *Ely*, Sir *Tho. Montgomery*, *Gilbert de Benham*, *Roger Townſhend*, and others, infeoffed *Richard* Duke of *Glouceſter*, (who was fourth Son of *Richard* Duke of *York*, Brother to the King) in the Manors and Advowſons of *Garboldiſham Howards*, *Fersfield*, *Weetyng*, *Toftrees*, *Knapton*, *Eaſtwinch*, *Wiggenhall*, and *Titleſhale*, in *Norff.* and *Chelesworth*, *Eaſtbergholt*, and *Brookhall* in *Suff.* *Fulbourne* or *Foulmere*, and *Haukeſton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, and ſeveral others in other Counties, by two Deeds, one dated the 9th of *Jan.* 12 *E.* 4. the other the 9th of *Febr.* 13 *E.* 4. and by this Means ſhe enjoyed them to her Death, and left them to

JOHN DE VERE her Son, who after became the 13th Earl of *Oxford*, Lord *Bulbec*, *Samford*, and *Scales*, Great Chamberlain, and Admiral of *England*, who after his Father's Death, adhered to King *Henry* the VIth in order to his Reſtauration, and after the Loſs of the Battle at *Bar-*

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* Mr. Weaver calls her Margery in her Inſcription, it being an eaſy Miſtake for Margaret.

[a] Vincent fol. 406.

[b] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1 fol. 196.

[c] Vincent, &c. 407.

[d] Clauſ. 12, 13. E. 4. Hall's Chron: E. 4. fol 1.

*net*, he enter'd St. *Michael's Mount* in *Cornwal*, and kept it ſome Time againſt the King, but being at laſt taken, he and the Lord *Beaumont* were ſent to ſafe Cuſtody in the Caſtle of *Hamms* in *Picardy*, and in the next Parliament, was Attainted with *George* his Brother. But in the ſecond of *Richard* the IIId being ſtill Priſoner in that Caſtle, and obſerving what Hopes of Aid, *Henry* Earl of *Richmond* had from the *French*, and others, in order to gain the Crown, he and Sir *James Blount* the Governor of the Caſtle, and Sir *John Forteſcue*, Porter of the Gates of *Calais*, got thence, and came to *Montarges*, to the Earl of *Richmond*, who received him with much Joy, being a Perſon of great Nobility, and Integrity, and very expert in Military Affairs; when King *Richard* heard that this Caſtle had declared for the Earl of *Richmond*, thro' the Contrivance of this Earl, he order'd out part of the Garriſon of *Calais*, to regain the Caſtle, upon which, thoſe within it ſent a Meſſenger to the Earl of *Richmond* for more Aid, who ſent this Earl with a Number of expert Soldiers, who by his ſkillfull Conduct, drew off thoſe in the Caſtle, without any Loſs, after which he went to the Earl at *Paris*, with whom he came into *England*, and marched to *Boſworth*, where King *Richard* encounter'd them, and by the prudent Conduct of this Earl, the Battle in a great Meaſure was gain'd, and the Earl of *Richmond* Crowned by the Name of K. *Henry* the VIIth, who immediately reſtored him to his Honour and Eſtate; this Earl preſented here in 1505, he had two Wives, *Margaret* Daughter of *Richard Nevile*, Earl of *Saliſbury*, and *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *Richard Scroop*, Knt. and Widow of *Wm.* Lord *Beaumont*, ſhe enjoyed this Manor after his Death, and preſented here in 1527; upon his dying without Iſſue in 1512, his Eſtate and Honour went to

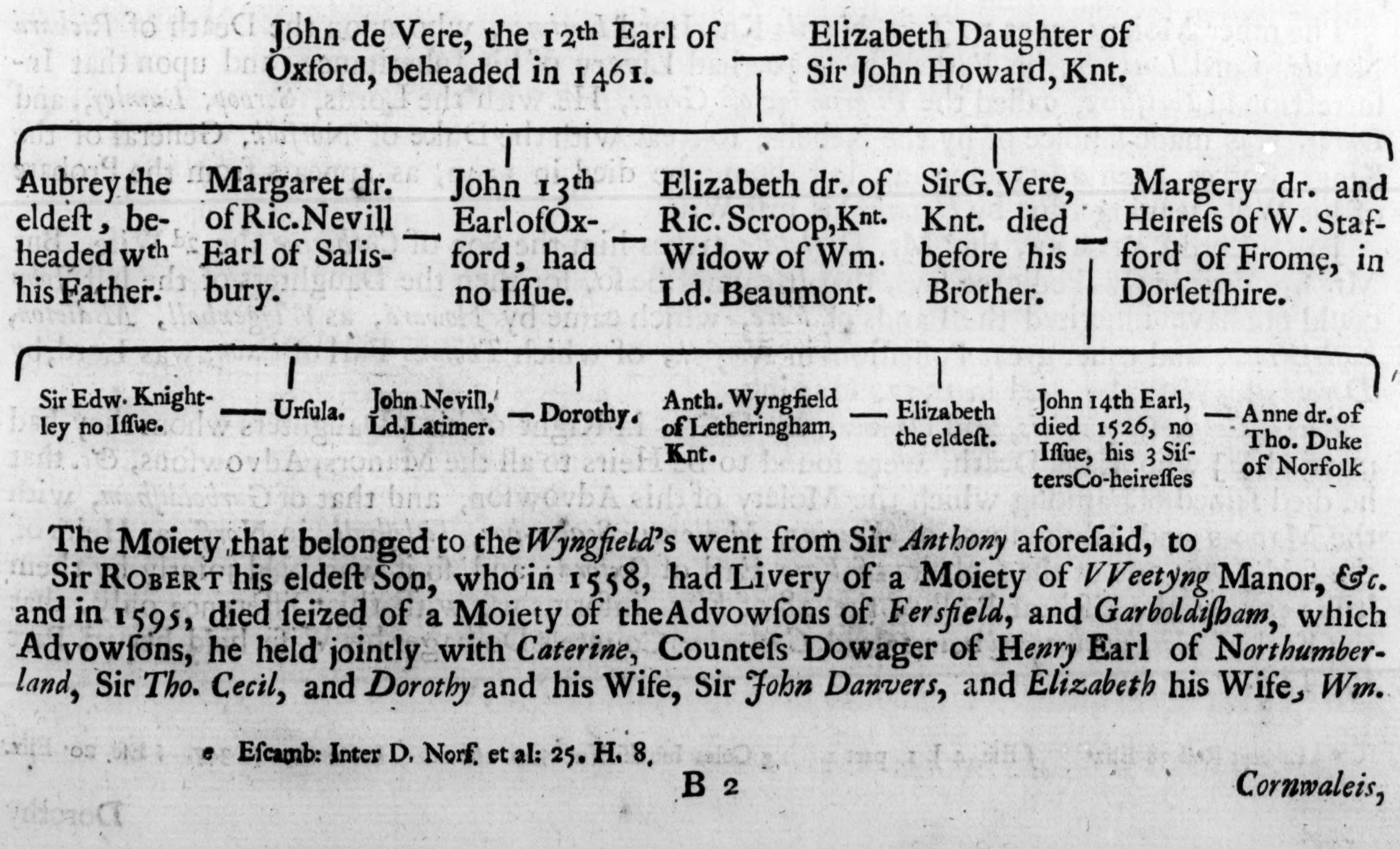
JOHN VERE, the 14th Earl of *Oxford*, only Son of Sir *George Vere*, Knt. Brother of the laſt Earl, by *Margery* Daughter and Heireſs of *Wm. Stafford* of *Frome* in *Dorſetſhire*, Eſq; the ſaid *George* dying before his Brother. This *John* married *Anne*, Daughter to the Duke of *Norfolk*, and died in 1526, without Iſſue, leaving all his Eſtate to his three Siſters, his Co-heireſſes, of which

ELIZABETH the Eldeſt, was married to Sir *Anthony Wyngfield*, of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*, Knt.

DOROTHY the 2d to *John Nevile*, Lord *Latimer*, between which two the Inheritance was divided, for

URSULA the 3d married Sir *Edward Knightley*, but having no Iſſue, in 1599, when ſhe died, her Part came to the Heirs of Sir *Anthony Wingfield*, and the Lord *Latimer*, as the Inquiſitions at her Death teſtify.

[e] Hitherto the Manor and Advowſon went together, but in 1533, they were divided, for Sir *Anthony Wyngfield* aforeſaid, and *John Nevile*, Lord *Latimer*, Co-heirs of *John* Earl of *Oxford*, exchanged the Manors of *Ferſfield*, and *Garboldiſham*, with *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, for the Manor of *Dalby-Chacomb* in *Northamptonſhire*, and ſettled them on the Duke and his Heirs, reſerving both the Advowſons to them and their Heirs, all which was confirmed by Parliament, in the 25th and 26th Years of King *Henry* VIII. ſo that now the Advowſons of *Ferſfield*, and *Garboldiſham*, were one Moiety in the *Wyngfield*'s, and the other in the Lord *Latimer*.


John de Vere, the 12th Earl of Oxford, beheaded in 1461.
Elizabeth Daughter of Sir John Howard, Knt.
Aubrey the eldeſt, beheaded wth his Father.
Margaret dr. of Ric. Nevill Earl of Saliſbury.
John 13th Earl of Oxford, had no Iſſue.
Elizabeth dr. of Ric. Scroop, Knt. Widow of Wm. Ld. Beaumont.
Sir G. Vere, Knt. died before his Brother.
Margery dr. and Heireſs of W. Stafford of Frome, in Dorſetſhire.
Sir Edw. Knightley no Iſſue.
Urſula.
John Nevill, Ld. Latimer.
Dorothy.
Anth. Wyngfield of Letheringham, Knt.
Elizabeth the eldeſt.
John 14th Earl, died 1526, no Iſſue, his 3 Siſters Co-heireſſes
Anne dr. of Tho. Duke of Norfolk

The Moiety that belonged to the *Wyngfield*'s went from Sir *Anthony* aforeſaid, to

Sir ROBERT his eldeſt Son, who in 1558, had Livery of a Moiety of *VVeetyng* Manor, &c. and in 1595, died ſeized of a Moiety of the Advowſons of *Ferſfield*, and *Garboldiſham*, which Advowſons, he held jointly with *Caterine*, Counteſs Dowager of *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland*, Sir *Tho. Cecil*, and *Dorothy* and his Wife, Sir *John Danvers*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Wm.*

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[e] Eſcamb: Inter D. Norf. et al: 25. H. 8.

*Cornwaleis* Eſq; and *Lucy* his Wife, Daughters and Coheireſſes of *John Nevile* Lord, * *Latimer*. Sir *Robert* dying without Iſſue

Sir ANTHONY WINGFIELD of *Goodin's*, in *Hoe*, in *Suffolk*, inherited, he died *Dec*. 29, 1605, without Iſſue, and [*f*] was buried at *Letheringham*, leaving

Sir THO. WYNGFIELD of *Letheringham*, his Brother his Heir, who as the Eſcheat Roll ſays, was then 50 Years old, he died *Jan*. 22, 1609, and was buried at *Letheringham*, leaving

Sir ANTHONY WINGFIELD Bart. of *Godwins* in *Hoe* Pariſh, his Heir, who died, *July* 30, 1638, ſeized of the Moieties of the Advowſons of *Garboldiſham*, and *Fersfield*, [*g*] but of whom they were held the Jury knew not.

Sir ROBERT his Son ſucceeded, and was a Minor in 1642, and dying ſoon after,

Sir ANTHONY his Brother followed him, who left it to

Sir HENRY his Son, and He to his Son,

Sir HENRY WYNGFIELD of *Eaſton*, who ſold his Eſtate in 1706, to

Mrs. ANNE WROTH, in Truſt, for [*h*] *William Henry* Earl of *Rochford*, who left it to

WILLIAM his Son, who deceaſing without Iſſue, the Right Honble.

FREDERICK, Earl of *Rochford* the preſent Patron, inherited.

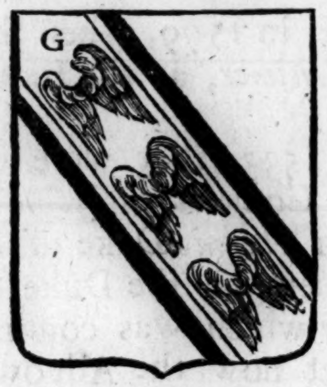
Sir Anthony Wingfield. — Elizabeth eldeſt dr. of G. Vere, Knt. and Siſter and Co-heir to John Earl of Oxford.

Sir Robert died without Iſſue in 1595.

Sir Antho. died without Iſſue in 1605. — Anne dr. of W. Bird of Denſton in Suffolk.

Elizabeth dr. of Sir Drue Drury, of Linſted, in Kent, Knt. — Sir Thomas died, 1609. — Ratcliff dr. of Sir Gilb. Gerrard, Knt. Maſt. of the Rolls died 1601.

WYNGFIELD



Sir Anthony Wyngfield, Bart. of Eaſton, died 1638.

Sir Anthony Wingfield, Bart.

Robert, a Ward of K. Charles I. who preſented here in 1642, by reaſon of his Minority.

Sir Henry 1676.

Sir Henry Wingfield, of Eaſton, who ſold the Eſtate, in 1706.

The other Moiety went to *John Nevile* Knt. Lord *Latimer*, who upon the Death of *Richard Nevile*, Lord *Latimer*, his Father, in 1530, had Livery of his Inheritance, and upon that Inſurrection in *Yorkſhire*, called the *Pilgrimage of Grace*, He with the Lords, *Scroop*, *Lumley*, and *Darcy*, was made Choice of by the Rebells, to treat with the Duke of *Norfolk*, General of the Kings Forces, then advancing againſt them; he died in 1542, as appears from the Probate of his Will, leaving Iſſue by *Dorothy* his firſt Wife

JOHN Lord LATIMER, tho' Mr. *Dughdale* makes him the Son of *Catherine* the 2d Wife. But Mr. *Le-Neve* in this Pedigree ſays, that it cannot be ſo, for then the Daughters of the laſt *John* could not have inherited the Lands of *Vere*, which came by *Howard*, as *Wiggenhall*, *Midleton*, *Eaſt-Winch*, and other great Poſſeſſions in *Norfolk*, of which *Thomas* Earl of *Exon*: was Lord, by *Dorothy* his Wife: he died in 1577, leaving

*Percy*, *Cecil*, *Cornwaleis*, and *Danvers*, his Heirs, in Right of his 4 Daughters whom they had married, [*i*] who at his Death, were found to be Heirs to all the Manors, Advowſons, *&c*. that he died ſeized of, among which the Moiety of this Advowſon, and that of *Garboldiſham*, with the Manors and Advowſons, of *Weeting*, *Midleton*, *Scales-hoe*, *Titleſhall*, in *Norff*. as Heirs of the ſaid *John*, one of the Coheirs of *Vere* Earl of *Oxford*; and ſo it was held jointly by them 'till 1595, as the Eſcheat Roll of the 28 of *Eliz*. informs us, with this Difference only, that the Earl of *Northumberland* being dead, *Catherine* Counteſs Dowager his Wife, held her 3d. Part for Life.

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* Eſcheat Roll 38 Eliz. *f* Eſc. 4 J. 1. part 2. *g* Coles Inquiſ: Vol. 5. p. 262. *h* Peerage p. 347. *i* Eſc. 20. Eliz.

Dorothy dr. and Co-heireſs of John Earl of Oxford. — John Lord Latimer died 1542. — Katherine dr. of Tho. Parr, of Kendall, Knt. after married to K. Henry VIII.

John Ld. Latimer ob: 1577. — Lucia dr. of Henry Earl of Worceſter, ob. 23 Feb. 1582.

John Danvers, Knt.—Elizabeth. W. Cornwaleis, Knt. Patron of a Moiety.—Lucy. Tho. Earl of Exon, eldeſt Son to Tho. Cecil, Ld. Burleigh.—Dorothy. Henry Percy Earl of Northumberland—Catherine.

John Cornwaleis, Eſq; preſented in 1595. Sir Tho. Cornwaleis had one Turn here in 1632, and Anth. Wingfield Knt. the other. *

The Manor being convey'd in 1533, to the moſt noble THOMAS Duke of NORFOLK, and his Heirs, he peaceably enjoy'd it, 'till the 38 of King *Henry* the 8. In which Year, after many ſignal Services both to his King and Country, he was ſuddenly committed to the Tower, thro' ſiniſter Suggeſtions to the King, and was attainted in Parliament, the 20 of *Jan.* with his eldeſt Son, *Henry* Earl of *Surrey*, but 8 Days before that Kings Death, and then it was ſeized by the Crown;

By his Will proved in 1554, in which Year he died, at *Kenninghale* in *Norff.* he bequeathed his Body to be buried, where his Executors thought fit, leaving his Eſtate much impair'd, without any Fault of his own, having ſuffer'd ſo much by the various Ebbs and Flows of Fortune, that he had gone through. After his Death

THOMAS HOWARD his Grandſon, Son of *Henry Howard* Earl of *Surrey*, who was Beheaded ** *Jan.* 19, 1547, in his Father's Life Time, was fully reſtored in Blood and Eſtate, in the firſt of Queen *Mary*, *Anno* 1553, at which time this Manor among other Poſſeſſions, was re-delivered to him, it having been ſettled, during it's being in the Crown, on the Lady *Mary* (now Queen) towards the Maintainance of her Houſhold, it lying very convenient for *Kenninghall Palace*, at which ſhe generally reſided after it was ſettled on her. This *Thomas* in the 2d of that Queen was made Commander againſt the *Kentiſhmen* then in Arms; In the 1ſt of *Eliz.* was inſtalled Knight of the Garter, and in the 3d of that Queen, made Lieutenant General of the Northern Parts, and 6 Years after honoured by the *French* King, with the Knighthood of the Order of St. *Michael*, but on a Suſpicion that he deſigned to marry the Queen of *Scots*, he was Beheaded on *Tower Hill*, † upon the 2 of *June*, between 7 and 8 of the Clock in the Morning, *Anno* 14 of *Eliz.* 1572, ¶ being much lamented by all Men, for he was a Man, good to all, remarkable for his Hoſpitality, even in thoſe Times when it abounded every where.

The Names of the Peers that paſſed Sentence upon him, may be ſeen in § Sir *Richard Baker*'s *Chronicle*, and his Dying Words as I find them in Mr. *Hare*'s Collections, in *Caius* College Library, || may not impertinently be incerted here, as they give Light to ſome Things, that I have mett with, which in all Appearance were wrongfully charged upon this Duke.

### *The* WORDS *pronounced by the ſaid* DUKE, *at his Death on* Tower Hill *the* 2d *of* June, 1572.

IT is no rare Thing good People to ſee a Man come hither to die, albeit ſince this Queen's moſt bleſſed Reigne, I am the firſt, I pray God I may be the laſt; it is a hard Matter for a Man of my Calling to uſe long Speech in ſuch Audience, either for that Audacitie ſerves me not, or for that coming to ſuch End as I do, fear of Death troubleth me, and therefore I beſeech you all heartily to bear with me, I will not be long, I will make a ſhort Speech, and divide my Talk into three Parts; and *Firſt*, Concerning my Offence towards my Prince, wherein ſomething I have to confeſs againſt my ſelf, and in ſomething to clear my ſelf; I am not to complain againſt my Peers, I do acquit them, I have deſerved to die. It is not unknown that I have dealt with the Queen of *Scots*, in very great and high Matters, without making

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* MSS. pen: Steph: Norris Cler.

** Dugd: Bar. Vol. 2 fo. 274. & from fo. 265 to fo. 270.

† Stow fo. 673.

¶ Newcourt's Rep. Vol. 1, fo. 542.

§ Baker's Chron. Lond. 1653, fo. 494. 6. 7. 9.

|| E. p. 202.

my Prince privy thereunto, otherwiſe than I ought to have done; there is one Thing which grieveth greatly my Conſcience, that is, when I was firſt deliver'd out of this Place, I made my Submiſſion, and promiſed the Queen, never to deal further in the Matter, and yet contrary to my Promiſe, I mean't, and did otherwiſe, I am ſorry for it. It was reported I made a Vow, and took a ſolemn Oath, and received the Communion upon it, but that is not true, the other was too much. It was reported alſo, that I went about to deſtroy the City of *London*, I take God to Witneſs, I never mean't to hurt it, I have dealt with ſuſpected Perſons, and ſuch as have ſhewed themſelves Enemies to this State, 'ſpecially one whom I will Name, to witt, RODOLPHI, whom I never talk'd to but once, and then, I lik'd not his Dealings: He ſhewed me two Letters which he ſaid came from the Pope.

Then ſaid Mr. *Branch* the Sheriff, *Good my Lord be ſhort.*

He ſaid, I will be ſhort, I have not much to ſay; Good Gentlemen bear Witneſs, I come not to clear my ſelf: I ſaw two Letters, the one Cyphered, and the other De-cyphered, I was charged to confeder with the Rebels, I take God to Witneſs, I did never ſo.

Then the Secondary interrupted him and ſaid, *I pray you my Lord go not about clearing yourſelf, you have been tried as honourably as any* Nobleman *hath ever been in this Land, I pray you make haſte, the Hour is paſt, it is upon Peril of their Lives:* (meaning the Sheriffs.)

O I pray you (quoth the Duke) give me Leave a little while.

I confeſs my Fault; this is my Confeſſion. Touching my Religion it hath been reported, I have been a Papiſt, a confederer with Papiſts, a friend to them, and a maintainer of them, and their Religion; I take God to Witneſs I am none, nor never was a Papiſt, ſince I knew what Religion mean't; I have had Friends, yea and familiar Friends, and peradventure Servants that have been Papiſts, with whom I have borne, but I call God to Witneſs I am none; I utterly defie the Pope and all his Religion, and I hope to be ſaved only by my Faith in JESUS CHRIST; and I utterly abhor all Men's Traditions, and if at any Time I did give Countenance to any Papiſt, whereby any good Man was offended, or the Church, I aſk them Mercy, there is no Man that doth allow better of this Religion than I do.

Then he was again deſired to be ſhort.

Now (quoth the Duke) touching the Goodneſs of the Queen's Majeſty, I am much bound to her Grace, I do thank her humbly, for that ſhe hath forgiven me all my Offences, and hath prolonged my Life ſo long, you ſee how good ſhe hath been to me, I have been looked for here long e'er this Time, God ſend her long over you to reigne: She hath promiſed to be gracious to my poor Orphan Children, God grant that my Death may end all Troubles, and if any one of you have any one Faction, or two, or three, or more, let him give over and forſake it; many wiſh and deſire divers Things, but they know not what they wiſh, they ſeek their own Deſtructions: If every Man ſhould have his Wiſh, God knoweth how many would repent it, whatſoever they are the Queen hath promiſed in my Death to forgive all, and I pray God ſhe may live many Yeares. I remember well the Words of that good Father, and Holy Martyr, *Latymer*; He told the People that for their Wickedneſs God would take away his Bleſſing from them, I pray God the contrary, that your good Life may be ſuch, that God may turn away thoſe Plagues that he hath threatned. He ſpake it in an honourable Place, in the Pulpit, before King *Edward*; yet let not this Place diſcredit my Words. I pray God preſerve the Queen's Majeſty, and that ſhe may live and reign over you many Years, even to the World's End, which I believe ſome Alive ſhall ſee.

Then he kneeled down and prayed, and Mr. *Nowell* Dean of St. *Paul*'s kneeled by him, and wept, with many others, his Prayer was to God for continuance of his Truth, and of his Ghoſpell, and prayed alſo moſt inſtantly for the Queen's moſt proſperous Reigne, and kneeling upon his Knees, ſaid two Pſalms, *viz. Miſerere*, and *Domine ne in furore*, and in the firſt Pſalm, he prayed to build the Walls of *Jeruſalem* according to the Pſalmes. Quoth Mr. *Nowel*, *That is mean't of Chriſt's Church*: I know that well, (quoth the Duke) I mean not the Church of *Rome*, nor the Walls of *Rome*, I abhor it; but I mean the Church of *England*, and of all the World wheresſoever it be: I have forgotten one Thing, I thank thee O God, that thou haſt put me in mind of it, I forgive all the World, and aſk forgiveneſs of all the World, and I proteſt before God, if I knew any particular Man whom I had offended, I would namely aſk him forgiveneſs.

Then he read the other Pſalm, wherein Adultery is mentioned, and when he came to that Point, he ſaid, I would I were as clear in every Thing as that, ſave in Thought, and that is

YII, then he ſaid a Collect, and in the End he ſaid, *In Manus tuas Domine,* in *Latin* and *Engliſh,* and then deſired the People to pray for him while he yet lived, for (quoth he) I look not to have any Excuſe after my Death, then he embrac'd Sir *Henry Lee,* and after a few ſecret Words between them, the Duke ſaid to him, *as true a Subject as any ſhe hath.* Then Mr. *Nowell* ſtood up and ſaid to the People; He deſireth you all with one Voice to ſay,

*Lord have Mercy upon him.*

And after that to ſay no more Words, nor to make any Shout or Skreeking, for troubling him in laſt Viſitation.

Then the Duke kneeled down, and Mr. Dean bowed himſelf toward him, with many embracings, and took leave of each other.

Then the Executioner kneeling down deſired him to forgive him, and then he requeſted ſight of the Axe, Mr. *Nowell* ſaid, *the Sight thereof will Trouble you,* but he anſwered, *No, let me ſee it,* but he ſaw it not, and then he laid his Head upon the Block, and the Executioner ſaid, *My Lord, your Head lieth not well,* — *O I will make it lie well* (quoth he) and thereto lifting up his Body, laid his Neck again upon the Block, which done, his Head was ſtricken clean off at one Blow.

At his Attainder the Queen ſeized on this Manor, and kept it ſome Time, and then reſtored it to,

PHILLIP Earl of *Arundell,* eldeſt Son of THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk,* by his firſt Wife *Mary,* Daughter and one of the Heirs to *Henry Fitz-Alan,* Earl of *Arundell,* the ſaid *Phillip* being then reſtored in Blood, but ſoon after, ſeveral Things being laid to his Charge, he was ſentenc'd to Death.

At his Attainder the Manor was again ſeized, and by Letters Patent, dated 17 *Apr.* 1582, the Manor Houſe, Lands, and Demeans, all which were formerly reſerved to the uſe of the Houſhold of the Duke of *Norfolk,* were Lett to *Wm. Dixe,* and *Wm. Cantrell,* the Manor being in the Queen, in whoſe Name the Courts were held, as the Rolls ſhew us; and thus it continued to 1595, when *Phillip* Earl of *Arundell* died in the Tower, leaving,

THOMAS HOWARD his only Son and Heir, who inherited the Manor, for in 1599, 13 of *May,* he convey'd it to his Truſtees.

EDW. CARREL of *Herting,* in *Suſſex,* Knt. (whoſe Daughter *Mary,* was married to Sir *Phil. Howard,* Son and Heir of *Wm.* Lord *Howard,* Son to *Thomas* 4th Duke of *Norfolk,* by his 2d Wife, which Lord was Uncle by the Father's Side, to this Earl) *John Holland, John Cornwaleis,* and *Robert Cauſfield,* Gent. to divers Uſes. In 1602, the 1ſt of King *James,* he was reſtored to all the Eſtate and Honour that his Father enjoy'd, by which he became Earl of *Arundell,* and *Surrey.* In 1611, he was made Knight of the Garter, in 1620, Earl Marſhal of *England* for Life, with 2000*l. per Ann.* Penſion, and Chief Juſtice of all the Foreſts on the North Side of *Trent,* and the 16 *Car:* I. 1640, General of the Army rais'd againſt the *Scots,* and in Reſpect of his Lineal Deſcent from *Thomas Brotherton,* Earl of *Norfolk,* (a younger Son to King *Edward* I.) was by Letters Patent, bearing Date at *Oxford,* 6 *Jun.* 20 *Car:* I. advanced to the Title of Earl of *Norfolk*; ſhortly after which, the Wars breaking out, and he grown ancient and unfit for military Service, he obtain'd Leave of the King to travel, whereupon going to *Padua* in *Italy,* he died there, *Oct.* the 4th. 1646, and was buried at *Arundel* in *Suſſex.* He ſold a great Part of the Eſtate in this Country, and leaſed out other Parts, for a long Time: [l] In 1604, his Truſtees aforeſaid, with

Sir WILLIAM HOWARD, of *Axminſter* in *Devonſhire,* mortgaged this Manor with others, for 1800*l.* to

WILL. HARVEY of the *Savoy, James Guiccardin,* of *Folſhunt* in *Eſſex,* and *Thomas Ayloffe,* of *Lincoln's-Inn,* Eſq; [m] In 1608, *John Holland* of *Kenninghall,* Eſq; *John Cornwaleis* of *Earlſoham,* in *Suffolk,* Eſq; and *Robert Cauſfield* of St. *Clements Danes, London,* granted to *Joan Woodward* of that Pariſh, an Annuity of 44*l. per Ann.* out of this Manor, for 450*l.* pay'd by her, [n] In 1610, *John Davis,* Bailiff of the Earl's Manor here, accounted for 9*l. per Ann.* Quitrent, 5*l.* for the Scite of the Manor and Demeans, *Thomas Brewſter* being Farmer of the *Lodge.*

In [o] 1619, *July* 13, *Robert Cauſfield* of *London,* and the Earl of *Arundel,* leaſed to *Heneage Finch* of the *Inner Temple,* Eſq; and *Philip Bell* of *London,* Gent. the Manors of *Ferſfield, Boylands* in *Briſingham,* and *Weſtwick* in *Thetford,* the Scite of the Priory of the Canons there, and all other Lands and Tenements of the ſaid *Robert Cauſfield,* which the ſaid *Robert* purchaſed of Sir *Edward Clere* of *Bokenham-ferry*, for ten Years at 600 *l. per Ann.* which Leaſe was turn'd over to

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[l] Autog. Inter. Cart. H. D. Norff. A° 1699.
[m] Ditto.
[n] Ditto.
[o] Ditto.

JOHN DIX, of *Wickmere* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; and was to continue for 11 Years 11 Months.

[p] In 1625, 12 *July*, ROBERT CAUSFIELD, convey'd this Manor and *Boyland*'s, to

Sir THO. PENRUDDOCK, of *Hale* in *Southampton*, Knt. and Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD, of *Oxboro*, Knt. and their Heirs in Truſt, and in 1629,

The EARL, jointly with the Lady *Alathea* his Wife, levied a Fine and ſuffer'd a Recovery of ſeveral Manors, Lands, &c. and in particular of *Fersfield* Lodge, and 223 Acres of Land in *Fersfield*, after which, he veſted them, the Manor, &c. in

JOHN DIXE, alias *Ramſeye* of *Wickmere* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; in Truſt, to pay all his juſt Debts, and in 1637,

JOHN DIXE, Brother's Son, and Heir to the aforeſaid *John Dixe*, at the Requeſt of

HENRY, Son of *Henry* late Earl of *Arundel*, releaſed it to

Sir WILL. PLAITERS of *Soterley*, Knt. and Sir *Richard Onſlow*, of *Weſt Clandon* in *Surrey*, Knt. and their Heirs for ever, in Truſt for

HENRY Earl of *Arundel*, Lord *Mowbray* and *Maltravers*, Son and Heir of *Thomas*, late Earl of *Arundel*, aforeſaid, and his Heirs. This *Henry* died at *Arundel* in *Suſſex*, leaving his Eſtate to,

THO. HOWARD his eldeſt Son, who in 1660, the 13 *Car:* II. was reſtored by Act of Parliament, to the Title of Duke of *Norfolk*, which he enjoyed during his Life, and then upon his Dying without Iſſue, it deſcended to

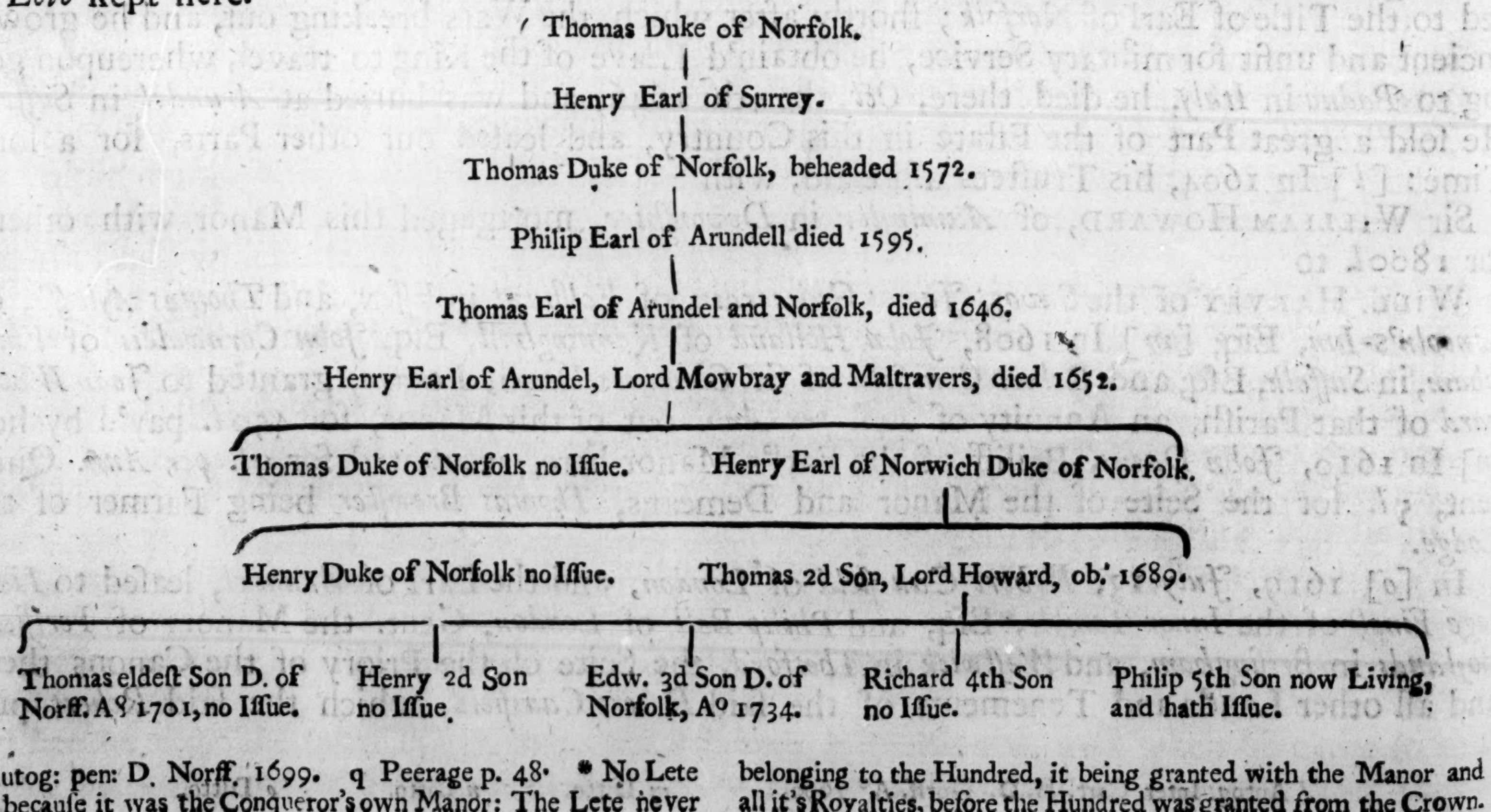
[q] HENRY Lord HOWARD, of *Caſtle Riſing*, Earl of *Norwich*, his next Brother, who in 1671, had the Marſhalſhip of *England* limited to the Heirs Male of his Body, at whoſe Death.

HENRY Earl of *Arundel* his eldeſt Son ſucceeded, and was made Governor of *Windſor Caſtle*, upon the Death of Prince *Rupert*, inſtalled Knight of the Garter, in the 1st of *James* II. In 1688, upon the Landing of the Prince of *Orange*, this Duke being then in *Norfolk*, he immediately declared for him, and brought over that, and ſome Neighbouring Counties to his Intereſt, for which, ſoon after his Royal Highneſs had accepted the Crown of theſe Realms, he was ſworn of his Privy-Council, and ſo continued to the time of his Death, *Anno* 1701, he left no Iſſue, upon which his Honour and Eſtate went to his Brother's Son.

THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*, whoſe Father *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, upon King *James*'s withdrawing, went with him into *France* and *Ireland*, from which laſt Place, as he returned to *Breſt*, he was caſt away in 1689, leaving five Sons and one Daughter, of which this *Thomas* his eldeſt Son, at his Uncle's Death became Duke; *Henry Howard* the 2d Son left no Iſſue,

EDWARD HOWARD the 3d Son, upon the Death of *Henry* his eldeſt Brother, is now Duke of *Norfolk*, and is Lord of this Manor, *Richard* the 4th Son is dead, and *Philip* the 5th is now living, and hath Iſſue.

The Lord of this Manor hath *Court Lete* as well as *Court Baron*, which was always kept annually, 'till 1719, at which time Mr. *Bath* then Steward to his Grace, gave Notice, that he would keep *Lete* no longer, becauſe there was no * *Lete Fee*, from which Time there hath been no *Lete* kept here.


Thomas Duke of Norfolk.
Henry Earl of Surrey.
Thomas Duke of Norfolk, beheaded 1572.
Philip Earl of Arundell died 1595.
Thomas Earl of Arundel and Norfolk, died 1646.
Henry Earl of Arundel, Lord Mowbray and Maltravers, died 1652.
Thomas Duke of Norfolk no Iſſue.
Henry Earl of Norwich Duke of Norfolk.
Henry Duke of Norfolk no Iſſue.
Thomas 2d Son, Lord Howard, ob. 1689.
Thomas eldeſt Son D. of Norff. Aº 1701, no Iſſue.
Henry 2d Son no Iſſue.
Edw. 3d Son D. of Norfolk, Aº 1734.
Richard 4th Son no Iſſue.
Philip 5th Son now Living, and hath Iſſue.

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[p] Autog: pen: D. Norff. 1699.

[q] Peerage p. 48.

* No Lete Fee, becauſe it was the Conqueror's own Manor: The Lete never belonging to the Hundred, it being granted with the Manor and all it's Royalties, before the Hundred was granted from the Crown.

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## The Cuſtoms *of this* MANOR *are as follow.*

The Fines are at the Lord's Will, and the Copyhold deſcends to the eldeſt Son; it gives no Dower; the Tenants have Liberty either to erect or pull down Houſes on the Copyhold, at their own Pleaſure, and to cut down Timber on the Copyhold without Licence, as alſo to plant and cut down all manner of Wood and Timber, on all the Commons and Waſtes againſt their own Lands, by the Name of an *Out-run* or *Free-bord*, and to digg Marle or Clay, and cut Furze and Buſhes on the Commons and Waſte.

There were two other ſmall Manors, or Tenements, in *Thweyth* or *Whait*, a Hamlet to *Ferſfield* and *Briſingham*, the one was called,

## ROSES,

To which belonged 14 Acres, adjoining to the Tenement, with other ſmall Rents. [q] This was ſometime Copyhold of the Manor of *Ferſfield*, and by the Lord thereof, was granted to one *Thomas Roſe*, who was Owner of it in 1443, and ſoon after ſold it with all it's Rents, Services, and Appurtenances, to *John Lancaſter*, Junior, Eſq; Lord of *Boyland*, who united it to that Manor.

[r] The other was called,

## IRELAND's.

Being Originally a part of *Ferſfield* Manor, which in *Edward* the IId's Time was granted by the Lord, to one *Jaffery* of *Peſenhale*, from whom it was firſt called *Peſenhale*'s, and from him it went to *John* of *Ireland*, from whom it had it's preſent Name. This *John* it was, that ſold ſeveral Parcels of Land, to be held Free of his Capital Tenement, and others, by other Services, and ſo erected a ſmall Manor, or *Free Tenement*, as they call'd it; many of theſe Tenements we meet with in ſeveral Places, it not being allowed to call theſe Manors, that were thus erected, tho' they were ſuch in Reality, but wherever we meet with them, they all had their Original thus: This alſo was purchaſed by the aforeſaid *John Lancaſter*, and united to the ſame Manor. Upon the Purchaſe it appeared, that there was a Capital Tenement, with 20 Acres in Demean lying by it, with other Lands and Woods, lying in *Ferſfield* in *Tweyth*, and divers other Lands, Rents, and Services in *Ferſfield* and *Briſingham*, all which paid a Free Rent of 6*s.* 8*d. per Ann.* to the Manor of *Ferſfield*, of which it was held by Homage and Fealty, and one Suit of Court.

From this Time they both conſtantly attended the Manor of *Boyland*, and with it were ſold to the *Norfolk* Family, in which they continued, 'till *March* the 12th 1651, when

Henry Earl of *Arundell* and his Truſtees, among other large Eſtates, convey'd to *Anne Henſhaw*, Widow, and *Thomas Henſhaw*, Eſq; and their Heirs for ever, all the Demeans of the Capital Manor, of *Briſingham*, now called the *Hall* Farm, aud *Hall* Grounds, and alſo all that Tenement called *Roſes*, with 16 Acres of Land thereto belonging, lying in *Briſingham* and *Ferſfield*, together with all that Tenement called *Irelands*, lying in *Ferſfield* aforeſaid, with a certain Wood lying there, called *Winley-wood*, and 2 other Incloſures, called *Marketfield*, with all other the Royalties, Priviledges, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, all which were to be held *Free*, without any reſerved Rent whatſoever: The ſaid *Thomas* and *Anne*, *Febr.* 3 1656, ſold all the Eſtates to

*James Perrot* of *Ammerſham* in *Bucks*, Eſq; and his Heirs, and levied a Fine of the whole, *May* 13 1724, *James Perrot* of *Northleigh*, in *Oxfordſhire* Eſq; and *Henry Perrot* Eſq; his Eldeſt Son, and their Truſtees, convey'd theſe two Tenements, *Winley-wood* and *Marketfield*, with all their Rights, and Appurtenances, to

*Henry Blomefield* of *Ferſfield* Gent. and his Heirs, the ſaid *Henry*, by Deed dated the 19th of *March* 1731, convey'd *Winley-wood* and *Marketfield*, to

*Francis Blomefield* Clerk, the preſent Owner: And at his Death, bequeathed the 2 Tenements with all their Rights and Appurtenances, to

*Peter Blomefield*, his 2d Son, who enjoys them at this Day.

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[q] Court Rolls of Ferſfield. [r] ditto.

### The COMMONS,

In King *Henry* the VIIth's Time, were very different from what they are now, for all the *Southfield* was then *Common*, which contained 110 Acres by Meaſure, all which was incloſed by the Lord, with the Tenants Conſent, being divided into 8 Incloſures, which are now called, *Morecraft*, *Horſecloſe*, *Claxtonscloſe*, the great *Ground* or *Southfield*, Upper and Lower *Marketfield*, all now in the Lords Hands, and the two other *Marketfields*, which were ſold off by a former Lord: In lieu of which, an equal Quantity of that which is now called *The great Common* was laid out, by which means, the two Greens, called *Ferſfield Green*, and *Old Green*, were joyn'd together, and laid into one Common, that Part which is now *Forty-Acres*, being Part of *Ferſfield Green*, and the Part from the *Town Meadow* to *Dows Cloſe*, being *Old Green*; and thus they continued 'till *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk* in the Time of King *Henry* VIII, deſiring to make his Great Park at *Kenninghall*, in which his Palace ſtood, every way compleat, incloſed 44 Acres of *Ferſfield Green* into the ſaid Park, becauſe it extended like a Harp, as it is ſaid in the Evidences, into it, and very near to his Palace: Upon this the Inhabitants petitioned his Grace for Relief, who order'd his Bailiff thereupon, to aſſign them other Lands, to the full Value and Quantity of their Land incloſed; but it ſeems this was neglected to be done, for ſoon after they brought an Action, and ſeized upon their antient Common, which had been thus incloſed, upon which the Duke order'd certain Demean Lands, of his Manor of *Ferſfield*, and others of his Manor of *Lopham*, which join'd to the ſaid Common, to be laid out to the Inhabitants of *Ferſfield*, in Recompence for the 44 Acres incloſed, which Lands were called as follow, *viz. Newehall Cloſe*, or *Dow's Cloſe*, containing 20 Acres, abutting on *Dogg-pond*, Weſt, lying in *Ferſfield*, and alſo another Cloſe joining to the former, called the *Coppice Cloſe*, lying in *Lopham*, both of them lying between *Lopham Park*, South, and *Ferſfield Common* North, and abutting Eaſt on *Ferſfield Common*, and Weſt on *Dog-pond*; the other is called *Ruſhie Pightle*, lying in *Ferſfield*, on the other Side of the Common, on which it abutts North and Weſt, and on the Town Land of *Ferſfield* South, all which was begun to be laid out accordingly. But it happened at this very Time, that the Duke was attainted, and the Manor ſeized into the King's Hands, upon which the Workmen were ſtopped levelling the Banks; upon this the Inhabitants laid the Caſe before the Commiſſioners, for the Survey of the Manor when it was ſeized, as appears upon the Survey, who took the Lands that were to be laid out, to the King's Uſe, together with the incloſed 44 Acres, and permitted the Inhabitants to enjoy their antient 110 Acres of Common, which had been incloſed, and which they had ſeized again, in lieu thereof, with which all Parties were ſatisfied; and thus it continued 'till *James* I. when *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel* and *Surrey*, deſirous to perfect the Park, and to make the Demeans of his Manor of *Ferſfield*, as compleat as they were before this Common was ſeized by the Inhabitants, came to Agreement with them in the following Manner. That he and his Succeſſors, ſhould for ever enjoy the 44 Acres of Land incloſed into his Park of *Kenninghall*, for which he ſhould pay all manner of Dues whatſoever, to the Pariſh of *Ferſfield*, and ſhould have the ſame Freebord, for the uſe and increaſe of his Game, upon the Common of *Ferſfield*, without the Pales of the ſaid Land newly incloſed, as he had upon the Commons round his Park, and in that part, before it was incloſed, in Lieu of which, the ſaid Earl agrees, That the Inhabitants ſhall have to them and their Heirs for ever, all the Cloſes afore-mentioned, called, *Ruſhie Pightle*, *Coppice Cloſe*, and *Dow's Cloſe*, as Common for ever; and that the Inhabitants ſhall not pay, or be moleſted in any thing, for that part in *Lopham*, but that the Lord of the Manor of *Lopham* for ever, ſhall anſwer all Things relating thereto, as the Lord of the Manor of *Ferſfield* ſhall do, for that Part in *Ferſfield*. And whereas the Inhabitants held a Piece of Ground containing 6 Acres, called *Monford's Cloſe*, which was formerly incloſed into *Kenninghall Park*, with another ſmall Piece of one Rood, held of *Briſingham* Manor by the Rent of 2*d.* a Year, the Lord confirms the Change that had been made, by aſſigning other Lands in lieu thereof, called the *Bottoms* to the ſaid Inhabitants, together with all, and all manner of Benefits, Privileges, Cuſtoms, Conſtitutions, and By-Laws whatſoever, to the ſaid Tenants and Inhabitants, or any of their Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in *Ferſfield* aforeſaid, in any wiſe appertaining or belonging; upon which, the ſaid Tenants and Inhabitants yielded up to the ſaid Earl, all their right in the ſaid Common, which they had ſeized, for themſelves, and their Heirs for ever, on Condition that the ſaid Earl ſhould tie that Part of the *Southfield*, called the *Great Ground*, lying on the South Side of the Church of *Ferſfield* aforeſaid, to be always unploughed, and to be ſeized and entered upon, at any time by the ſaid Inhabitants, for want of performance of any thing in the Indentures contained, "that they may remaine, "contynue, and be for ever hereafter, Perpetuall, Stable, and Firme to Poſterity, for ever "to endure.

Theſe Indentures bare date the 20*th* of Nov. the 8*th* of *James* I. 1610, and were made between the Right Noble and Honourable THOMAS Earl of *Arundel*, and *Surrey*, *Thomas* Earl of *Suffolk*, Lord Chamberlain of his Highneſs's Houſhold, and one of his Majeſty's moſt Hon. Privy-Council, Lord *Wm. Howard*, youngeſt Son to *Thomas*, late Duke of *Norfolk*, *John Cornwaleys*, of *Earlſoham* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; Sir *John Hobart*, of St. *Mary Spittle*, Knt. *John Holland* of *Kenninghall* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; *Robert Cauſfield* of *London*, Eſq; *Edward Hobart*, and *Rob. Hobart*, Gent. Brothers of the ſaid Sir *John Hobart*, on the one Part, *John Blomefield*, *Agnes Blomefield*, *Samuel Blomefield*, *Roger Seaman*, and Others, the Townſmen and Inhabitants of *Ferſfield* for themſelves, and the Reſidue of the ſaid Inhabitants on the other Part. To this Indenture hang the following Seals; *Arundel*, A Lyon Rampant, Quartering *Maltravers*, a Frette, in the Garter. *Suffolke*, in the Garter. *Howard*, *Brotherton*, *Warren*, and *Mowbray* Quarter'd. *R. Cauſfield*, Frette. *Wm. Howard*, A Lyon Rampant. *Robert Hobart*, the Arms of *Hobart*. The other Seals have no Arms.

## TWAYT *or* WHAIT GREEN

Alſo, belongs to this Pariſh and *Briſingham*, where they are Intercommoners, each having a Drift, it was appropriated to *Tweyth* or *Tweyt*, a Hamlet which belonged to both theſe Towns and was ſo called, from *Hervey de Tweyt*, who lived in 1340, and had a good Eſtate here, as had his Son *Wm. de Tweyt*, and *Robert* his Grandſon; It now contains between 20 and 30 Acres, tho' it was much larger formerly, for a Contention ariſing between the Lord of theſe Towns, and the Tenants, concerning the Cuſtoms of the Manors, It was jointly agreed between them that upon Confirmation of their old Cuſtoms, and the addition of this new one, *viz.* to waſte their Coppyhold Houſes without Licence, (which before that Time they could not do) they ſhould yeild up 50 Acres of this Common, to the Lords ſole Uſe, which was done accordingly, and the Lord enjoys it at this Day, it being Lett with *Boyland-hall* Farm, and is now called the *Cow-paſtures*, this was about 1571, ſoon after the Duke had purchaſed *Briſingham*, by this Addition the old Park of *Kenninghale*, and that late Sir *John Boylands*, were join'd together: and it appears by a Leaſe made ſome Years after, that they reſerved a Way from *Whait-green* to *Boyland-green*, (which joyn'd before this was incloſed.) At this Time alſo it was, that the Way which laid in a direct Line to *New Bokenham*, from the End of the *Green* (which is now the further End of the *Cow-paſture*) was alter'd, and the Entrance made at the *Great Park* Gate off *Ferſfield* Common, and ſo croſs the *Park*, into the old Way by the *Grove*.

There is no other Common but

## WINLEY GREEN,

To which *Lopham* Park joins, and had it's *Freebord* on this Common; all the Parks hereabouts had that Privilege, which was to plant whatever Buſhes and Trees they would againſt the Parks, which the Inhabitants could not cut, (as they do and always have done, all other Trees, Buſhes, *&c.* on the Commons in theſe Manors) but were to belong to the Lord for the Game-keepers to kill their Game from, and for to hinder Eſcapes from the Park. *Briſingham* are Inter-Commoners here, and each Town hath a Drift, tho' formerly it appears from the Rolls, that each Pariſh had their Parts ſeparate, and the Ditches are plainly ſeen to this Day. The Well, or Pond, on this Common, which divides the Bounds, in Evidence is called *Roſe*'s Well, and now *Roe*'s Well.

All the Evidences concerning theſe Affairs are in my own, and the Inhabitants of *Ferſfield*'s Hands, with many others in the Cheſt, from which we learn, that all the Trees on the Commons that are out of the *Freebords* of the Lord, or the *Outruns* of the Tenants, were always taken down and ſtowed by the Church-wardens, for the Uſe of the Poor, and that the Ponds on all the Commons that are out of the *Freebords* and *Outruns*, are to be kept clean by the Inhabitants; that the Town found a Foot Arms; and that the Manors of *Kenninghall*, *Shelfhanger*, *Briſingham* and *Boyland*'s extended hither, and this Manor extended into *Briſingham*, *Roydon*, *Burſton*, *Kenninghall*, *Shimpling*, and *Wortham*, a great Part of which belonged to the Bois's, and ſo was granted to be held of this Manor, ſome by Bond, and others by Free Tenures, many of which ſtill remain.

## *The* BENEFACTORS *were*

Jaffry Ellingham of *Ferſfield*, who by Will dated *Apr.* 18, 1493, commended his Soul to GOD, the Bleſſed Virgin, and all the Saints, and his Body to be buried in the Church of *Ferſfield*, aforeſaid, to which he gave a Wax Candle of a Pound Weight, to be placed before the Image of the Virgin *Mary* there, to be lighted and burn't the whole time of Divine Service, as long as it will laſt. He gave alſo in Honour of the Paſſion of our Lord Jesus Christ, a Croſs of Copper Gilt of 40*s.* Price, and a good Carpet to lie before the High Altar. He alſo gave 4 Marks to build a South Porch, and order'd his Executors to make a new * Bell Sollar in the Church, like that at *Eaſt Herling*, that the Proceſſion might go under it while the Bells ring. He gave alſo 5 Marks towards Building the new Bell Sollar at *Kenninghall*, and 20*d.* towards a new Bell at *Ruſhworth*, and 4*d.* a-piece to the Brothers of the College there, to ſay Maſs for his Soul. He gave alſo his Meſſuage and Tenement in which he lived, lying in *Ferſfield* aforeſaid, with all his Lands incloſed, and the Privileges thereto belonging, together with one Pightle incloſed, and Half an Acre of Meadow lying in the Common Meadow of *Ferſfield* aforeſaid, to *Margaret* his Wife for Life, and at her Deceaſe, to the uſe of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town for ever; all which were to be veſted in Feoffees for divers uſes, with Condition, that if thoſe uſes ſhould fail (as it hath happen'd ſince) then the clear Profits ariſing from the ſaid Premiſes, ſhould be laid out in Repairing and Beautifying the Pariſh Church for ever; and all the reſt of his Lands he order'd his Executors to ſell, with theſe Reſtrictions, that the Purchaſer ſhould not be a Gentleman, nor have any other Lands or Tenements in the World, and that he or they ſhould live in the Houſes, and occupy the Lands themſelves, to the Advantage of the Pariſh, *John Caundiche*, Clerk, Rector, was his Superviſor. It was proved the ſame Year on the 20th of *June*, at *Bokenham St. Martin's*, (or *New Bokenham*) before *Bartholomew Northern*, Batchelor of Laws, Commiſſary to *James* Biſhop of *Norwich*, who was then on his Viſitation at *Bokenham* aforeſaid. The Probate is now in the Church Cheſt at *Ferſfield*, and is enter'd in the Regiſter called *Awbrye*, in the 3d Part, fol. 141. in the Biſhop's Office.

The Farm is now in Feoffees Hands to the uſe of the Church, about which the Profits are expended, either in repairing, beautifying, or purchaſing proper Ornaments to it: It is now Lett at 18 l. *per Ann.* and pays a Yearly Quitrent to the Manor of *Ferſfield* of 10*s.* 9*d.* a Year. The Meſſuage with 3 Acres of Land adjoining, 3 Acres and an Half incloſed, lying in the further Cloſe next the Common, a Pightle called *Hoppin's* of an Acre and Half, and Half an Acre in *Billings* Meadow, is Copyhold on the ſaid Manor, 4 Acres called *Penſcroft*, and all other the Lands thereto belonging, are Freehold without any reſerved Rent; ſome of the Lands have been changed with the Duke of *Norfolk*, an Account of which, you have with the Commons of this Town.

In the Name of GOD *Amen*, 2 *July* 1589. I *Matthewe Walter* of *Bliford* in *Suffolk*, do make this my Laſt Will, &c: my Body to be buried in the Church-Yard of *Bliford* aforeſaid.
*Item.* “ I geve and bequeathe unto *Margaret* my Wief, all my Tenement, Landes, Mea-
“ dowes, Feedings and Paſtures, with the Appurtenances, ſcituate, lying and being in *Blyford*
“ aforeſay'd, which I lately purchaſed of *Thomas Back*, to hold to her, and her Aſſignes, dur-
“ ing the tearme of her Naturall Lief; and after her Deceaſe, I Will that the ſayd Tenement,
“ together with all and ſinguler the above-reſited Premiſes, with the Appurtenaunces, and one
“ Cloſe lying in *Holton*, Conteyninge eightene Acres, which I latelie purchaſed of *W. Bonett*,
“ and alſo one Meadowe with the Appurtenaunces, lyeing in *Bulchim*, in the ſay'd Countie of
“ *Suffolk*, ſhall ymediatly after the Deceaſe of the ſay'd *Margaret*, my Wief, remayne unto
“ *John Parker* my Coſyn, and his Heires and Aſſignes for ever, upon this Condition, that is
“ to ſaye, that the ſay'd *John Parker*, his Heyres or Aſſignes, or anie one of them, ſhall year-
“ lye and every Yeare for ever, after the Deceaſe of the ſay'd *Margaret* my Wief, paie or
“ cauſe to be paied unto the pore People of the Townes, Pariſhes, or Hamletts, hereafter-men-
“ tioned, the Somme of ten Powndes of lawfull Monie of *Ingland*, in the Manner enſuing;
“ that is to ſaye, to the pore People of *Farsfield* in the Countie of *Norfolk* 20*s.* to the pore
“ People of *Breſingham* in the ſame Countie 20*s.* to the pore People of *Holton* in the Countie
“ of *Suffolk* 10*s.* to the pore People of *Bliford* aforeſay'd 20*s.* to the pore People of *Hallis-*
“ *worth* 20*s.* to the pore People of *Blitheburgh* 20*s.* to the pore People of *Bulchim* 10*s.* to the
“ pore People of *Suthwold* 20*s.* to the pore People of *Reydon* by *Suthwold*, in the Countie of
“ *Suff.* 10*s.* to the pore People of *Wangford* 20*s.* to the pore People of *Henham* 10*s.* to the pore
“ People of *Uggiſhall* 10*s.* to the pore People of *Stoven* 10*s.* Otherwiſe if the ſay'd *John Parker*
“ ſhall make Default of Payment, of the ſay'd Yerlie Payment of ten Powndes, in manner
“ and form aforeſayd, then I Will, and my full Mynd is, that all the Premiſes ſhall go to
“ *Baſingbourne Parker*, Brother of the ſayd *John*, and if he makes Default, then to Mr. *Francis*
“ *Braye*, Son of Mr. *Saynt John Braye*, under the ſame Limitations. † He gives the Profits of his Lands in *Attleboroughe* and *Holton*, and the Lands called the *Oke* (except the Annuity that

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* This was taken down in 1722, when the Gallery was built.

† This Margaret when he married her, was Widow of H. Baker.

he gave his Wife out of them) to his Executors for ten Years, to perform his Will, and then to be ſold “ to the beſt Price, and the Monie thereof cominge, to be equallie divided, the one “ Half to and amongeſt my pore Kindred, and the other in Deeds of Charitie, by the Diſcre-“ tion of my Executors. *Item*, I give and bequeath unto *Thomas Morſe*, the Son of *Anthonie*, “ and to his Heirs, all that my Meadowe or Fen with all and ſingular its Appurtenaunces in *Uggiſhall*, to have and to hold to him, his Heirs and Aſſignes for ever, upon Condition, that he, his “ Heirs, or Aſſignes do yearly and every Year for ever, after my Deceaſe, paie or cauſe to be “ paied to the pore People of *Uggiſhall* the Somme of 10*s*. And for Default thereof 'tis given to *Henry Crowfoot* the Younger and his Heirs for ever, under the ſame Limitations; *Nicholas* and *John Walter* his Brothers, Executors, *Thomas Morſe* of *Uggiſhall*, Superviſor. Witneſſes, *Wm. Baker*, *John Neale*, *Wm. Skott*, *Wm. Peters*. It was proved at *Blitheburgh*, before Mr. *Bartho. Stiles*, Clerk, Surrogate to Mr. *John Maplizden*, Archdeacon of *Suffolk*, the 4th of *November*, 1589.

*Margaret* Relict of the Teſtator, was buried at *Bliford*, the 22 *June* 1611, as appears by the Pariſh Regiſter.

This Legacy is yearly paid to the Rector and Church-wardens, and is diſtributed among the Poor at their Diſcretion. In 1687, the Eſtate belonged to *Robert Brodwell* of *Weſthall* in *Suff.* and now to Mr. *Wm. Crowefoot* of *Beccles*, who pays the Money, without any Deduction for Taxes, theſe Lands being exempted, on Account of the Charity.

In 1595, *John Dalton* ſurrendr'd half a Rood of Land in *Billings Meadow*, to the Uſe of the Inhabitants of *Fersfield* for ever. This was ſold by general Conſent, in the Year 1600, and was the very Peice that *Billings Gate* ſtood on, over which, the Road into the Meadow (which was then *Lammas* or Half Year Ground) paſſed, by which Purchaſe the whole Meadow (except the half Acre of Town Land, which *Elingham* gave) was got into one Perſons hands, who afterward by Conſent of all the Commoners, upon paying a Sum of Money to the Towns Uſe, incloſed it; from which Time it ceaſed to be open'd at *Lammas*, tho' the Meadow on the other Side of the Lane, at the Weſt End of it, in which there are ſeveral Owners, ſtill continues *Lammas*, at which Time, it becomes *Common*, and ſo continues 'till the 8th of *March*.

There is alſo half an Acre of Land, called the *Town Patch*, which is Freehold, Lett at 10*s.* 6 *d. per Ann.* now veſted in Feoffees, to the Uſe of the Church, but by whom it was given I do not find. There is another ſmall Peice of Ground, which was taken off the Common, to build a Town Houſe upon, and another ſmall Peice, called *Becks-yard*, on which a Town Houſe formerly ſtood.

## FERSFIELD RECTORY

Is in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Deanry of *Redenhall*,[*] being under the Value of 10 Marks, it pays no Firſt Fruits, tho' it does Yearly Tenths, it being undiſcharged. It hath a Rectory Houſe, and 51 Acres of Glebe, all in the Rector's Poſſeſſion at this Time, and all Tythes are due in their proper Kind. It paid 12 *d. Peter-pence*, and was taxed at 8 Marks in the *Old Valor*. In the Anſwers of the Parſons *Anno* 1603, *Henry Womack*, A. M. Rector, returned his Anſwer, *viz.* that there were 75 Communicants in the Pariſh, that he was doubly beneficed, holding this, with the Vicarage of *Great Ellingham* in *Rockland* Deanry, that Sir *Thomas Cornwaleys*, and *Anthony Wyngfield* were Patrons by Courſes.

| King's Books | Tenths. | Synodals. | Archd: Procura: | Norw. Taxa: | Pention. | Acres of Glebe. |
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| 06 06 08 | 00 12 08 | 00 01 00 | 00 05 00 | 05 00 00 | 00 06 08 | 51 00 00 |

[†] The Prior of the Priory of the Monks of St. *Mary* at *Thetford* (now called the *Abbey*) had two Tythe Sheaves out of every three, of all the Wheat growing on certain Lands in this Pariſh, which Portion of Tythes, was given them by *Wm. de Boſco*, or *Bois*, in the 11th Century, ſoon after their Foundation, and was confirmed among other Donations, by *Wm. Bygod*, the principal Lord of the Fee, of whom it was held by the *Bois's*; it is called two Meaſures in that Deed, but in the Leiger Book of this Houſe, two Garbs, or Sheaves. This was afterwards, with other Revenues, confirmed to them by King *Henry* II. when he was at *Thetford*, in theſe Words, *Eccleſia de Tirevilla*, for *Firevilla*, or *Fersfield*; the Rector afterwards came to a perpetual Compoſition with the Prior for this Portion of Tythes, for which he and his Suc-

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[*] All Rectories not exceeding the Value of 10 Marks, and all Vicarages not exceeding 10 *l.* in the King's Books, pay no Firſt Fruits, tho' they do Tenths, unleſs they are diſcharged upon the Act.

[†] Dugd. Mon: Ang: Tom: 1. fol. 665, 7.

ceſſors were to pay for ever, an annual § Pention of 6 *s.* 8 *d.* which is now paid to his Grace the Duke of *Norfolk*, to whoſe Predeceſſors, the ſaid Priory, with all that belonged to it, was given at it's Diſſolution: And this was the only Religious Houſe that was ever concern'd in this Pariſh, except the Priory of St. *James* at *Old Bokenham*, the Prior of which held Lands here, that were purchaſed of Sir *John Verdon*, along with the *Priory Manor* of *Briſingham*; all which paſſed, as that did, and therefore I need only refer you thither. [ſee fol. 41.]

## RECTORS.

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| | *Wm. de Boſco*, or *Bois*, PATRON and Rector. |
| 1312, Kal. *March*, | *Wm. Tngreth, de Debenham*, Prieſt. CHRISTIAN DE MOSE, formerly Wiſe of Sir ROBERT DE BOSCO, Knt. |
| 1313, 9 Kal. *Apr.* | *Wm. de Carliſle*, Accolite. *ditto.* |
| 1316, 4 Kal. *Oct.* | *Thomas de Merchſtone*, Accolite. *ditto.* |
| 1327, 7 Ides *Apr.* | *Rafe de Blakesdone*, Prieſt. THOMAS, Earl Marſhal, Earl of *Norfolk*, Son to the King, Guardian to *Robert de Boſco*, Knt. deceas'd; the Manor of *Ferſfield* being held of the Earl, who, at the Death of *Chriſtian* ſeized him as his Ward. |
| 1326, 18 Kal. *Febr.* | *Nicholas de Aſchfield*, Prieſt, at the Reſignation of *Blakeſdone*. *ditto.* |
| | *Nicholas Ulton*, Rector, he reſigned, and in |
| 1344, 22 *Decem.* | *Andrew Gylour de Wymboteſham*, Prieſt, ſucceeded. JOHN HOWARD, Knt. |
| 1352, 25 *October*, | *Richard Munch*, Prieſt, at *Gylour*'s Reſignation, who changed with him for the Vicarage of St. *Mary Magdalen* of *Wygenhale*. Sir JOHN UFFORD, Knt. |
| 1358, 4 *July*, | *Robert Agaz*, (or *Agar*) Prieſt, at *Munch*'s Reſignation, who changed for *Blownorton St. Andrew*. Sir JOHN DE UFFORD, Knt. |
| 1381, 15 *June*, | *John Grym*, Prieſt, WILL. DE UFFORD, Earl of *Suffolk*, Sir JOHN LOVELL, Sir JOHN TUDDENHAM, Knts. JOHN HOLKHAM, JOHN MARLERE, Rector of *Iſlyngton*, and RICH. DE WALTON, true Patrons, by Virtue of a Feoffment in truſt, made to them by Sir ROB. HOWARD, Knt. |
| 1391, 17 *Apr.* | *John Gate* of *Preſton*, Prieſt, at *Grym's* Reſignation, who changed this for *Garboldiſham*. MARGARET, Relict of Sir ROB. HOWARD, Knt. |
| 1405, 12 *May*, | Sir *Thomas Kynge* of *Brethenham*, Prieſt. Sir JOHN HOWARD, Knt. |
| 1406, 6 *Apr.* | *John Yutte*, *(Gutte* or *Gate)* of *Garboldiſham*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1411, 15 *Febr.* | Sir *Thomas Gowthfield* of *Ixworth*, Prieſt, *ditto*. He was inſtituted to the Pariſh Church of *Ferſfield*, with the Chapel of St. *Anne* thereto annexed. |
| 1424, 7 Novem. | *John Bettys*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1477, | *Richard Bulle*, or *Boole*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1493, | *John Caundiche*, Rector. |
| | *Richard Bulle* died Rector, having taken it again after his Reſignation. |
| 1503, 28 *Aug.* | *Henry Gayton*, Rector. JOHN DE VERE, Earl of *Oxford*. |
| 1527, 17 *Jan.* | *Thomas Weſtley*, A. M. on *Gayton*'s Death. ELIZABETH Counteſs of *Oxford*. |
| 1532, 2 *Jan.* | Sir *VVm. Cotney*, Chaplain, on *VVeſtley's* Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1559, 13 *Febr.* | Sir *Richard Flynt*, Prieſt, on *Cotney*'s Death. ROB. WYNGFILDE, Knt. |
| 1579, 29 *Apr.* | *John Dalton*, Clerk, on *Flynt*'s Death. HUGH MULLEY, Yeoman. |
| 1579, 30 *Dec.* | ‖ *VVm. Pecket* on *Flynt*'s Death. ROB. WYNGFILDE, Knt. |
| 1595, 19 *Aug.* | * *Henry Womack*, Clerk, at *Pecket*'s Reſignation. ** JOHN CORNWALEIS, Eſq; |
| 1609, 2 *Dec.* | *Lawrence Womack*, S. T. B. by Reſignation. † Lapſe. |
| 1642, 21 *July*, | ¶ *Arthur Womack*, A. M. on *Lawrence*'s Death. The King as Guardian to ROBERT WYNGFIELD. |
| 1685, 3 *Auguſt*, | *John Barker* on *Arthur*'s Death. THO. BARKER, Gent. |
| 1729, 13 *Sept.* | *Francis Blomefield*, Clerk, the preſent Rector, was inſtituted on the Death of *John Barker*, at the Preſentation of HENRY BLOMEFIELD, Gent. Patron of this Turn. |

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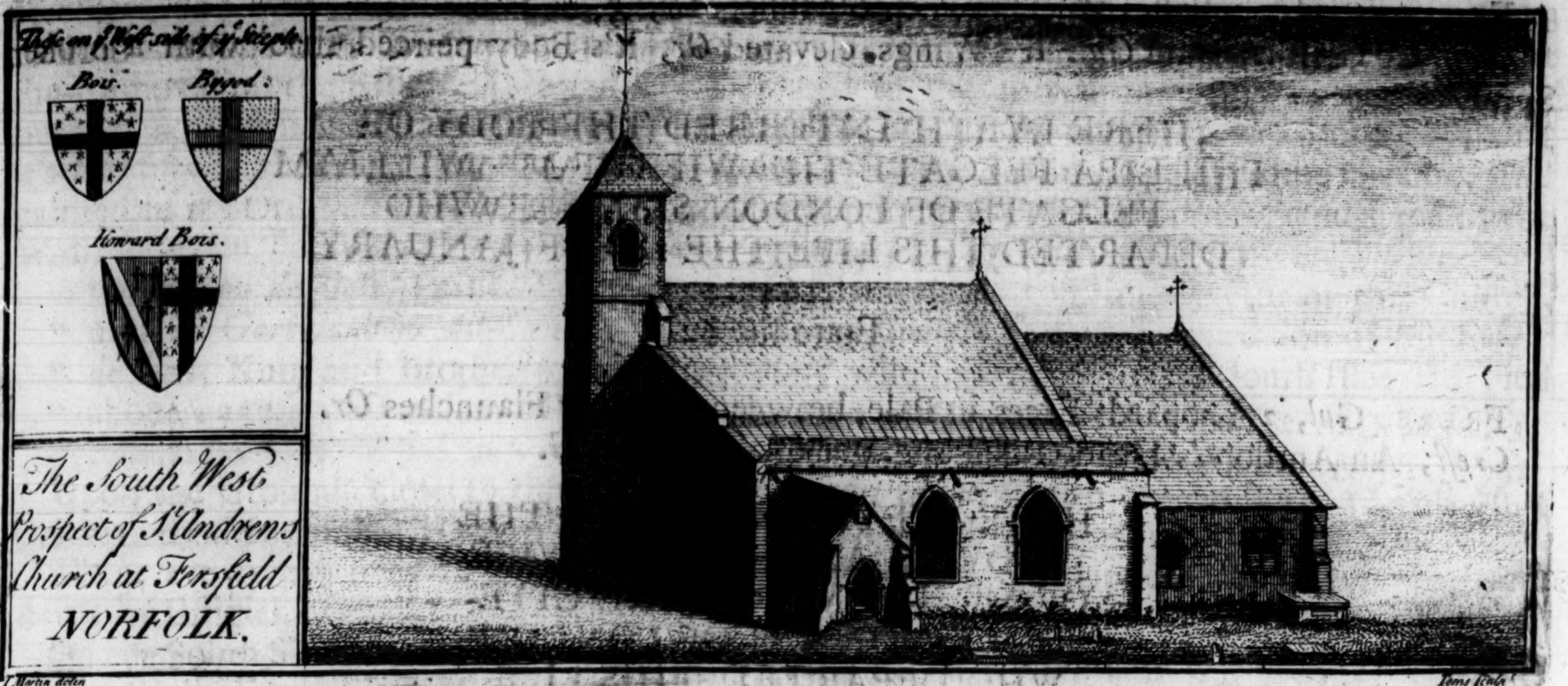
§ Before the Council of Lateran, A° 1215, every Lord and Owner, (tho' he was obliged to pay his Tythes) had it in his power to pay them, or grant them to whoever he would, ſo that they were eccleſiaſtical Perſons that received them, to all which arbitrary Grants, this Council put an End, and from theſe Grants it was, that moſt Pentions had their Original, the Lord often granting the Tythes of his Demeans, or every third Garb of them (juſt as he pleaſed) to any Religious Houſe that he had a favour for; and in like Manner every common Owner (with the Conſent of the Lord, of whom the Land was held, and not otherwiſe) could grant his Tythes, or any part of them, to any Religious Houſe or other Pariſh than that in which the Lands laid, and to ſuch Grants as theſe it is owing, that oftentimes one Pariſh hath Tythes, or a Portion of Tythes, from another Pariſh, or ſometimes an annual Sum or Penſion inſtead of it, (for there were generally perpetual Compoſitions made for ſuch Tythes which are now called Penſions) tho' ſometimes it continues otherwiſe to this Day; and indeed we find, that a Lord when he founded a Church in his own Manor, generally endowed it with the Tythes of all the Lands belonging to that Manor or Fee, in whatever Pariſhes they laid, and this very Thing was the Foundation of ſuch great Intermixtures in many Pariſhes, as we now find.

‖ He had Briſingham alſo. * He had Great Ellingham.

** By Grant of this Turn from Robert Wyngfild, Knt. he had a Moiety of the Advowſon and Sir Thomas Cornwaleis was his Brother and Heir. † He had Lopham. ¶ He had Quidenham.



The South West Proſpect of St. Andrews Church at Ferſfield NORFOLK.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, whoſe Effigies was painted on the Wall over the North Door, tho' now whited over; who was the firſt Founder of a Church here I know not, but the preſent Nave, in all probability, was built by Sir *Robert*, Son of Sir *Robert de Boſco*, Knt. about the latter End of the 12th Century, whoſe 3d Son *Wm. de Boſco*, Prieſt, built the Chancel, and reſerved an Arch in the North Wall, for his own burial, his Father Sir *Robert* being buried (as I take it) cloſe by him. After this, about 1308, Sir *Robert de Boſco*, Eldeſt Son of the laſt mentioned Sir *Robert*, began to build an additionary South Iſle, with a Chapel at it's Eaſt End, in which he reſerved an Arch under the South Window for his own Grave, but Dying in 1311, the Work ſtood ſome time unfiniſhed, his Son Sir *Robert* being a Minor, who lived ſo little Time after he came of Age, that he alſo died in 1333, before it was perfected, *Alice* his Siſter and Heireſs, being then married to Sir *John Howard*, Junior, Knt. who finiſhed the Work, and adorned the Sepulchre of the ſaid Sir *Robert*, his Father-in-Law, and the Windows of the Iſle with the Arms of his own, and Wife's Family; and indeed I am apt to think, that they both were buried in the Chapel (which was dedicated to St. *Anne*) at the Eaſt End of this Iſle, for I don't meet with the Place of their Burial in any Author, and by all that I can collect from Evidences, they lived and died here. He it was alſo that built the Steeple, as the Arms carved in Stone plainly prove; the Firſt is a plain Croſs, being the Arms of *Bygod*, from whom the *Bois*'s had the Town; the Second is *Bois*'s Arms ſingle, between which is his own Coat, impaling that of his Wife, *viz. Howard* and *Bois*. The South Porch and Bellfry, were built in 1494, with Money given by *Jaffery Ellingham*, of *Ferſfield*, for that Uſe, as may be ſeen in his Will. [fol. 63.]

It is a ſmall Building, but in good Repair, the Nave, Chancel, and South Porch being tiled, and the South Iſle leaded; the Steeple is ſquare and hath but two Bells, tho' it had three, 'till the ſecond was ſplit by a Tempeſt about 80 Years ſince, together with the Steeple, which is now ſupported by Iron Cramps; part of it's Metal was ſold in 1708, towards repairing the Church, which was then new paved, together with the Chancel, at the Charge of Mr. *John Barker*, then Rector, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, by whom the Chancel was new roofed at that Time; ſhe gave alſo a new Sett of Clothes for the Deſk and Pulpit, of Purple Velvet, with a neat Purple Cloth Carpet, wrought with Gold, and a Cuſhion for the Pulpit of the ſame, with Cuſhions to lay round the Altar Rails, and a large Cedar Cheſt to lay them in, on the Lid of which are the Arms of *Tilney*, impailing *Read*, being the Arms of *Francis Tilney*, Rector of *Briſingham*, her Father, and his Wife, Daughter of *Thomas Read*, Eſq; her Mother, under which is written,

> Hâc, Lector, Cedri Clauſâ conduntur in arcâ,
> Veſtimenta quidem Conſecrata Deo.

At the Step of the Altar lie two Black Marbles, thus inſcribed,

Felgate, *Az.* 2 Feſſes *Arg.* between 6 Mullets *Or,* 3, 2, 1.
*Creſt*, A Griffin Seiant *Gul.* it's Wings elevated *Or,* it's Body peirced thro' with a broken Spear.

HERE LYETH INTERRED THE BODY OF
PHILLIPA FELGATE THE WIFE OF M$^{R.}$ WILLIAM
FELGATE OF LONDON SKINNER WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 18th OF JANUARY
1645.
Etate ſue 62.

Frere, *Gul,* 2 Leopards Faces in Pale, between as many Flaunches *Or.*
*Creſt*, An Antilope's Head eraſed *Arg.* out of a Coronet, *G.*

HERE LYETH INTERRED THE
BODY OF ANNE FRERE WIFE
OF M$^{R.}$ THOMAS FRERE CITEZEN & SKINNER OF LONDON
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
THE 25 OF JANUARY: 1643
AGED: 29 YEARES.

On a ſmall Black Marble in the Altar Rails,

HERE LIES BURIED
HENRY BLOMEFIELD GENT.
WHO DIED NOV: THE 3D
1670.
ANN HIS FIRST WIFE
LIES AT HIS RIGHT HAND
AND DIANA HIS SECOND
AT HIS LEFT.

On the Back Side of the Screens is this,

The
Father
The Word and
The Holy Ghoſt,
And theſe Three,
Are one. 1. John 5. 7.
Three in One. Luke 3. 21. 22.
One in Three. Gen. 1. 2. Io: 1. 3.
Is Unity, in Trinity. Iohn: 15. 26.

Under an Arch in the North Wall, about 2 or 3 Feet from the Eaſt End, lies an Effigies of a Prieſt in his Habit, carved in Stone, having had 4 Prieſts kneeling in their Surplices by him, two on each Side. This lying level with the Floor, had contracted moiſture, and began to decay very much, and therefore in Order to hinder it's decaying further, I cauſed it to be taken out of it's Place, and the Whiting, with which it had been waſhed over, to be ſcraped off cautiouſly, upon which, I diſcover'd the Colours, with which it was firſt adorned, and found that the large Stone, on which he lies, was Green, repreſenting the Earth, his Head lies on a Pillow, and that on a Cuſhion, both which were Red, the Cuſhion being flower'd with Silver, and the Pillow with Gold, his Feet lye on a Buck Couchant *Ermine*, which is the Creſt of the Bois's, his Gown was Black, his Caſſock Red, gilt all over, in Imitation of Embroidery, and powder'd all over with *Ermine*, round his waſte is a Girdle, which was Green, buckled with a black Buckle, upon his Breaſt, from the Neck to the Girdle, was the compleat Arms of the Bois's, which may ſtill be ſeen, in two of the Chancel Windows, the Circumſcription was in *French*, the Letters being only painted, on the Stone which he lies on, and is all loſt but theſe Words, ----: KI : - - - - - - - : AVERA : - - - -. However we are not at a Loſs to know who he was, for from the Arms and Creſt, it is plain, he was a *Bois*, from the Habit, that he was a Prieſt, and from the Arch that he lies in, (which muſt have been made, when the Chancel was built, as any one upon Sight of it muſt own) that he was Builder of the Chancel; ſo that it can be no-body but *William du Bois*, Prieſt, Rector here, who when he built the Chancel, reſerved this Place for his own Interment? He afterwards reſigned this Rectory, and was inſtituted to *Garboldiſham All-Saints*, which he reſigned ſome Years after, for the Vicarage of *Great Conerth* in *Suffolk*, of which Place he died Vicar, about 1352. At the Removal of the Effigie, I found it was joined in the midſt, and Hollow, being full of burnt Coals, which were put there to ſuck up the Moiſture, and keep the Stone dry, that it's Colours might not be injured; I had it rais'd above a Foot high from the Ground, and painted in it's Original Colours, cauſing this Inſcription to be put on a Plate, and fixed to the Wall.

> " *William du Bois*, Prieſt, Founder of this Chancel, Patron, and Rector of this Church,
> " and of *Garboldiſham All-Saints*, Vicar of *Great Conerth* in *Suffolk*, third Son of Sir *Robert*
> " *du Bois*, Knt. and Brother to that Sir *Robert*, who lies buried in the South Iſle; He died
> " about 1352.

Upon the Ground, cloſe to the Arch, lies a large raiſed Coffin Stone, with a Croſs on 3 Grieces, the Monument perhaps of his Father, both which are here preſented to your View.

There are two Stones in the Chancel diſ-robed of their Inſcriptions, but never had any Arms or Effigies.

On the South Side of St. *Anne*'s Chapel, in the South Iſle, under the Window, in an Arch in the Wall, lies an Effigies of a Knight, Armed Cap-a-pee, cut out of one Piece of Oak, which being in a dirty Condition, I had it taken out and waſhed very clean, and upon removing it, found it hollowed and filled as the former, with burn't Coals, the Plank on which it lies was painted Green, with Flowers, Graſs, and Leaves, the Effigies is exact 6 Feet, and proportionable in all Parts, a Sword hangs on a Belt by his Side, under the Head was a Board, having on it, when I firſt took it up, the Arms of *Bois* and *Latimer* very perfect, and in *Latimer*'s Coat, was a Labell of 3 *Arg.* which very plainly proves, who he was that was buried here. The Colours of the Arms ſcaled off in 2 or 3 Days, after they were expoſed to the Air, for which reaſon I had them painted on the Pillow under his Head, his Helmet and Gantlets, were powder'd with *Ermine*, and every other folding of his military Caſſock, which hangs down lower than his Armour, was the ſame, it being the Field of his own Coat, the other Foldings were *Gul.* the Field of his Wife's, his Feet reſt on a Buck Couchant, *Arg.* ſpotted with *Ermine*, being his Creſt. His Armour was Mail, gilt all over with Gold, and on his Breaſt-Plate was his perfect Coat, *Erm.* A Croſs *Sab.* His Head lies on a Pillow painted with Red, and flower'd with Silver, and that lies on a Cuſhion painted as of Green Velvet, flower'd with Gold, with which his Spurs are cover'd; ſeveral Embelliſhments were gilded on a Cement, and let into the Wood in ſeveral Places, on his Belt, Sword, and Spurs, and on the Edge of the Plank that he lies on, and then cover'd with Glaſs, but moſt were defaced, thoſe that remained were; a Man's Head cooped at the Neck, with Leaves in his Mouth, a ſpread Eagle, a Dog meeting a Hare, a Dog fighting a Lyon, a Bull toſſing a Dog, and a Lyon Couchant, with an Eagle ſtanding on him, picking out his Eyes, all which ſeem to intimate, that the Deceas'd delighted chiefly in War, and Rural Exerciſes, but on a very large one that came off the Edge at his Feet, was a Repreſentation of a Building with Arches, under which were two Hands join'd, holding up a Book, to ſignify (as I take it) his Founding this Iſle, the Inſcription was on the Edge. After removeing the Seats that ſtood before it, I cauſed it to be painted in the ſame Colours as near as could be, and added this Inſcription,

> " Sir *Robert du Bois*, Knt. Son of Sir *Robert*, and Grandſon of Sir *Robert du Bois*, Knts.
> " Founder of this Iſle, Lord of this Manor, and Patron of this Church, died in 1311,
> " Aged 43 Years. He marry'd *Chriſtian*, Daughter of Sir *Wm. Latimer*, Widow of Sir *John*
> " *Carbonel*, of *VValdingfield* in *Suffolk*, by whom he had Sir *Robert* his only Son, who died
> " unmarried in 1333, and *Alice* an only Daughter, who married Sir *John*, Son of Sir *John*
> " *Howard*, Knt. and carried the whole Eſtate of the *Bois*'s to that Noble Family.

The Windows of the Iſle, and in particular the Eaſt Window of the Chapel, were formerly beautifully adorned with Paintings on Glaſs, of the Twelve Apoſtles, the Bleſſed Virgin, and St. *Anne* her Mother, to whom the Chapel was dedicated. She had a famous Image ſtanding in it, and a large *Gild* kept to her Honour, * to which moſt that died, in this, and the adjacent Towns, generally gave ſomething, and often left Money to find Wax Candle, and Lights, continually burning before it: From this Place Proceſſions were uſually made to a Well, or Spring, about 60 Yards from the North Gate of the Church-yard, at the Foot of the Hill, which is ſtill called *Tann*'s Well, being a Corruption for St. *Anne*'s Well. There was a ſeparate Chaplain that ſerved here from it's Foundation, to 1411, and then it was united to the Pariſh Church, the Rector being obliged to find a Chaplain, which from this Time, was removeable at his Pleaſure; I meet with but few of their Names. In 1477, Sir *William Manuel* ſerved here, and at his going off, Sir *Reginald Cooper* ſucceeded. The Windows were glazed by Sir *John Howard*, Knt. whoſe Effigies remained in the Eaſt Window, when Mr. *Weaver* publiſhed his Book, [ſee fol. 851.] and it is very plain from the Arms about it, (which were preſerved in the Pedigree of the *Howards*) that it was that Sir *John*, who married *Margaret*, Daughter of Sir *John Plais*.

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* 1326, Sir John Verdon, Lord of Briſingham, gave a Quarter of Wheat to St. Anne's Gild at Fersfield.

1476, John Byllyng of Fersfield, gave his beſt Ram to this Gild.

1505, Richard Midleditch of Breſingham, gave 20 d. by Will to it.

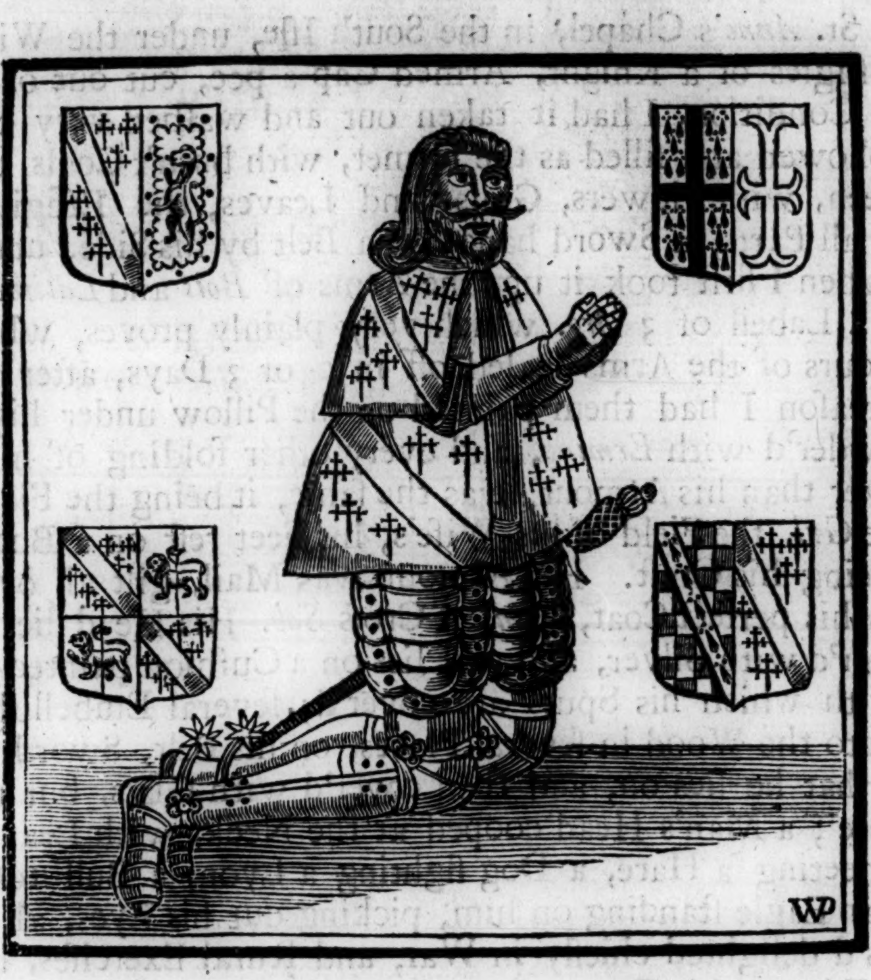
1506. 24 Jan. Thomas Harlyng, Preſt of Hopton, gave 20d.

The 1st Coat being HOWARD impaling CORNWALL; *Arg.* A Lyon Rampant *Gul.* in a Bordure ingrail'd *Sab.* Bezanté, the Arms of his Great Grandfather and Grandmother.

The 2d is BOIS and LATIMER; his Grandmother being a *Bois*, and her Mother a *Latimer*.

The 3d is HOWARD, Quarter'd with PLAIS, being his own and Wife's Coat.

The 4th is CLIFTON, impaling HOWARD; the Coat of *Margaret Howard*, his only Daughter by *Plais*, who was then married to Sir *Conſtantine Clifton*, Knt.



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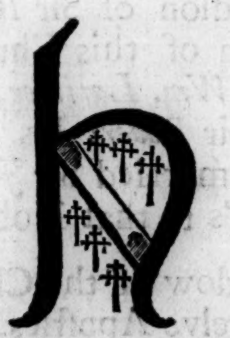

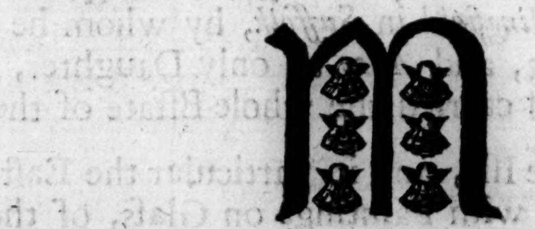

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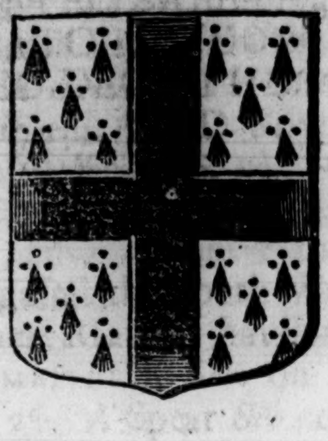

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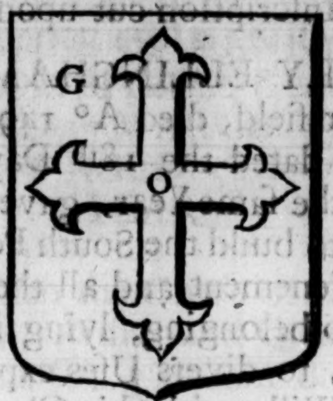

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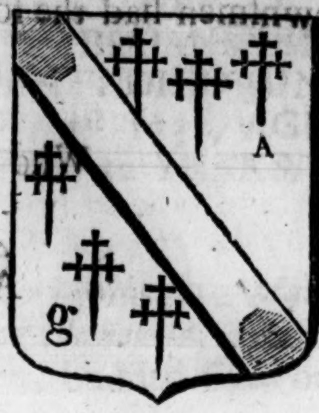

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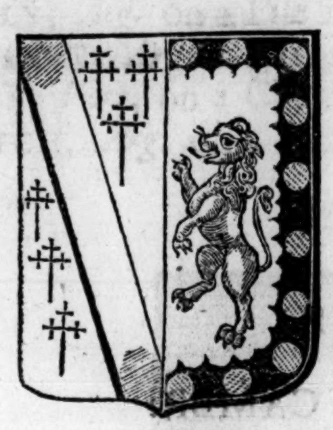

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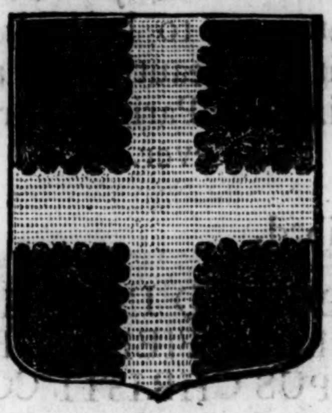

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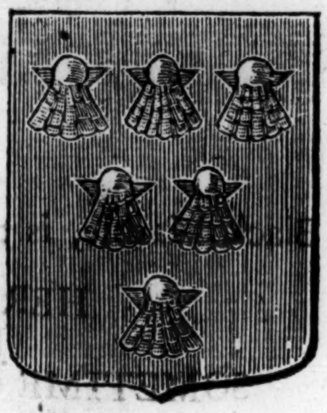

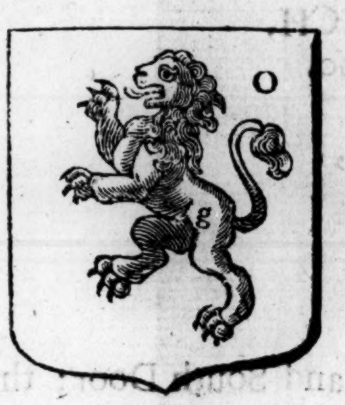

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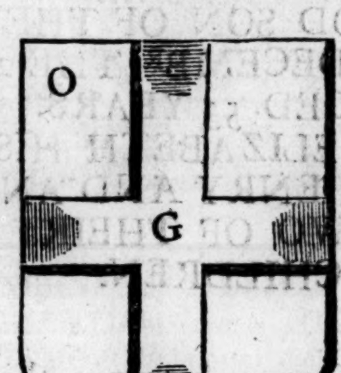

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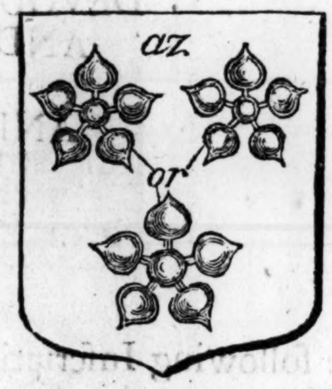

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*In the 43d Year of his Age,*
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This Stone is placed by
*Martha Flowerdew his Widow,*
In Teſtimony of her Love and
Affection.

On another Stone in Shape of a Coffin.

John Father of
Jeffry Ellingham,
Died Aº 1478.

He Willed to be buried here, and gave *6* Marks to repair the Church; to the Altar 3 *s.* 4 *d.* to St. *Anne* Mother of the Mother of God, 2 *s.* to keep up the Common Torches of the Town 12 *d.* to the Friers Preachers at *Thetford* xs.

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JEFFRY ELLINGHAM,
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Who by Will, dated the 18th Day of April
in the ſame Year, gave
4 Marks to build the South Porch,
And his Tenement and all the Lands
thereto belonging, lying in
Fersfield, to divers Uſes expreſſed
in his Will, with this Clauſe,
That if ſuch Uſes ſhould fail,
(as it hath ſince happen'd)
then the clear Yearly Proffitts
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in repairing, beautifying, and
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JOHN BLOMEFIELD, GENT.
SOMETIME OF CORPUS CHRISTI COLL: IN CAMBR:
AFTERWARDS AN INHABITANT OF
THIS PLACE, WHERE HE LIVED A VERY
CHARITABLE, HUMBLE, PEACEABLE,
DEVOUT, GOOD SON OF THE CHURCH,
AND DIED DECEMBR. THE 22d, 1700.
AGED 55 YEARS.
AND ALSO ELIZABETH HIS WIFE,
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All theſe following Inſcriptions on Stones, between the North and South Door; the three firſt in the Nave, and the three laſt in the South Iſle.

ALICE,
DAUGHTER
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DIED NOV. 23,
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HERE LIETH THE BODY
OF MR. JOHN BLOME-
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BLOMEFIELD'S *Arms* and *Creſt*.

Repoſitæ ſunt ſub hoc Lapide in ſpe beatæ Reſurrectionis,
Reliquiæ Elizabethæ filiæ natu maximæ, Johannis Blomefield, hujus
Paroch: de Fersfield Genr: et Eliz: ux: ejus (ambo juxta hunc locum
Sepulti, una cum Johanne filio natu maximo) primo nuptæ, Roberto
Shales de Oxboro Genr: Secundo Johanni George de Thetford Armig:
Tertio Antonio Neech, Rect: de Snutterton in Com: Norff: Pietatis,
Charitatis, Virtutiſq; Dotibus eximie præditæ, Febri extinctæ, Fato heu!
Nimium immaturo raptæ. Facilis Victoria; Vis plura Lector? Scias
Natam eſſe xix°. Jul: An° MDCLXXIV°. mortuam xvi°. Jul: A. D.
MDCCXXIII°.
Omnes eodem cogimur.
Qui legis hæc, rebus nimium ne crede caducis,
Solà manet Virtus, cætera Funus habet,
Inclita ſincero retinebat pectore Virtus,
Mens proba, Cor purum, Vita pudica fuit.
Poſuit Hen: Blomefield, Frater Mœſtiſſimus.

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| M$^{rs.}$ ELIZABETH<br>BATCH, WIDOW<br>DIED DEC$^{R.}$ THE 2$^{d.}$<br>1729, AGED 81<br>YEARS. | ALICE<br>WIFE OF HENRY<br>BLOMEFIELD, GENT.<br>DIED 17 MARCH. 1729<br>AGED 52<br>YEARS. | HENRY<br>BLOMEFIELD<br>GENT. DIED JUNE THE<br>1$^{st}$ 1732, AGED<br>52 YEARS. |

Againſt the South Wall, to which the Grave of the ſaid *Henry* joins, is a *Mural Monument* of White Marble, having the Creſt, Arms, and Quarterings of *Blomefield*, *viz.*

Blomefield, *Sab.* on a Chev'ron *Or*, 3 Broom Branches *Vert*, budded *Gul.* on a Canton of the 2$^{d.}$ A Spear *Sab.* embrued, broken in the Truncheon.

*Creſt*, A Demi-Tyger *Az.* the Mane and Tail *Arg.* holding in his Paws a Sword proper, broken in the Blade. *Motto*——— PRO ARIS ET FOCIS.

Jolly, *Arg.* on a Pile in point *Vert*, 3 ſiniſter Hands of the Field.

Musket, *Arg.* 2 Bars between 6 Leopards Heads *Gul*, 3. 2. 1.

Peak, *Vert*, on a Chev'ron, between 3 Lyons Heads, eraſed *Or*, 3 Croſlets *Az.*

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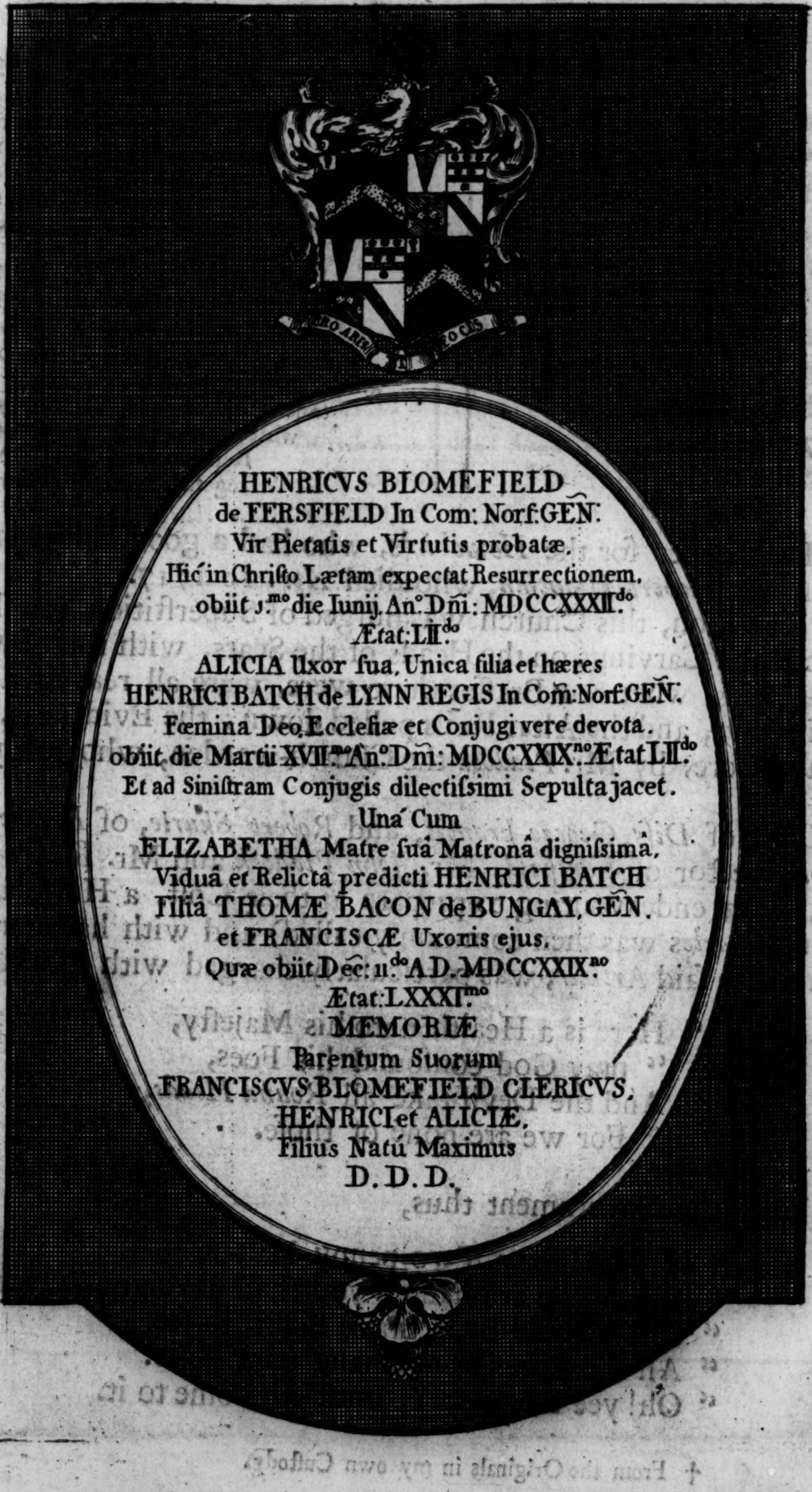

HENRICVS BLOMEFIELD
de FERSFIELD In Com: Norf. GEN:
Vir Pietatis et Virtutis probatæ,
Hic in Chriſto Lætam expectat Resurrectionem.
obiit 1.$^{mo}$ die Iunij. An$^{o}$. Dni: MDCCXXXII.$^{do}$
Ætat: LII.$^{do}$
ALICIA Uxor ſua, Unica filia et hæres
HENRICI BATCH de LYNN REGIS In Com: Norf. GEN:
Fœmina Deo, Eccleſiæ et Conjugi vere devota.
obiit die Martii XVII.$^{mo}$ An.$^{o}$ Dni: MDCCXXIX.$^{no}$ Ætat LII.$^{do}$
Et ad Siniſtram Conjugis dilectiſsimi Sepulta jacet.
Una Cum
ELIZABETHA Matre ſuâ Matronâ digniſsimâ,
Viduâ et Relictâ predicti HENRICI BATCH
Filiâ THOMÆ BACON de BUNGAY, GEN.
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This ‖ *Arthur* was ordain'd by *Samuel* Biſhop of *Norwich*, 21 *Sept.* 1628. inſtituted, 1642. and ſubſcribed 15 *Aug.* 1662.

This Town contains about 40 Families, and 200 Inhabitants; It paid 1 *l.* 14*s.* when the Taxes were raiſed by Tenths, and was valued at 750*l.* to the Aſſociation Rates, and now to the King's Tax, at 557 *l.*

In the Time of King *Edward* III. the great Plague reached even this obſcure Village, for in the Court Rolls, a Year or two after, the Deaths of many of the Tenants are preſented, and 'tis ſaid, that they died in the great Peſtilence, at this Time the Pariſh was almoſt all Wood, there being no leſs than 4 large Woods, beſides ſeveral Groves, among which, *Home-Wood* or *Great Wood* is firſt named, and ſaid to contain above 400 Acres, *Winley Wood*, *Wilcox* and *Riche's Woods* being of no ſmall Extent, all which are now clear'd.

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* Alluding to his being plunder'd.

‖ Conſignation Book.

## SHELFHANGER.

THIS Village hath gone by theſe following Names, *Scelvangra*, *Schelfangyll*, *Shelfangles*, *Schelfhangre*, and now *Shelfhanger*, the Signification of which, I can't the leaſt gueſs at. The Church ſtands againſt the Road leading from *Diſs* to *Winfarthing*, and hath a ſquare Tower and 4 Bells; the Nave is thatched, the Chancel and North Porch are tiled: It is dedicated to all the Saints, as was the *Gild* that belong'd to it.

It is a Rector and had antiently two Rectors, each having Inſtitution to a Mediety, the Patronage of one belonged to *Boſvile*'s, afterward called *Hoe*'s Manor, and the other to *Viſedelieu*'s.

*Viſedelieu*'s MEDIETY.

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| | * *Henry* Rector of *Shelfhanger*. |
| 1313, 3 Non. *Nov.* | *John*, atte *Shelfhanger Churche*, Accolite; THO DE VERDOUN, Lord of Bricliſ*worth*, Kt. |
| 1340, 8 *June*, | *Tho. de Walpole*, Clerk, *ditto*. |
| 1347, 25 *December*, | † *Bogo de Knovill. ditto.* |
| 1348, 25 *Novem.* | *Simon de Craneſle*, Accolite. *ditto.* |
| 1349, 30 *October*, | *John de Bek*, *de Banham*, SIM. WARDE, RALPH CROPHULL, THOMAS HALCOTE, and WILL. WITLESHAM, Truſtees to Sir JOHN VERDON and ISABELL his Wife. |
| 1362, 30. *January*, | *Nicholas Dene*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1368, 2 *October*, | *Hugh Greene*, Prieſt, on *Dene*'s Reſignation, J. VERDOUN, Patron. |
| 1375, 11 *July*, | *Gilbert Colman* of *Thuryton*, Prieſt, on *Green*'s Reſignation. Sir JOHN VERDOUN, Knt. |

*Hoe*'s or *Boſevile*'s MEDIETY.

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| 1272. | [a] *Eudo Parſon* of *Shelfhangre*, in the Time of JOHN DE HO, Lord. |
| 1285. | *Peter de Ho*, * Rector. |
| 1347, 2 *December*, | *Thomas*, atte *Churche* of *Thelvetham*, Prieſt. ROB. DE BOSVILL, Patron. |
| 1362, 2 *March*. | *John Baſſet*, Prieſt. ADAM BOSVILE, Patron. |

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| [b] 1375, 21 *March*, | Sir JOHN DE VERDOUN, Knt. and ADAM BOSVILE, the preſent Patrons, conſidering the ſmall Revenues of each Mediety, conſolidated them for ever, at the Death of *Gilbert Colman*, in *John Baſſet*, then Rector of *Boſvile*'s Mediety, the Preſentation henceforward to be alternate. |
| 1410, 22 *Febr.* | *Richard Andyeneſs*, Prieſt. Sir EDMUND NOON, Knt. |
| 1423, 25 *March*, | *John Motewyn*, of *Bury St. Edmund*'s, Prieſt. THO. TORREL, Eſq; |
| 1430, 30 *May*, | *Wm. Ty*, Prieſt, on *Motewyn*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1458, 3 *Septem.* | *Tho. Levereche.* HENRY NOON, Eſq; |
| 1458, 28 *Octob.* | *Wm. Rede*, on *Levereche*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1511, 2 *March*, | *John Elmham. ditto.* |
| 1529, 28 *May*, | *Antony Warner*, Chaplain, at *Elmham*'s Death. *ditto.* |
| 1554, 14 *July*, | *John Harriſon*, at *Warner*'s Death. THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*. |
| 1576, 7 *Decem.* | *John Baron*, on *Harriſon*'s Death, WILL. DIXE, WILL. CANTERELL, &c. Truſtees for the Duke of *Norfolk*. |
| 1579, 2 *March*, | *Tho. Davis.* PHILLIP, Earl of *Arundell*. |
| 1580, 4 *Febr.* | *Will. Skarlet.* The Biſhop by Lapſe. |

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* Theſe were Rectors when the Norwich Taxation was made.

† He had Briſingham. (fol. 42.)

[a] Cart. pen: me.

[b] Lib. Inſtit. 6. fo. 338.

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| 1594, | 16 *May*, | *Edward Cotton*, Clerk. Earl of *Suffolk*. |
| 1627, | | *Will Bagley*, * THOMAS Earl of *Arundell*. |
| 1662, | | *Richard Croſdale*, Rector. |
| 1674, | 12 *January*, | *Tho. Barry*, A. M. on *Croſdale*'s Death. HENRY Earl of *Norwich*, Earl Marſhal, &c. |
| 1687, | 18 *January*, | *Obadiah Browne*, A. M. on *Barry*'s Death. RICHARD RICHMOND, Apothecary, *London*. |
| 1689, | 16 *May*, | The Rev. Mr. *Joſeph Henchman*, A. M. the preſent Rector, on *Browne*'s Reſignation, RICHARD MARRIOT. Gent. and JOHN COGGS, Goldſmith, by Grant from the Duke of *Norfolk*. |

| † *King's Books.* | *Tenths.* | *Synodals.* | *Procur: Archb.* | *Acres Glebe.* |
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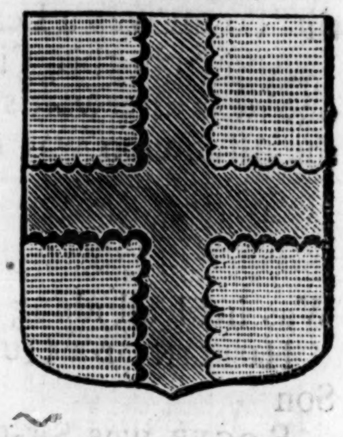
| 17 00 00 | 01 14 00 | 00 02 05 | 00 07 07 *ob.* | 40 00 00 |

On the Font I ſaw the Arms of *Boſville*, (as I ſuppoſe) carved in Stone, with A. on one Side, and B. on the other, being the Initial Letters of the Name of *Adam Boſville*, who was Patron in 1362, about which Time this might be ſet up; and in a South Chancel Window, I find the ſame Arms quarter'd by *Noon*, *viz.*

NOON.



*Arg.* A Feſs *Gul.* between 6 De-lis's *Sab.*

And in the ſame Window, it Quarters *Arg.* 2 Chev'rons *az.* the whole in a Bordure *Gul.* and over them, this broken Inſcription.

*Orate pro bono - - - - - - - - - - - fil: dni: Henr: Noon,*
*Uxor: ſue qui - - - - - - - - - - bresbiter fieri.*

In another South Window this, - - - - on a Bend *az.* 6 De-lis's *Or.*

Before the Altar Rails lie 3 large Stones, robbed of their Arms, and Inſcriptions; under the Firſt lies *Henry*, Son of Sir *Henry Noon*, who died in 1487; and under the next lies *Eleanor* his Wife.

The Arms of *Viſedelieu* were on a Stone in the Chancel, but are now gone: As is this Coat, *viz. Gul.* 3 Cheſs Rooks, *Ermine.*

Under a ſmall Freeſtone is buried, *Robert*, Son of *Robert Caſbourne*, of *Iſleham* in *Cambridgeſhire*, Eſq; and *Abigail* his Wife, who died *March* 27, 1722, Aged 5 Years.

Here is a Town Houſe for two Dwellers, a Freehold Cloſe of 3 Acres, Lett at about 50*s.* a Year, half the Profits of which are given to the Poor, and the other Half to be applied to what Uſes the Church-wardens pleaſe. The Rector hath alſo a Cloſe of 3 Acres, given to find Bell-Ropes, called *Bell-Rope Cloſe*. The Commons are inconſiderable, except their intercommonage with *Briſingham*, on *Boyland Green*; [ſee fol. 47.] and a large Tract of Meadows which are Common from *Lammas* to *March*, and are called the *Lammas Meadows*.

This Pariſh is in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Deanry of *Redenhall*: In 1603, it had 142 Communicants, hath now near 40 Dwelling-Houſes, and contains about 200 Inhabitants. It paid to the old Tenth 27*s.* was Taxed to the Aſſociation Rates at 980*l.* and now at 763 *l.* 10*s.*

Here was a Chapel dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, but when or by whom founded, I can not certainly learn, but moſt probable, by ſome of the *Vere*'s, Lords of *Winfarthing*, it ſtood on the great Road leading from *Shelfhanger* to *Winfarthing*, and by its not being mentioned in the Inſtitution Books, appears to have been a *Free Chapel*; it was ſtanding in 1518, for then *Matthew Halyett* of *Winfarthing*, gave a Bell to the Chapel of St. *Andrew*, in *Shelfhanger*. It was ſupported by Lands given by the Founder, all which at the Diſſolution came to the Crown, and ſo remained 'till the 12 of *Eliz.* and then ſhe gave them to *Nicholas Mynne*, Eſq; and *John Hall*, Gent. and their Heirs, and in 1587, they were held by the *Clere*'s of the Manor of *Eaſt Greenwich*, by Fealty only; they are ſaid to lye in *Deep-Meadow*, and in other Places in *Shelfhanger* aad *Winfarthing*.

[*c*] The Prior of *Eye* had a Portion of Tythes given them by *Hugh de Aviliers*, out of his Demean Lands here, which were confirmed to the Rector, by that Houſe, for a Penſion of 5*s.* 9*d.* a Year, which at the Diſſolution went to the Crown, and was granted for 21 Years

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* He held it by Union with Thelton.

† Schelfhanger. Portio Henrici xi Marc: et. dim: This was Vicedelieu's Mediety.
Portio Petri. xi Marc: et. dim: This was Hoe's Mediety.
Portio Monachorum de Eya. iiij *s.* vi *d.*
Portio. de Eya: xv. denar.
Portio Monachorum de Thetford in decimis. xviij *d.*

" Comes Mareſcallus eſt Patronus unius medietatis, Rector habet " manſum cum xxviii. acris Terræ; æſtimatur ead: xv Marc. This was Vicedelieu's Mediety, the Earl Marſhal was Patron, as Guardian only.

" Johannes de Ho, eſt Patronus Alterius medietatis, Rector Iſ" lius habet manſum, cum xxviii. acris terræ, æſtimatio Illius xv. " Marc: portio Prioris de Eye, v *s.* ix *d.* (Norw: Domeſd.)

*c* Regr. Eye, fol. 32. a. Mon. Ang. Tom. 1. 357.

by Queen *Elizabeth*, to *George Petre*. The Regiſter of this Priory, called *Danoun*, [*d*] which now belongs to Mr. *Tho. Martin* of *Palgrave*, tells us the Lands Names, from which this Portion iſſued, *viz. Whytlowns*, *Bullokks-Cloſe*, *Breche-Lond*, and *Chappell-Lond*, of which, the Prior to have two Tythe Sheaves, and the Rector one.

The Monks of *Thetford* had alſo a Portion of Tythes here, *viz.* two Garbs out of three, of all the Demean Lands of *Winfarthing* Tenement, being 50 Acres, which they granted to the Rector for 18 *d.* a Year Penſion.

[*e*] The Inhabitants of N*orth Lopham* hold a Meſſuage, called *Elwines*, and 13 Acres of Land, and one Acre in *South Meadow*, and other Lands, formerly Demeans of *Shelfhanger*, *Viſedelieu* Manor; all which in 1412, were manumiſed by *Edmund* Noon, Knt. Lord of that Manor, and granted to *Richard* Boſſe, and his Heirs, to be held by the Rent of a Red Roſe Yearly. This *Richard* infeoffed *Wm. Ty*, Parſon of *Shelfhanger*, and others, to hold it for ever to the Uſe of the Pariſh of N*orth Lopham*, to repair their Pariſh Church. And in 1454, the ſaid *Wm. Ty*, infeoffed *Henry* Noon, *Edmund Bokenham*, Eſqrs. *John Halle*, Parſon of *Garboldiſham*, and others, to the ſame Uſes. This Land is ſtill enjoyed by that Pariſh.

† The Town was in divers Parts at the Survey, *Colo*, a Freeman of N*aſger Stalre*, in King *Edward*'s Time had one Manor, which in the Conqueror's Time, *Hervicus* or *Hervy* held, and *Modephefe* a Freewoman of *Algar's* had another, both being held of *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*; the Town was a League long, and half a League broad, and paid 9 *d.* to the *Geld*, or Tax.

And from this Time they continued ſeparate, 'till they united in the N*orfolk* Family; the one was afterwards called *Hoe*'s, and the other *Vicedelieu*'s, to each of which, a Moiety of the Advowſon was Appendant.

## HOE's MANOR

Was held all along of *Richmond* Honour, and ſoon after the Conqueſt belonged to

HUELINE DE HUGETHALE (or *Uggeſhale*) ſo called from the Place of his Habitation, whoſe Son

ROGER was Sir-named *de Hoe*, for the ſame reaſon, and

PETER Son of the ſaid *Roger*, was called *Peter de Schelfangell*, and ſometimes *de* Ho, *Roger de Ho*, gave Lands here to *Sibton* Abbey, and added to the Manor by purchaſing of *Robert de Morley*, and *Roger de Giſſing*, Knts. Lords of *Reydon*, much Land in that Town, which occaſioned this Manor to extend thither. He lived about 1196, and

Sir GILBERT DE HO, alias *de Schelfangels* was his Son and Heir.

JOHN DE HO, Son of Sir *Gilbert*, augmented it more, having divers Lands granted him by *Alexander*, Abbat of *Sibton*, after him

HENRY DE HO occurs in a Deed without Date, and *Osbert de Ho*, alias *Schelfangls*.

In 1218, GUIDO, or EUDO DE HO, alias *de* S*helfangre*, was Lord, who the ſame Year had a [*f*] Grant of Freewarren to his Manor; he is ſometimes in Evidences called, *Eudo Fitz-Osbert*, from his Father, he granted his Moiety of the Advowſon in 1227, to

RALF Son of REGINALD and his Heirs, who left it to his Son *William*, whoſe Son *John* in 1256, ſold it to JOHN DEL HO, and then it was join'd again.

In 1275 he was Sheriff of N*orfolk* and S*uffolk*, and paid the third Penny of the County to the Earl of N*orfolk*. He held much Land here of *Bury* Abbey, and many Rents and Services, to the Value of 112 Acres, to this Sir *John* ſucceeded

EUDO in 1276, in whoſe Time it was firſt called HOE's Manor; he claimed S*treys*, and had it allowed, in 1220, *Walter de* S*helfangere*, one of this Family was Sheriff of N*orfolk* and S*uffolk*, and was Fined for Extortion, but whether he was ever Lord or no, I can't ſay.

In 1280, ROGER DE HO had it, who left it the ſame Year to

JOHN DE HO, he granted a Meſſuage, Lands, and Commonage in S*helfhanger*, to *Walter* of S*helfhanger*, Uncle to *John de Shotbroke*, who became *Walter*'s Heir in 1286, in which Year, this *John de Ho* is ſaid to hold it of the Honour of *Richmond*, and had *Strey* allowed him, In 1302 it belonged to another

ROGER DE HO, who in 1307, upon marrying *Agnes* (Sirnamed *Norwich* probably, for *Wm. de Norwico* Clerk, was deforciant in the Fine) ſettled it on them and their Heirs. How it continued 'till 1345, I know not certainly; tho' it ſeems to be in a Family Sirnamed

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[*d*] Fol. 5. & 62. [*e*] From the Evidences in North Lopham Cheſt, to which are affixed ſeveral fine old Seals of the Noon's Arms.

* Terre Alani Comitis. Dicc Dim: Hundr: (Domeſd. fol. 69.) Scelvagra tenuit Colo Liber homo Naſgeri Stalre T.R.E. pro manerio modo tenet Herucus, ii car: tre: ſemp: ii vill: & xv bord: tunc & poſt ii. ſerv. m° i. ſemp: ii. car: in dominio et: ii. car: hom: Silva xl. porc: et iii acr: prati et. i. Soc: de iiii. ac. ſemper. val: xx. Sol.

In Scelvangra ten: Modephefe Libera Fæmina Algari ii. car: tre: ſemper iii. vill: et xv. bord: ſemper ii car: in dominio Et. ii car hom: et i. Soc: de iiii acr: Silva ad xl. Porc: et iii acr: prati ſemper val: xl. Sol. Scelvangra habet i Leug: in longo, Et dimid in Lato, et de Gelto ix.d.

[*f*] Rot. Vaſc. 38. H. 3. p. 2. m. 56.

DE LA POLE of *Briſingham*,, [g] for in 1331, this Advowſon was ſettled by *Henry de la Pole* of *Briſingham*, and *Margaret* his Wife, on themſelves and their Heirs, which *Margaret* might be Heireſs to *Roger* and *Agnes de Ho*, and 'tis probable that *De la Pole*'s Daughter, might marry *Boſeville*: However, thus far I am certain, that in this Year

ROBERT DE BOSEWILL, or BOSVILLE had the Manor, which was lately *Roger de Hoe*'s, in 1362,

ADAM BOSEVILLE was Lord, and ſo to 1375, in 1423,

THOMAS TORRELL, Eſq; had it, from whom it went in 1455, to

HENRY NOON, from which Time it hath paſſed, joined with *Vice de Lieu*'s Manor, as it is at this Day.

## *The* MANOR *of* VICE DE LOU,

Which was the Part held by *Modephefe*, had it's Name from the Lords thereof, *Humfridus Viſe de Lou*, or *Wolf*'s *Face*, (for ſuch is the Signification of the Name) lived in the Time of the Conqueror, and held Lands in *Berkſhire*, as *Domeſday* informs us, whoſe Deſcendant

WILLIAM, was Lord here in 1170. In this Family it continued many Ages, in 1300

WILLIAM DE VISE DE LOU, married *Roſe*, Siſter and Heir of *Elizabeth de Shotisbroke.* He it was that procured a Grant of Freewarren to this Manor, which he ſettled with the Moiety of the Advowſon, which had always gone with it, on

Sir THO. VISE DE LOU, Knt. his Son, which Sir *Thomas*, left two Daughters, Co-heireſſes, between whom it was diviſible.

ISABELL, married to Sir *John Verdon*, Knt. and *Margaret* to *Tho. Moſſells*, Eſq; This antient Family was ſometime ſeated at *Shotley*, in *Samford* Hundred in *Suffolk*, and continued above 7 Deſcents, poſſeſſed of a large Revenue in *Shotley*, *Snape*, *&c.* They bare *Arg.* 3 Wolye's Heads eraſed *Gul.* from which Bearing they might have their Name.

[h] The Moiety of the Advowſon, went with *Verdon*'s Part, (for *John de Verdon*, Knt. Lord of *Bricleſworth* preſented here often) and deſcended with the Manor to

Sir IMBERT NOON of *Shelfhanger*, who married *Iſabell*, the Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *John Verdon*, by *Iſabel* his ſecond Wife, about 1408, who preſented in 1410, in 1412,

Sir HENRY NOON, Knt. ſucceeded, who this Year had a Grant of Freewarren, and liberty to encloſe 310 Acres for a Park, but he died before he had compleated his Deſign, leaving

HENRY NOON, Eſq; his Son and Heir, who in 1417, renewed the Grant for his Freewarren and Park. [i] This *Henry* much encreaſed his Eſtate, by his valiant Exploits, being a brave Soldier, and an experienced Officer: He conſtantly attended *Henry* V. in the *French* Wars, where he behaved ſo gallantly, that the King gave him the Caſtle, Lands, and Lordſhip of *Tonde* in *Normandy*, which was late the Earl of *Mortaigne*'s, being 2000 Scutes a Year. He died in 1465, leaving this Manor to

ELIZABETH his Wife, 'till *Henry* his Son came of Age, and then to him and his Heirs, which

HENRY enjoyed it 'till his Death in 1487, as appears by the Probate of his Will, who according to his Deſire was buried under a large Grave-ſtone in this Chancel, the Inſcription of which is now torn off, but his Arms, impaling a Chev: in a Bordure between 3 Eagles Leggs eraſed, lately remain'd. His Wife *Eleanor*, after his Deceaſe, married to *Wm. Lancaſter*, of *Briſingham*, Eſq; and after that to *Robert Wyngfield*, with whoſe Conſent, ſhe made her Will, dated the 4th of *November*, 1500, in which ſhe order'd to be buried in this Chancel by her firſt Husband, and to have on her Stone, the Arms of *Wyngfield*, ſiding *Lancaſter*.

HENRY NOON, Son and Heir ſucceeded, who upon Marriage in 1510, ſettled the Manor on *Antony VVyngfield*, *Robert Kemp*, Eſq; and *Robert Bonde*, Clerk, in Truſt, to his Uſe and his Heirs, by *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *John VVingfield*, of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*; in 1519, the ſaid *Henry*, and *Robert Holdich*, who was Lord of the other Moiety, manumiſed a great Part of the Manor, among which, to *Robert*, Son of *Matthew* Hallyat of *VVinfarthing*, 3 Incloſures, *Brendaleswong*, containing 60 Acres, *Butlock*'s-*Cloſe* 20 Acres, and *Brech-Cloſe*, 10 Acres, at 19*s.* 10*d.* Free Rent; whether it was this *Henry* or his Son *Francis* that ſold the Manor, I can't ſay, but it was purchaſed by the Duke of *Norfolk*, who kept Court here in 1532.

The other Moiety went with *Margaret* the other Daughter, to

THO. MOSELLS, Eſq; her Husband, who having no Iſſue Male, it came to their Daughters,

MARGARET and JOAN, ſo that this Moiety was divided again.

MARGARET married *Edmund Stratton*, Eſq; and was his Widow in 1479, and left it to her Daughter, who married *Richard Taxley*, Senior, and by him had two Sons, *Tho. Taxley*, Clerk,

[g] Fin. Norff. E. 3. Li. 1. Nº 236.

[h] See Briſingham. (fol. 35)

[i] Rot. Norman: 7. H. 5. p. 1. m. 5.

the Eldeſt, who ſold it to *Richard Taxley* his Brother, and his Heirs. This *Richard* in 1526, purchaſed the other Moiety of this Moiety, of

THO. FELTON, Eſq; which *Thomas* was Son of *Robert Felton*, Eſq; and *Margery* his Wife, Siſter and Heireſs to Sir *Thomas Sampſon*, of *Playford* in *Suffolk*, Knt. whsch *Robert* was Son of *John Chapman*, alias *Felton*, by *Joan* the other Daughter of *Thomas Moſſell*, Eſq; This *Richard Taxley* had it ſettled on himſelf and *Richard Holdich*, his Truſtee, in 1527, and ſo held it to 1532, when he and *Anne* his Wife, ſold it to

THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*, and his Heirs, who having purchaſed the other Moiety of the *Noons*, as alſo *Hoe*'s Manor, became now ſole Lord and Patron, and it hath been ever ſince, and now remains in that Honourable Family. The preſent DUKE being now Lord and Patron.

Here was another Manor, called,

## FRIERS,

Which belonged to the Abbey of *Sibton* in *Suffolk*; this was formerly the Poſſeſſion * of *Edric*, Falconer to the Confeſſor, and had only 15 Acres Demeans at that Time.

[*k*] This *Edric* was Anceſtor to *Robert Mallet*, Lord of *Eye* Honour, who in the Conqueror's Days, or ſoon after, infeoffed

WALTER DE CADOMO, (*Caam* or *Caus*) in the Barony of *Horsford*, to be held of his Honour, with which this paſſed.

ROBERT Son of *Walter* ſucceeded, in *William Rufus*'s Reign, who left

JOHN his Son, Sirnamed *Vicecomes*, (or Sheriff, becauſe he had that Office.) He was Baron of *Horsford*, he vowed to build an Abbey of Monks in his own Land, but Dying ſoon after, left

WILLIAM his Brother his Heir, whom he commanded to perform his Vow. This *William* was called afterwards, *de Cayneto*, *de Chethney*, or *Cheyney*, who according to his Promiſe, founded the Abbey of *Sibton* in *Suffolk*, in his own Land, in the Year 1149, endowing it with many Revenues, and among them with this Manor, which was then very ſmall, but was ſoon after augmented, by divers Gifts given to that Houſe, [*l*] among which, *Ralph*, Son of *Nicholas Loverd* of *Shelfhanger*, gave them, *Robert*, Son of *Bartholomew de Dunwich*, with his Service; *William*, Son of *Godfrey* of *Weſthaie*, gave them, 3*s.* Rent in *Reydon*, of the Fee of *Gilbert Fitz-Ralph*, for the Souls of his Father and Mother, and *Mary* his Wife, of whoſe Patrimony it was; *John de Verdon*, Lord of *Briſingham*, gave them the Going or Commonage of Paſture for 200 Sheep, on *Briſingham* Great Green, and many others gave other Lands, all which are particularly deſcribed in a Chartulary, of the Priory of *Cluniack* Monks at *Thetford*, fol. 23, which Book is now among Mr. *Le-Neve*'s Collections. [*m*] In 1361, it was Lett to *Boſevill*, at 40*s. per Ann.* In 1336, the Abbat new built *Friers-Hall*, at the Expence of 50*l.* the Demeans were then 50 Acres, in 1403, *John* Abbat of *Sibton*, and the Convent, leaſed out their whole Poſſeſſions here to *John Lancaſter*, Eſq; for 7 Years, at 3*l* 1*s. per Ann.* the Demeans being excepted; it now extended into *Shelfhanger*, *Reydon*, *Briſingham*, and *Diſs* in *Norfolk*, and *Thrandeſton* and *Taxley* in *Suffolk*. About 1530, *Henry Noon* farmed it with one Acre Marſh in *Briſingham*, and the Commonage of 200 Sheep there, and ſo it continued 'till 28 H. 8. in which Year the Abbat and Monks, foreſeeing what was coming upon them, bargain'd with *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and reſigned their Houſe, to him and his Heirs, with all that belonged thereto, the Duke having procured leave of the King that he might receive it, and hold it to him and his Heirs for ever, which was confirmed by Act of Parliament, A° 31. H. 8. and then it was joined to the other Manors, with which it now continues. [*n*] The Reſignation of this Abbey may be ſeen in *Dughdale*'s *Monaſt.* Vol. 3. fol. 33. and was ſigned by *Wm. Flatburie*, Abbat, *Robert Bungay*, Prior, *John Facon*, Sub-Prior, *Tho. Hadley*, Celerer, *Wm. Dunwich*, *Robert Dunwich*, and *Peter Elmham*, Monks. The Commonage of the 200 Sheep was laid to *Viſe de Lieu*'s, or *Shelfhanger-Hall*, as it is now called, and *Frier*'s-*Hall* was ſoon after demoliſhed; it ſtood juſt by the Gate going from *Briſingham* Common to *Shelfhanger-Hall*.

## SHELFHANGER MANOR *alias* D'AVELERS.

Was Originally the Demeans of the Confeſſor, afterwards given (either by him or ſome other) to St. *Edmund*'s Abbey at *Bury*, of which it was held in the Conqueror's Time.

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* Terre Edrici Accipitari. Hund: Dice, dim: (fol. 290.) In Scelvangra ten: Edricus xv. acr. ſempet ii. bord: et dim: car: Silv: iii. porc: et. i. ac. prati. ſemper. val: ii. ſol:

*k* Mon. Ang. Vol 3. p. 32.

*l* Cart: pen: H. Duc: Norf. 1699.

*m* Lib: Abb: de Sibton. MSS. fol. pergamen: penes Jac: Baldwin, Rect: de Bunwell in Com: Norff. (who hath alſo another Folio Parchment MSS. of the Accompts of this Abbey.)

*n* See the Act.

The firſt Parcel conſtituted the Manor, call'd,

## † D'AVELERS.

The ſecond was in the Abbey 'till the Diſſolution, with other Lands that were afterwards given. The third was join'd to *Briſingham* Manor, and always attended it, ſo that I have no occaſion to ſpeak any more of the two laſt, in this Place.

As to the Firſt it was very early granted from the Abbey in two Parts, one of which was in

RALPH DE BURGO, the other, in

WILL. LE LOVERD, or LORD, whoſe Son *John*, ſold half of it to

BARTHOLOMEW, Son of *Robert de Anwelhyer's*, the Succeſſor of *Ralph de Burgo*, ſo that he had two Parts out of three; this Part was held of the ſaid *William*, by the Service of a Pair of Gloves Yearly: But I muſt obſerve, that *Alequis de Scirewood*, or *Sherewood*, had the *Burgh's* Part, in which Family it continued two or three Generations, and then came to *Robert*, Father of *Bartholomew* aforeſaid.

In 1190, HUGH DA VILERE was Lord, and after him

BARTHOLOMEW his Son, who about 1227, left it to his Son

RICHARD, who was in the Cuſtody of *Caſſandra* his Mother, by Grant of *Hugh de Burgh*, Juſticiary, [Chief Juſtice] with whom ſhe compounded for 20*s*. [o] The Poſſeſſions of this *Richard*, which laid here, and in *Brome* and *Everwarton*, (now *Arwarton*) in *Suffolk*, were then worth 40*l*. *per Ann.* and were all held by Serjeantry, *viz.* by the Service of conducting the Foot Soldiers of the two Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, for 40 Days, at the King's Summons, from St. *Edmund's Ditch* (now called *Devil's Ditch* on *Newmarket Heath*) to the King's Army in *Wales*, for which he was to have 4*d*. of each, for Conduct Money, and the reſt of their Maintenance was to be at the King's Coſt, and by this Tenure it always paſſed. The Abbat at firſt was to do this Service, 'till he granted this Part chargeable with it.

In 1253, RICHARD D'AVILERS and *Beatrix* his Wiſe had it, and in 1269,

BARTHOLOMEW D'AVILERS inherited, who died in 1274, leaving it to

JOHN his Son, who died *Anno* 1318. This [p] *John* ſold all to

WALTER DE SHELFHANGER, and JOHN DE SOTESBROOK, or *Stokesbrook*, who afterwards became one of the Heirs of the ſaid *Walter*, and in 1286, took Poſſeſſion by the King's Licence, and had Freewarren allowed him in all his Lands. [q] This Manor had a Houſe and Park, 80 Acres of Arable Land, one Acre and a half of Meadow, a Mill, and 10*s*. Rent: That in *Brome* had a Meſſuage, 60 Acres of Land, 4 of Meadow, and 4 of Paſture, &c. all which were to be held of the ſaid *John D'Avelers*. This *John* married *Iſabel Ufford*, who was endow'd in *Arwarton* Manor, by whom he left

BARTHOLOMEW his Son, who became Lord of all theſe Manors, by which it ſeems, that the Grant of this and *Brome*, was only for Life. He married *Joan*, Relict of *John*, Son of *Wm. de Caldecote*, and died 18 *Apr.* 1330, leaving her a Widow, and 4 Daughters his Co-heirs, *Iſabel* married to Sir *Robert* Bacon, Knt. had *Everwarton*, *Cicely* to *Brian de Hykeling*, and had *Brome*, *Margaret* and *Joan*, one of which (I have ſome reaſon to think) married to *Richard Daniel*, who had *Shelfhanger*: the whole came afterwards to *Iſabel* Bacon, (probably for want of Iſſue of the other Siſters) who afterwards married to Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, and carried the three Manors into that Family. The *D'Avilier's* Arms were, *Arg.* 3 Ineſcutcheons *Gul.* and are now quarter'd by *Bacon* and *Calthorp*, by the Name of *D'ylers*. It was after divided into many Parts, by which the Manor was all loſt, except ſome trifling Rents, which were in the Duke of *Norfolk* in 1536, it was then called *Sherwood's* in *Shelfhanger*, it remains now with the other Manors.

The other Part which was

## LOVERD's,

Made a Free Tenement, called by the Owners Name, to which many Services belong'd and daily increaſed, as the Owners of the Tenement ſold off their Lands, all which they made payable to the Celerer of the Abbey, to diſcharge the Capital Tenement of the Rent and Service due from it, to the Abbey, and when enough was ſold to anſwer that Purpoſe, it became a Freehold only, and as ſuch have paſſed ever ſince; this was finiſhed in 1266, by *John le Loverd*, [r] when the Lands of the Abbey were extended, and all their Revenues ſettled on the Sacriſt and Celerer, who Lett them to *Guy* of *Shelfhanger*, who was to anſwer all Rents and Services for them; The Lords of *Hoe*'s Manor uſually farm'd them and received the Rents. The Black Regiſter tells us, that * *Hammond Peccatum* (or *Pecche*) confirmed to Abbat *Anſelm*, all that Land, and 2*s.* Rent, which his Grandmother *Jenetta*, and his Mother *Eſyly*, had given to that Convent, all which in [s] 1281, were valued to anſwer 20*s. per Ann.* clear.

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† Terra Abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo, Dice dim: Hund.

In Scelvagra ii Soc: dim: car: Terre, et vi Acr: et ſub eo vii bordar: et i car: Silva xii. porc: ii acr: prati· val: xi. ſol. (fo. 181)

In Scelvagra i liber Homo Sancti Edmundi xii acr. et ii bov: val: xvi *d*. Eccleſie xvi acr. val: ii *s*. & vi *d*. Quando Radulfus Comes fuit Poteſtativus, et ſui et Terre ſue Servientes ejus cambiere cum Servientibus Sancti Edmundi. iiii. homines de Borſtuna, pro alijs iiii. in Geſſinga, quod Comes habuit iiii, et Abbas iiii. Domſ: fo. 182.

Invaſiones &c. (fo. 297.)

In Scelvagravam (Abbas Sancti Edmundi tenet) i lib. homo Algari commend: tantum T. R. E. xii acr. de Wineferthinc, qui fuit occiſus ad Bellum Haſtinges, poſtea tenuit Abbas in Manerium ſuum Braſincham ſemp: val: xvi d. Sed ſuus Dapifer offert ſe neciſſe ſicut Juditium proportat.

[o] Inquiſ: Norff. Temp. H. 3. [p] Plita: Coron. 15 E. 1. R. 15.

[q] Lib· Lovell. fol. 42.

Theſe came to *Henry* VIII. who gave ſome of them to divers Perſons, and others were granted to *Norton, &c.* by Queen *Elizabeth*, to be held free of the Manor of *Eaſt Greenwich* in *Kent*.

Here was another Free Tenement, called,

## WINFARTHING TENEMENT.

From it's Situation on the Great Road near that Place, it laid in *Shelfhanger*, and antiently belonged to the *Berdewell's*, being held of their Manor of *Gateſthorp*, by the annual Rent of a Pound of Pepper, half of it in 1280, was owned by *Walter de Winfarthing*, and in 1298, by *Robert*, his Son and Heir, who paid half a Pound of Pepper for himſelf and all his Tenants, which were about 30 in Number, ſome of them were obliged to double Service for their Lands, *viz.* to pay one Rent to the Lord of the Tenement, and another to the chief Lord of the Fee, and all together were to pay 2*s.* 3*d.* and the 4th Part of a Farthing, to the King's Scutage, whenever it happen'd, the whole contain'd in Demeans 50 Acres, the Tythes of which were diviſible, one Tythe Sheaf to *Shelfhanger* Rector, and two to the Monks of *Thetford*; the other half was held by *John le Lord*, and his Tenants, by the ſame Services; the Manor of *Gateſthorp* (or *Gaſthorp* in *Norfolk*) had this Rent always paid to it, and is ſaid to extend into *Winfarthing*. In 1392, the whole Pepper Rent was laid upon one Acre, in one Piece, and was then received: I am apt to think, this was that Part of *Winfarthing* Manor, that reached into *Shelfhanger*, and that it was granted by the Lords of *Winfarthing*, to the Lord of *Gaſthorp*, for *Domeſday* informs us, that † *Winfarthing* reached hither.

And this is the whole I know of theſe Manors, all which in 1532, were in THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*, and being then join'd, have continued together, without any other Diſtinction, as they do at this Day, the Stile of the Court running thus, *Shelfhanger*, *Viſedelieu*, *Hoe*'s and *Friers*.

The CUSTOMS are theſe, the Eldeſt Son inherits, they can fell Timber, pull down, build up, plant, and cut down on the Copyhold, and Waſte, without Licence, but the Fines are at the Lord's Will.

The *Lete* belongs not to the Manor, but hath paſſed with *Diſs* Hundred, the Lord of which keeps it at this Time, and hath 2*s.* for *Lete Fee*.

The Rev. Mr. *Joſeph Henchman*, Rector, bears, *Or*, A Chev'ron between 3 Bugle Horns, ſtringed *Sab.* on a Chief *G.* 3 Lyons Rampant, *Or*.

Mr. *William Elliot*, Senior, *G.* on a Bend ingrailed *Or*, a Battoon of the Field.

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* Domino ſuo Kariſſimo Anſelmo Abbati Sancti Eadmundi, et Taleboto Priori, et R. Sacriſtæ, et omni Conventui, et omnibus hominibus, Francis & Anglis de Honore Sancti Eadmundi terram tenentibus, Haymundus Peccatum in Chriſto Salutem. Sciatis me conceſſiſſe Terram & Redditum quam Jennetta Ava mea et Mater mea Eſilia, dederunt et conceſſerunt domino meo Sancto Eadmundo et Conventui. Sc. xxv. Solid: quas Radulphus de Shelfhanger, et hæredes ſui reddent unoquoque Anno, Sancto Eadmundo et Sacriſtæ, et Conventui, tribus Terminis, viz. v Sol. ad paſcha, et x Sol. ad Feſtum Sancti Johannis, et x Sol. ad Feſtum Sanctæ Caterinæ. — Et Ego pro poſſe meo quamdiu vixero, manutenebo id, quod Conſtans ſit, et poſt me volo, quod Hæredes mei hocſimiliter faciant.

(Regr. Sacriſtæ, MSS. fol. 53.)

[r] Lib: Cons: p. 66. Regr. Pinchbek. fol. 171. Regr. Sacriſt: fol. 43.

[s] Mon: Ang: Tom. 1. fol. 298.

† (fol. 38.) In Scelvangra i. vill: xv acr. terr. ſemp: dim: car: et ii. bord: Silva v Porc: et ii. acr. prati. — All which belonged to the Manor of Winfarthing.

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# BURSTON.

THE Church and Gild here were dedicated to the *Bleſſed Virgin*; it was a Rectory [t] appropriated by *John* of *Oxford*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, to † Butley Priory, who were Patrons, it being given them by King *Henry* I. at their Founder's Requeſt, before he gave the Manor to the *Fitz-walters*: In 1293, their Temporals were taxed at 26*s.* 6*d.* and their Spirituals at 17*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* The Impropriation was confirmed by the Archbiſhop, and the Vicar had a Penſion of 26*s.* 8*d.* payable by the Prior, out of the Great Tythes, all which were afterwards diſappropriated, by the Prior and Convent's reſigning up the Church and Tythes, and preſenting a Rector. In 1510, upon *Drayles*'s Inſtitution, a Penſion of 40*s.* *per Ann.* was reſerved to the Prior out of the Rectory. The Lands that belonged to the Priory, were granted by Queen *Elizabeth* to different Perſons, ſome to *Edward Dyer*, *Hugh Creſſiner*, and others.

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| | *Wybart*, Rector. *ſans* Date. |
| 1299, 2 Kal. *Mar.* | The Rectory was void, and a Sequeſtration granted to ‖ *Adam de Cokefield*, who was preſented to it, with this Clauſe, that the Biſhop might recall it when he pleaſed. |
| 1304, 5 Ides *June*, | *Richard de Schadenſield*, Prieſt, was inſtituted to the Vicarage, with certain Portions newly aſſigned by the Biſhop, at the Preſentation of the Prior of *Butley*, who preſented the following Vicars. |
| 1314, 11 Kal. *July*, | *Alan de Bedyngtone*, Prieſt. |
| 1325, 15 Kal. *July*, | *Robert*, called *Baldewyne*, Prieſt. He reſigned in |
| 1331, Id: *Dec.* | And *Richard de Botone*, Prieſt, ſucceeded. |
| 1349, 2 *July*, | *Walter Stannard de Diſs*, Prieſt. |
| 1349, 28 *July*, | *John Mortimer*, Prieſt. |
| 1351, 14 *Octob.* | *Robert Maſt*, of *Weſt Lexham*, Prieſt, |
| 1401, 22 *Jan.* | *John Cok*, Prieſt. |
| 1408, 9 *Septem.* | *Richard Bailly*, Prieſt. |
| 1424, 26 *June*, | *William Balle*, Prieſt. |
| 1432, 2 *Decem.* | *Wm. Smythe*, by Lapſe, and the Year following the 16th of *April*, the Prior reſign'd the Impropriation, and in |
| * 1433, 18 *Apr.* | *Robert Syre*, Prieſt, was inſtituted to the Rectory, ſaving to *Wm. Smyth* his Right, as Vicar, *Syre* held the Rectory ſingle to 1436, and then reſign'd, and the Prior preſented *Smyth* to the Rectory, from which time it hath continued a Rectory to this Day. The Prior preſented the following Rectors. |
| | *Richard Goneld*, who reſigned in |
| 1453, 20 *Dec.* | And *Adam Bulman*, ſucceeded. |
| 1457, 24 *Mar.* | *John Bukke*, Chaplain. |
| 1466, 1 *May* | § *Wm. Keene*, at *Bukk*'s Death. |
| | *John Drayles* ſucceeded, on whoſe Death in |
| 1510, 31 *Aug.* | *Walter Texald*, or *Tirrell*, was inſtituted, on his Death in |
| 1546, 20 *Aug.* | *Ralph Pyllyng*, Chaplain, was preſented by THO. MILDMAY, Eſq; one of the King's Auditors, who had this Turn from NICHOLAS ARROWSMITH, Eſq; who had it by Grant from the Prior, before the Houſe was diſſolved. |

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[t] Regr: Butley fo. 55.

† " Prior de Buttelee habet eam in proprios Uſus, habet Manſum cum 50 Acris Terre, Eſtimatio ejuſdem cum Vicaria xxvi Marc: Vicarius habet Alteragium ſuum, cum 2 acris Terre. 'Tis the ſame in the Norwich and Lincoln Taxations. There is a Rectory Houſe here.

‖ He was inſtituted to Naulton in Suff. 7 Apr. 1300.

* Regr. ix fo. 61.

§ In his Will dated and proved 1472, he deſired to be buried in Cretingham Chancel in Suffolk. (Regiſtr: Gelour fo. 16.)

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| 1550, 24 *May* | * *John Deane*, or *Deen*, Prieſt, preſented by King *Edward* VI. from which Time the following Rectors have been preſented by the Crown, in which the Patronage now remains. |
| 1564, 27 *May* | *John Hilton*, Prieſt. |
| 1589, 21 *May* | *Henry Wiſeman*, he died, and |
| 1626, 12 *March* | *Hugh More*, A. M. was inſtituted, being ordained Prieſt this Year, *Jan.* 12, by *Theophilus*, Biſhop of *Llandaff*, he ſubſcribed *Aug.* 16, 1662, having held it the whole Time of the Rebellion. |
| 1674, 9 *May* | *John Rand*, A. B. |
| 1706, 9 *May* | The Rev. Mr. *Joſeph Henchman*, the preſent Rector, at Mr. *Rand*'s Death. |

The Church is ſmall, and is leaded, the South Porch and Chancel are tiled, the Steeple is round at Bottom, and octangular at Top, having five Bells, on one of which is this,

*Quæſumus, Andrea, Famulorum ſuſcipe vota.*

Here are no Memorials, ſave a Black Marble in the Church, for,

"Francis Alpe, Gent. who died July the 15th 1670, Aged 86 Years.

And in the Yard, at the Eaſt End of the Chancel, a Grave Poſt much decayed, for,

"Hugh Moore, late Rector"; by which it appears that he was a *Scotchman*, tho' it is now almoſt illegible.

In 1475, *Reginald Smethe*, Chaplain, was buried in this Church, and gave 40*s.* to peynte a Candle Beme therein. [*Regr. Gelour.*]

*Burſton* at firſt * was in three Parts, tho' the whole was held of *Robert Mallet*, Lord of the Honour of *Eye*, Succeſſor of *Edric*, under whom *Aculf*, a Freeman, had one Part in the Confeſſor's Time, which in the Conqueror's, was held by *Walter*, who now had another Part, which *Moithar* held in King *Edward*'s Days. The third Part was *Leofric* of *Torendun*'s, which the Conqueror gave to his Queen, ſhe to *Robert Mallet*, and he to his Mother, who now had it: The whole Town then was two Miles long, and one Mile broad, and paid 12*d.* to the *Geld*.

Theſe Parcels ſoon after became two Manors, one called *Brockdiſh-Hall*, from a Family of that Name; the other *Meauling*'s-*Hall*, from *Peter de Meauling*, or *Melding*, Lord thereof, and now by Corruption *Milding-Hall*, both being always held of *Eye* Honour.

## *The* MANOR *of* BROCKDISH-HALL,

Was given by King *Henry* I. to the *Fitz-walters*, from whom it went very early to
GEFFRY DE BROKEDISH, from him to his Son
WILLIAM, who left it to
THOMAS his Son, and he to
REGINALD, and he to his Son
Sir STEPHEN DE BROCKEDYSH, whoſe Heir enjoyed it in 1327. This *Stephen* purchaſed Lands to this Manor, of *Ernold de Monteney*, and had View of *Frankpledge* allowed him in 1286, and Aſſize of Bread and Beer.

STEPHEN, Son and Heir of Sir *Stephen*, purchaſed divers Lands and Tenements, to be held at 10*s.* *per Ann.* Rent, lying in *Burſton*, *Thelveton*, and *Briſingham*, to be held of *Hugh de Vere*, and *Dioniſe* his Wife, [*n*] *Gilbert*, Prior of *Butley*, gave him 3 Acres of Land for Life, parcel of that Land which *Alfwet Cnot*, and *Wm.* Son of *Edmer*, gave to that Convent, *viz.* the whole Tenement that *Wybart* the Parſon of *Burſton*, held of them, and their Anceſtors *Anno* 1307, he left

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* He was Rector of Great St. Bartholomews London in 1555, Prebendary of Carlton in the Church of Lincoln, his Name occurrs in Newcourts Repertorium, Vol. 1. fo. 295.

† NORF. REX. Dice dim. Hund. (Domeſ. fo. 10.)

Watlingeſeta (Manor had) In Borſtuna vi Soc: de xl acr tre. & ſemp: i Bord. tunc i car: et dim: poſt et m^o i. et ii acr. Prati.

Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat, Dice dim: hund.

Wineferthinc (Manor had) In Borſtuna iiii liberi homines Algari T. R. E. commendati tantum de xl acr. de ter: & i Bor. ſemp: i Car: & iii acr. prati.

Ferſevella (had) In Borſtuna i Beruiuita de i car: tre. pertinens in Ferſevella ſemper ii. Villi: & i Bord: tunc dim: Car: in Dnio: poſt nichil m^o dimid. (fo. 38.)

In Borſtuna xi libi: homines Alſi T. R. E. de xxx acr: tre. ſemp: i Car: & i acr: Prati. (fo. 39.)

All theſe Manors extended into Burſton, the Capital Manors of which are thus deſcribed, Domeſ. fo. 77.

Terre Roberti Malet Dice dim: hund. In Borſtuna tenet Galterus quam tenuit Aculfus Liber homo Edrici commend: tantum xxvi acr: & ii. Bor. ſemper i. Carruca, et ii acr. prati et i Soc. de ii acr. terr. ſemp: val: viijs.

In Borſtuna tenuit Moithar Liber homo Edrici. xxx. acr. terre. iiii bord: tunc i car: in dnio. modo dimid: in eadem iiii. liberi homines ſub eodem. de xxvi. acr. terre. ſemper dim: car: et ii acr: prati tunc et poſt val. viij. s. modo xv.

In Borſtuna i. liber homo Lefrici de Torenduna comend: xx acr. modo tenet R. Malet ex dono Regine ſemp: ii bord: et ſub eo i. lib. vi. acr. ſemp: dim: car: ſemp. val: iii. ſol: & modo tenet mater Roberti Malet. (fol. 78.)

Borſtuna habet viij. quart. in longo, et iiii. in lato et de Gelto xij d. (fol. 39.)

*n* Regr. Butley.

REGINALD his Son and Heir. In 1380, *Wm. Ufford*, Earl of *Suffolk*, as Lord of *Eye* Honour claimed the Fines and Amerciaments of his Tenants in *Burſton*, and elſewhere, in the Half Hundred of *Diſs*, where *Walter le Fitz-wauter* of *Wodeham* was Lord, as being the Capital Lord of whom this Manor was held. I can't find how it went from the *Brockdiſh* Family, but it was in the

BOYLAND's, from whom it paſſed by *Maud*, the Heireſs of that Family, to

JOHN LANCASTER, of *Briſingham*, and went [x] as *Boyland-Hall*, 'till about 1500, when it was alien'd to

Sir JOHN SHARPE, Knt. who in 1514, obtain'd Licence to alien it to

WILL. TYLER, or TYLOT, and his Heirs, to be held as formerly, by the Service of a Red Roſe Yearly, payable to the Duke of *Suffolk*, to his Honour of *Eye*; In 1518, this Sir *John Sherpe*, Knt. and *Wm. Tyler*, Knt. &c. Lords of *Brockdiſh-Hall*, and *John Millegate*, Prior of the Priory of the *Holy Virgin*, and St. *James* the Apoſtle of *Old Bokenham*, and the Convent there, Lords of the Manor of *Meldynghall*, agreed to divide the two Manors, which having for a long Time been farmed together, were now ſo intermixed, that they knew not their ſeperate Rights, wherefore they got two Books in indented Bindings, the one having the Convent Seal affixed thereto, and the other the Seals of the two Knights, *&c.* in theſe the Diviſion was enter'd, and the one was deliver'd to the Prior, and the other to Sir *John Sherpe*, &c, which is now among the Evidences of the Manor, from which I collected, that *Meldyng-Hall* abutts on *Knot*'s *Lane* North, the Demeans were about 137 Acres, Copyhold held of it 439 Acres, the Quitrents about 18 *l. per Ann.* *Brokedyſh-Hall* abuts upon *Northgate-Green* North, and was then with 13 Acres adjoyning, Copyhold; this Manor was about half the Value of *Meldyng-Hall*, *John Millegate*, Prior, *Tho. Beverly*, Sub-Prior, and *Tho. Browne*, Sacriſt, Signed it. *Brokdiſh-Hall* paid then 10 *s. per Ann.* Free Rent to *Winfarthing*; it appears that

ROBERT BROWNE was Couſin, and Heir to Sir *John Sherpe*, from whom it came to the PETTUS's, and from them to BOLTON, and from *Bolton*, to

THO. PROCTOR, Senior, Clerk, whoſe Kinſwoman and Heireſs, married to

JOHN BUXTON, of St. *Margarets*, who finding no Licence for the Alienation from *Bolton* to *Proctor*, was forced to get a Royal Pardon, [y] from which Time both theſe Manors have been in that Family, ELIZ. BUXTON, a Minor, being now Lady.

## *MELDING-HALL MANOR*,

was purchaſed by Sir PETER DE MEAULING or MELDING of King *Henry* I. to be held by this Serjeantry or Service, that the Owner of it, ſhould always ſell the Beaſts taken in *Norff.* or *Suff.* for the Kings Debts; it was then valued at 8 *l. per Annum.*

WILLIAM his Son had it next, and after him

PETER his Son, who own'd it in 1226, and in 1249, ſold it to

Sir ROBERT DU BOIS of *Ferſfield*, reſerving a Rent of 4 *l.* and the Service of a Quarter of a Knights Fee, the whole of which he gave with his Siſter in marriage, to *Reginald de Nuttun* for which Alienation the King ſeized the Serjeantry, which was taken off this Manor when it was ſold, and laid on *Meling* Manor in *Suff.* according to a Feoffment made by this *Peter de Meling*, to *Laurence de Meling*, but he gave them the Value in Exchange. Sir *Robert du Bois* Senior left it to

[z] Sir ROBERT his Son, who gave it to

JOHN DE BOSCO his Brother, who in 1286, had *Weif* here, but before 1308, it was again in Sir *Robert de Bois* and *Chriſtian* his Wife, who afterwards ſetled it on

Sir WILLIAM CARBONEL Knt. her Son, (this *Chriſtian* being Widow of Sir *John Carbonel* Knt. when Sir *Robert* married her) who was Lord in 1315, and in 1397,

ROB. CARBONEL Knt. and MARGERY his Wife had it, and *John* was his Son and Heir 14 Years old; *Robert* died ſeized this Year, on the 24th of *Sept.* to which Mr. *Le-Neve*'s Collections agree, tho' he ſays, it had been out of the *Carbonel* Family in that Time, and was the Inheritance of

Sir ROB. DE CASTON, and deſcended to *Margery* Wife of Sir *Robert Carbonel* and *Mary* Wife of Sir *William Faſtolff*; However it was

JOHN CARBONEL, Son of Sir *Robert*, inherited, who gave it to

Sir ROGER SWILLINGTON of *Ditchingham*, and *Joan* his Wife, he died ſeized of this and *Old hall* Manor, in *Swillington* in *Yorkſhire*, and ſoon after his Wife died alſo, upon which, the King received the Homage of

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x See Boyland Mannor in Briſingham, fol. 38.

y See Shimpling, and Hewode-hall Manor in Diſs.

z See Ferſfield, fol. 50 51.

ROBERT DE SWILLINGTON, Brother and ſpecial Heir of *John*, according to the Form of the Gift made to *Roger* : Some Time after it came to

Sir JOHN SWILLINGTON Knt. at whoſe Death it was divided, and in 1424,

Sir JOHN GRAA Knt. had two Parts of two Parts of the Manor, in Right of *Margaret* his Wife, Siſter of Sir *John Swillington*, all which was mortgaged to *Tho. Murſtede* Eſq; for 200 Marks, from this Time to 1454, I know nothing of it, but in that Year,

Sir ANDREW OGARD Knt. died without Iſſue, ſeized of this Manor of *Meldinghall* and it looks as if he gave it to

BOKENHAM PRIORY, for it appears from the Book of Accompts of that Houſe, that this Manor belonged to it, and in 1479, was Lett at 15*l.* 10*s.* at which Time the *Prior* hired the other Manor, at 5*l.* 10*s.* *per Ann.* and Lett them together; and from this Time it continued in the Convent 'till it's Diſſolution, and then went to the

CROWN, and being afterwards granted off, it belonged in 1570, to

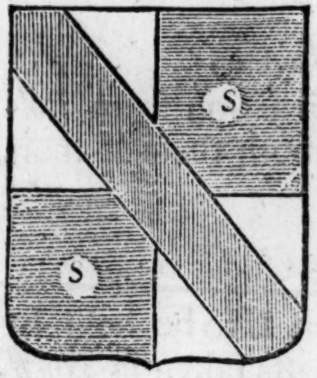
FRANCIS BOWLTON, and in 1573, it came by Exchange, to

THOMAS, and MICHAEL HENEAGE, and after that, having paſſed thro' divers Families, tho' with but ſmall Continuance in any of them, it came to the

BUXTONS, and was then join'd to the other Manor.

Mr. *Le-Neve* ſays, there was a Manor here (which was this as I take it) that all along attended the Fate of the *Albanie*'s of *Bokenham* Caſtle, from whom it came to the *Orreby*'s. *John* of that Sir-name had it in 1315, from thence to the *Caily*'s, and ſo to the *Clifton*'s, and was ſettled by Sir *John Clifton*, Knt. in 1447, by his Will, on *Joan* his Wife, and her Heirs, whoſe Daughter *Margaret* marry'd Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. of the *Rye* in *Hertfordſhire*, who died ſeized as aforeſaid.

This might be held of them as Capital Lords, under *Eye* Honour, 'till the whole Fee came to Sir *Andrew*, about 1450, whether by Marriage, Purchaſe, or Deſcent, I cannot learn. The antient Family of *Burſton*, of *Burſton*, bears.



Here is 10*s.* a Year given to the Poor, payable out of Mr. *Alpe Ward*'s Farm, given by one of the *Alpes*, and alſo two Town Houſes.

In 1603, here were 80 Communicants, and now there are 48 Dwelling Houſes, and about 250 Inhabitants.

The old Tenth was 2*l.* 12*s.* The Valuation at the Aſſociation, was, 780*l.* and that to the King's Tax is 528 *l. per Ann.*

The *COMMONS* are, *Pound-Green*, *Church-Green*, and *Burſton* or *Northgate-Green*, where they Common ſolely.

The *Cuſtom of the* MANOR is to the Eldeſt Son, and the Fine at the Lord's Will.

The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, to which it pays 2*s.* *Lete Fee.*

# *OSMUNDESTON, Or, SCOLE,*

JOINS to the Eaſt Part of *Diſs*, and is bounded by the *Waveny* on the South: I can't find who this *Oſmund* was, that gave Name to the Town, but imagine him to be a *Saxon*, and Owner of it; *Scoles* was a Hamlet to *Oſmundeſton* in the Time of *Edward* III. and gave Name to a numerous Family, one of which was Rector of *Frenze* in 1397, the antient Inſtitution Books have no ſuch Name, tho' it now ſtands in the laſt *Valor* by the Name of *Oſmondſton*, alias *Schole*, which laſt Name prevailed about the Time of King *Henry* VIII. when this Hamlet was increaſed, ſo as to become the chief Part of the Town, and might firſt receive it's Name from the Sholes or Shallows of the River on which it's ſituated.

Here are two very good Inns for the Entertainment of Travellers, the *White Hart* is much noted in theſe Parts, being called by Way of Diſtinction *Scole Inn*; the Houſe is a large Brick Building, adorned with Imagery and Carved Work in ſeveral Places, as big as the Life. It was built in 1655, by *John Peck*, Eſq; whoſe Arms impaling his Wife's, are over the Porch Door: The Sign is very large, beautified all over with a great Number of Images of large Stature, carved in Wood, and was the Work of one *Fairchild*, the Arms about it are thoſe of the chief Towns, and Gentlemen in the County, *viz.* *Norwich*, *Yarmouth*, Duke of *Norfolk*, Earl of *Yarmouth*, *Bacon* of *Garboldiſham*, *Hobart*, *Cornwaleis* impaſing *Bukton*, *Teye*, *Thurſton*, *Caſtleton*, and many others. *Pecks* Arms are *Arg.* on a Chev. ingrailed *Gul.* 3 Croſlets Pattee of the Field. His Wife's are *Arg.* a Feſs between 2 Creſcents

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cents in chief, a Lyon Ramp. in baſe *Gul.* which Coat I think is born by the Name of *Jetheſton*. Here was lately a very large round Bed, big enough to hold 15 or 20 Couple, in Imitation (I ſuppoſe) of the remarkable great Bed at *Ware*. The Houſe was in all Things accommodated at firſt, for large Buſineſs, but the Road not ſupporting it, it is in much Decay at preſent, tho' there is a good Bowling-Green and a pretty large Garden, with Land ſufficient for Paſſengers Horſes. The Buſineſs of theſe two Inns is much ſupported by the annual Cock Matches that are here fought.

Concerning the Capital Manor, I find that † *Ralph de Felgeres* had it a long Time, and at his Death left it to his Poſterity, for in 1206,

RICHARD DE FENGERES had it, from whom it came to

Sir AYMER DE BERRILL, of whom it was held *Anno* 1270, by

HENRY DE SCELTON, by the Rent of 2*s.* 2*d.* *per Ann.* this was a ſeparate Manor then, and the Demeans 15 Acres.

There was alſo another * Part in *Oſmundeſton*, which this *Henry de Shelton* united this Year, to the Manor aforeſaid, which Part was held by *Hugh de Corbun*, of *Roger Bigot*, and afterwards by this *Henry* in 1270, when [*a*] the *Eſcheat* tells us, that he held here of the Earl of *Arundell*'s Fee, 100 Acres of Land, and 6 Acres and an Half of Wood, a Mill, and ſeveral Rents of Aſſize, by the Service of half a Knight's Fee; at his Death

ROBERT DE SHELTON his Son inherited, who held this Manor with thoſe of *Shelton*, and *Bedingham*, in 1286, when [*b*] he had Liberty of Free-warren in all his Manors allowed in *Eire*.

ROBERT DE TATESHALE, held in Capite 3 [*c*] Fees in *Shelton*, *Bedingham*, and *Oſmundeſton*, all which were held of him by this *Robert de Shelton*, and *Iſabel* his Wife, who in 1305, ſettled the Advowſon and Manor on themſelves for Life, and their Sons *Thomas* and *Henry*, Remainder to the Right Heirs of *Robert*, which *Robert* died ſeized, and then held this Manor by the 4th Part of a Fee of *Robert de Tatteſhalle*, from which Time I find the following Perſons of this Name to be Lords and Patrons.

1313, THOMAS and HENRY DE SCHELTONE, Brothers and Sons of *Robert*.

1361, RALPH DE SCHELTON, Knt.

1371, RALPH DE SCHELTON, Jun. Knt.

1420, WILL. SHELTON, Eſq;

1483, RALPH SHELTON, Eſq;

1488, 21 *Dec.* JOHN SHELTON, Knt. died ſeized, leaving his Manors of *Scoles*, *Snoryng Magna*, &c. to

JOHN SHELTON, his Son.

From this Family it came to the *Aldhams*, and in the Year

1553, JOHN ALDHAM, of *Shimpling*, was Lord and Patron, who left it to

WILLIAM ALDHAM, who in 1561, levied a Fine, and convey'd it to

Sir THOMAS CORNWALEIS, Knt. in whoſe Time the Stile of the Court ran thus, [*d*] *Oſmundeſton, nuper Aldham's quondam Shelton's*. In this Noble Family the Manor hath ever ſince continued, the preſent Lord *Cornwaleis* being now both Lord and Patron.

## *BEZILE's, Or, BOYLAND's MANOR,*

** Was that Part of *Oſmundeſton* that was in the Crown in King *John*'s Time, and was then worth 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per Ann.* it being an Eſcheat of the *Normans* Lands. This King gave it to

RALPH Earl of *Cheſter*, for Life, at whoſe Death it came to

King *HENRY* III. who granted it to

INGERARD DE TANE for Life, who dying ſoon after, the ſame King gave it to

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† Terre Radulfi de Felgeres. (Domeſd. fol. 275.)
Dice Dim'. Hundret.
Oſmundeſtuna tenet Algarus Sub Heroldo T.R.E. pro dim: Car: terre Semper. ii. Villani. ſemper. vi. bordarij. tunc. ii. Ser: modo i. ſemper. i. car: in dominio ſed due poſſint Eſſe. ſemper ii. car: Hominum. Silv: x. Porc. vi acr. prati. ſemper i. Equus in Aula et ii. an: et x. Porc. et iiii. Liberi Homines de xl. acr: terre tunc. i. car: et dim: poſt: et m° i. et iiii. acr. prati, tunc val: xl. s. Poſt. l. et modo. habet. v. quart: in Long: et iiii in Lato, et de Gelto ijd.

Dice Dim: Hund:
* In Oſmundeſtuna Invaſit Hugo de Corbun Sub Rogero Bigot, medietatem unius Liberi Hominis. C. x. acr. terre et Parte Hege. hoc tenuit R: Comes quando foriſfecit, et poſt cum fuit in manu Regis, invaſit eum Hugo de Corbun, qui m° tenet, Radulfus de Felgeris tenet manerium ſed non habet hanc partem. Semper valet. ii s. (Domeſd. fol. 302.)

*a* Eſcheat: H. 3. A° 55. Bundell 3.

*b* Plit. Coron. Rot. 15. in dorſo.

*c* Eſc: 31. E. 1.

** Terra Rogeri Bigoti. Dice Dim. Hundr. (Domeſd. fol. 113.)
Oſmundeſtuna ten: Algarus Trec Sub Edrico T.R.E. dim. car. tre. & tenet Hugo de Corbun. ſemp. ii. vill: & vi. bordar. ſemp. i. car. in Dominio, ſed ii. poſſent Eſſe. Tunc et poſt ii. car: hominum, modo ii. et dim: Silva. xv. Porc. & vi. acr. prati et i. lib. homo & dim. de xvi. acr fuit liberatus ad hoc manerium perficiendum, Tunc dimid. car. modo nichil ſemp. Val. l. Sol.

*d* E. Cop. Cur.

Sir WILLIAM DE SYVAG (or *Sinagon*) for Life, and at his Death to

[e] ALMARIC DE BERRILES (or *Beziles*) and his Heirs, in 1272, to be held of him by Knights Service, in Capite, the Manor then was thus valued, [f] *viz.* the Rent of Aſſize of the Freeholders at *6l.* 12*s.* 7*d. per Ann.* and of the Copyholders in *Soccage*, 32*s.* 6*d.* 1*q.* In 1206, 8 of King *John*, [g] *Adam de Stawell* held it of that King, who had it an Eſcheat, it being held of *Richard de Fengeres*, Lord of the Capital Manor.

Sir AYMER (or [h] *Ailmaric*) died in 1279, and the *Eſcheator* ſeized on his Lands for want of an Heir; he was Born beyond Sea, as the Jury affirmed, who mention *Emma* his Wife, and *Peter de Berrils* his Grandſon to be Living, but where they knew not: It appears at this Time, that one Third of it laid in *Stirſton* in *Suffolk*, and near one Third in *Frenze*, and the reſt here. The King after the Seizure did not hold it long, for in 1284, *Edward* I. granted in Fee to

* Sir RICHARD DE BOYLAND, and his Heirs, all that Sir *Aylmer de Berrill* held of him here, and in *Sturſton*, at half a Knights Fee, from whom it took the Name of *Boyland's Fee.* [i] He jointly with *Elen* his Wife, Daughter of *Phillip de Colvile*, held this Manor and one in *Briſingham*, one in *North Walſham*, and Lands in *Titſhall*, *Wilby*, and *Ringſted*, in the Year 1295, when *John* was their Son and Heir, and 24 Years old. This *Richard* was a great [k] Lawyer, and one of the Juſtices of the King's-Bench, he left it to

Sir JOHN BOYLAND his Son, from whom (but whether by purchaſe or not, I can't tell) it came to

JOHN DE LOWDHAM, who in 1345, paid x*s.* for his Relief, for the Manor late Sir *John Boyland*'s, called *Boyland Fee*, [l] from which Time it continually went as *Frenze* Manor, 'till *John Lowdham* ſold one Moiety of it to

JOHN WODEHOUSE, the other Moiety went with his Daughter to the

BLEVERHASSETS, and in 1561, *John Bleverhaſſet* granted it to

THOMAS CORNWALEIS, Knt. whoſe Heirs purchaſed the other Half, after many Conveyances of it from *Wodehouſe* to *Gryme*, and from *Gryme* to *Rant* and others, and in this Family it hath continued ever ſince, it being now annexed to the Capital Manor.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, having a ſquare Tower, and but one Bell, tho' not long ſince there were Five; the Church, Chancel, and South Iſle are leaded, the South Porch is tiled.

On a Black Marble lying in the Chancel.
*Fremoult.* A Chev. between 3 Ferdumolins } impaled.
*Bedingfield* *Erm.* An Eagle diſplay'd, *Gul.* }

Hic jacet
Elizabetha Joelis Fremoult, Generoſi
Uxor dilectiſſima,
Edmundi Bedingfield, de Haleſworth, Ar:
Filia natù maxima:
Verum Pietatis, et Patientiæ, Exemplar.
Dum Illa in Cælis Gaudet,
Amici omnes et Familiares,
Imprimis vero Maritus et Filius Chariſſimi,
Nec non Pauperes et Egeni,
In Terris Lugent.
Obijt Quarto Julij, Anno { Dni. MDCCXX.
{ Ætat. LIII.

There is a Stone by the Pulpit, for " Anne Wife of George Sedny, who died May 24 1696.

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[e] Plita: Coronæ. [f] Lib. Lovell.

[g] Lib. rub. Scij. fol. 116. [h] Teſta de Nevill.

* Placita Corone, Aº 15. E. 1. 1286. Rot. 15.

" De Eſcaetis.
" Juratores dicunt quod Almaricus de Beſill, tenuit quandam " terram in Oſmundeſton, et Sturſton, in Com' Suff. que Ex- " tenditur per Ann. ad viij*l.* et v*s.* de Eſcaetis Normanorum " et Richardus de Boylund. modo tenet terras illas, ſed neſciunt " quo Warranto. Qui venit et dicit, quod dominus Rex nunc " dedit ei terram illam per cartam ſuam, quam profert, et que " hec teſtatur, quod Dominus Rex pro laudabili ſervitio quod " dictus fidelis ſuus Richardus de Boylund ei impendit, dedit " conceſſit et carta ſua confirmavit eidem Richꝰ. omnes terras et " tenementa cum pertinentijs que Almaricus de Beſile, defunc- " tus tenuit de eo in Oſmundeſtone, et Sturſtone, que ad viijꝰ " Libras et quinque ſolidos per An: Extenduntur. Habend' " dicto Ricº et heredibus ſuis de ipſo Rege et heredibus ſuis per " ſervicium medietatis unius militis, pro omni ſervicio, &c.

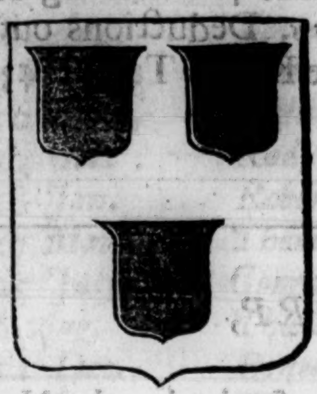
This Richard at the ſame Time claimed Liberty of Free-warren in this Manor, by the King's Charter, which he produced, and had it allow'd him.

[i] Eſch. No. 6. [k] See more in Briſingham.

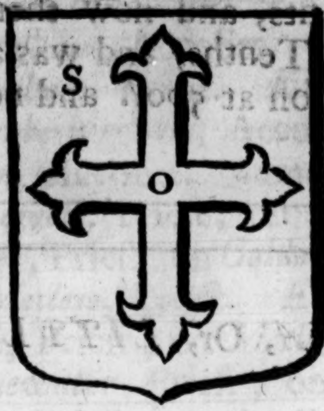
[l] Vide Frenſe Manor.

**In a South Iſle Window were theſe Arms, and *Ufford*'s with a Bend *Arg.* all which are now loſt except *Lowdham*.**

LOWDHAM.



BRAHAM.



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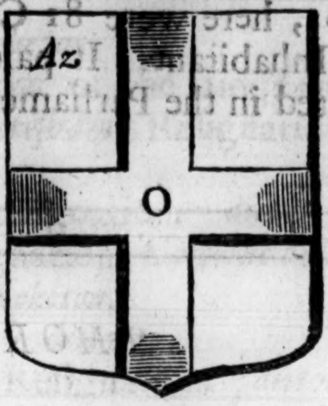

This Rectory is in the Deanry of *Redenhall*, Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Dioceſs of *Norwich*, valued in the King's Books at 9*l.* but is now diſcharged, being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 46*l.* ſo that it is capable of Augmentation, and is freed from Firſt Fruits, and Tenths.

| * King's Book | Clear Value | Synodals. | Procurations. | Acres Glebe. | Norw: Valuat. | Lincoln Valuat. |
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## *The* RECTORS.

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| 1297. | * *John de Petreſtre*, Rector. [*Fin: Norf:* N. 99.] |
| 1313, Id: *March*, | *Alan de Hallegate*, Prieſt. THO. and HENRY DE SHELTONE. |
| 1314, 10 Kal. *Nov.* | *Ralph de Sheltone*, Prieſt, *ditto.* |
| 1343, 18 *Decem.* | Sir *Henry de Shelton*, Prieſt. THO. DE SHELTON. |
| 1349, 14 *May*, | *Richard* atte *Lane* of *Walton*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1352, 7 *Jan.* | ¶ *Robert Flemmyng*, Prieſt, on the Reſignation of *Richard de Walton.* d° |
| 1354, 21 *June*, | *John de Tyryngtone*, Prieſt, on the Reſignation of *Rich. Fleming. ditto.* |
| 1361, 6 *Jan.* | *John Harcourt de Brentillegh*, Prieſt. RALPH DE SHELTONE, Knt. |
| 1371, 31 *March*, | *Andrew de Colneye*, Prieſt, on the Reſignation of *John Harcourt.* RALPH DE SHELTON, Junior, Knt. |
| 1407, 3 *Jan.* | Sir —— *Clerk* of *Caſtleacre*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1416, 5 *Decem.* | *Robert Tulbey*, on *Richard Wilchin*'s Reſignation, who changed with him for *Brome.* WILL. SHELTON, Eſq; |
| 1420, 14 *February*, | *Robert Smith* of *Palgrave*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1442, 26 *Jan.* | *Henry Ruſſell*, Prieſt, on the Reſignation of *Robert Smith.* ALICE ALDIRFORD, Widow. |
| 1483, 30 *Sept.* | *Henry Ruſſell*, he had *Thorp Parva.* RALPH SHELTON, Eſq; |
| 1520, 18 *Sept.* | *Richard Prior.* § JOHN SHELTON, Knt, |
| 1550, 19 *June*, | *Thomas Marbury. ditto.* |
| 1553, 6 *Nov.* | *William Whyck*, on the Reſignation of *Tho. Marbury.* JOHN ALDHAM, Gent. of *Shimpling.* |
| 1556, 8 *Jan.* | *Nic. Awdeley*, Prieſt, at *Whyck*'s Death. *ditto.* |
| 1558, 13 *Oct.* | *Nicol. Calver*, on *Awdeley*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1560, 4 *April*, | *Richard Johnſone*, Prieſt, on the Reſignation of *Calver. ditto.* |
| 1568, 1 *Febr.* | *John Trapett*, on *Johnſone*'s Death. HENRY ALDHAM, Gent. |
| 1597, 26 *May*, | *John Smith* at *Trapett*'s Death. THO. CORNWALEIS, Knt. in full Right: He was Patron in 1510. |
| 1598, 4 *Nov.* | *John Smith* on his own Reſignation, united to *Frenſe.* WILL. CORNWALEIS, Knt. |
| 1617, 6 *Dec.* | *Thomas Hall*, A.M. NATHANIEL BACON, Eſq; and ** JANE CORNWALEIS, Patrons. |
| 1642, | *John Welles*, A. M. JANE BACON of *Culford.* |

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* "Dominus Henricus de Scheltone eſt Patronus, Rector habet Manſum cum xx Acris Terre, Procurat: vj *s.* viij *d.* Sinod: pro Termino Paſchæ xii *d.* pro Termino Sti Mich: xii *d.* Denarij ſti. Petri xij *d.* Eſtimatio illius xvi marc. Domeſ: Norw.

¶ Robert de Fleming was Rector of Rochford in Eſſex, and changed it with Walton, for this, his Name occurrs not in Mr. Newcourt.

§ Richard Shelton Maſter of Metyngham College was Surety for the Firſt Fruits.

** She was firſt Wife of Will. Cornwaleis, Knt. after of Nath. Bacon, Knt. of the Bath, whoſe Widow ſhe was in 1631, and lived at Brome.

1677, 16 *Oct.* † *Luke Milbourne*, A. M. Car. Lord Cornwallis.
1702, 19 *Dec.* § The Rev. Mr. *Abraham Cooper*, A. M. the preſent Rector, at *Milbourn*'s Reſignation. Rob. Britiff, Eſq; *pro hac vice.*

In 1603, here were 81 Communicants, and now there are about 40 Dwelling Houſes, and 230 Inhabitants: It paid 1 *l.* 17 *s.* Tenths, and was allowed 7 *s.* Deductions out of it, it was rated in the Parliament Aſſociation at 500 *l.* and now to the King's Tax at 435 *l.*

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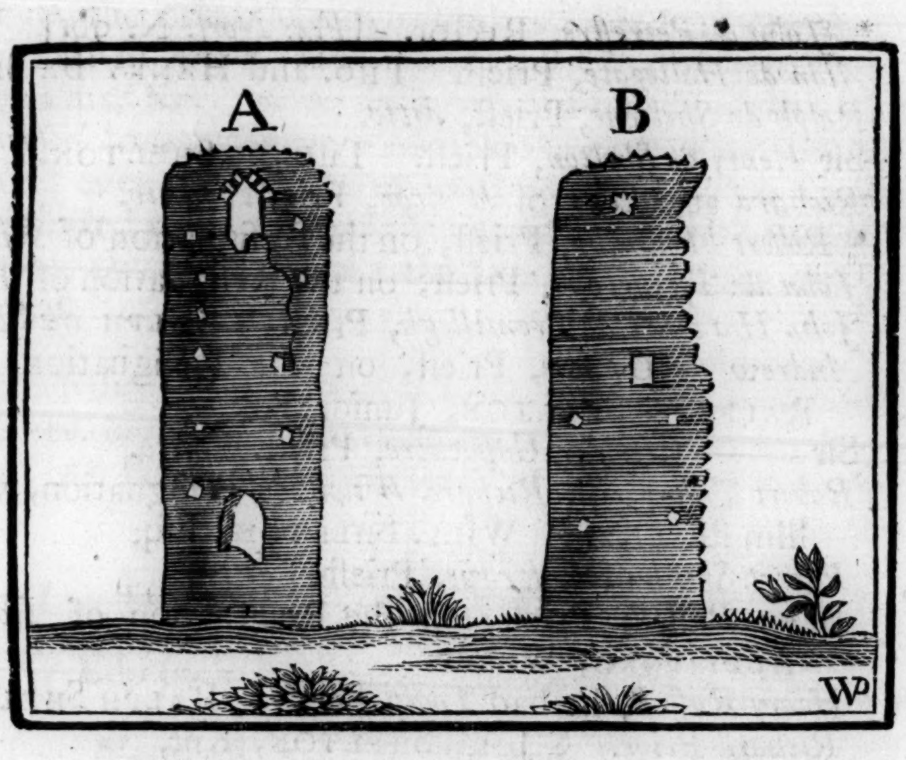
## *THORP-PARVA*, Or, *LITTLE THORP*,

IS a ſmall Village on the Eaſt Part of *Scole*, having only 4 Houſes in it; the Name of Þorp in *Saxon*, ſignifies a Manor Houſe, and this is called in antient Evidences, *Thorp Mannewen*, probably from *Ralph de Manerijs*, (or *Manors*) Lord thereof, and *Little Thorp*, or *Parva Thorp*, to diſtinguiſh it from *Thorp Abbots*, which lies near it. It paid to the Tenths 1 *l.* 4 *s.* out of which 4 *s.* was deducted; the Parliament Valuation was 148 *l.* and the preſent Valuation is 120 *l.*

It is a Rectory, but a *Sinecure*; the Church, which is dedicated to St. *Mary* the *Virgin*, being quite demoliſhed, the Ruins of the Steeple, which was round, appear in this Manner.



In 1603, in the Manuſcript called, *The Anſwers of the Parſons*, it is thus enter'd, "*Robert* "*Dale*, Farmor of this Benefice ſaith, that there are about five Communicants, that it is "a Rectory Preſentative, valued in the King's Books at 4 *l.* that *Edward Doyly*, Eſq; is "Patron, of it, (as it is ſaid) who receiveth the Tithes, and ſo hath done of a long Time,' "that the Pariſhioners hear Divine Service at *Billingford*." It is in *Redenhall* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and being ſworn not to exceed the clear yearly Value of 30 *l. per Ann.* is capable of Augmentation, and neither pays Firſt Fruits nor Tenths, the Advowſon now is and always was appendant to the Manor.

* In 1469, *William White*, Eſq; of this Pariſh, who was Lord and Patron, order'd his Body to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, at *Thorp Parva*, ſo that the Church was in Uſe at that Time, and I believe, long ſince.

| *King's Books.* | *Clear Value under* | *Norw. Tax:* | *Lincoln Tax:* | *Synodals.* | *Proc: Arch:* |
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† He publiſhed ſeveral Sermons on the 30th of January. § He holds it united to Thorp-Abbots.

A. Is the Weſt Part B. The South Part. * Regiſter Betyns.

*The*

## *The* RECTORS.

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| 1300, Id: *April*, | *Robert de Beccles*, Chaplain. * *Daniel de Beccles.* |
| 1310, 15 Cal. *Oct.* | *Simon de Ruburgh*, Prieſt to the Church of *Thorp-Parva Mannewen*, *Lucy*, late Wife of *Daniel de Beccles.* |
| 1326, Id: *Aug.* | *Thomas de Shoteſham*, Accolite. *John de Neketon.* |
| 1335, 3 Id: *Aug.* | *Thomas de Shoteſham*, Prieſt. *Katerine* Widow of the ſaid *John.* |
| 1338, 10 *April*, | *William de Tounberningham*, Accolite; on *Shoteſham*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1339, 13 *Oct.* | *Rad. de Neketon*, Accolite. *ditto.* |
| 1340, 18 *Jan.* | *Robert de Caldewell*, Prieſt; on *Neketon*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1344, 27 *March*, | *Thomas Forreſter*, Prieſt; on *Caldewell*'s Reſignation. *Caterine de Neketon.* |
| 1349, 25 *July*, | *Conrandus de Metleye*, Prieſt. *Edmund de Neketon.* |
| 1352, 6 *Aug.* | *Thomas Hannok*, Prieſt; on *Metleye*'s Death. *ditto.* |
| 1355, 11 *Dec.* | *Benedict Brennewater*, Prieſt; on *Hannok*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1371, 15 *Jan.* | *Thomas Palmer*, Prieſt; at the Reſignation of *John Freſhwater*, whoſe Inſtitution occurs not. *ditto.* |
| 1380, 17 *April*, | *John Norman*, Prieſt. *Roger de Wulferton*, *Thomas* Rector of *Titſhale*, and *Richard Dautrys.* |
| 1390, 8 *March*, | † *John Benſelyn* of *Hapton*, Prieſt. *William Braytoft* of *Thorp-Parva*, and *Iſabel* his Wife. |
| 1420, 22 *Nov.* | § *Robert Cordebeef*, Prieſt. *John Swan*, Eſq, for this Turn. |
| 1459, 31 *May*, | *Will: Sad.* The Biſhop by Lapſe. |
| 1478, 5 *Aug.* | *Andrew Awbyn.* Lapſe. |
| 1482, 22 *Febr.* | *Henry Ruſſell* held it united to *Scole.* *Richard White*, Gent. |
| 1492, 17 *March*, | *John Weſt*, at the Death of *Nicholas Cane.* *Henry Wyott*, Eſq; |
| 1506, 7 *May*, | Sir *Henry Penning*, who had his Firſt Fruits remitted by the Biſhop, out of Reſpect and Love to *Henry Wyott*, his Patron. |
| 1510, 28 *Jan.* | *Robert Bachinden* a Monk; on *Penning*'s Death. *Henry Wiatt*, Knt. |
| 1516, ---------- | |
| 1540, 1 *May*, | *Nicholas Temperley*, Scolar: *Margaret White*, Widow. |
| 1602, 2 *Nov.* | *John Bond*, A. B. King *James* by Lapſe. |
| 1605, 9 *Nov.* | *John Bound* (or *Bond*) aforeſaid reſign'd, but he recalled it and was re-inſtated. |
| 1627, | Mr. *John Burges*, Rector. |
| 1632, | ‖ *Hugh Hatton.* *Edward Doyly*, Eſq; |
| 1637, | *Edward Hudſon*, A. M. The King by Lapſe. |
| 1665, 30 *Nov.* | *Robert Eland*, A. M. The King by Lapſe. |
| 1700, 26 *Febr.* | *John Fielder*, A. B. *Tho. Robinſon*, Gent. |
| | He was ſucceeded by *John Burgate*, after whoſe Death. |
| 1724, 18 *Jan.* | The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Buxton*, A. M. the preſent Rector was inſtituted, who holds it united to *Shimpling.* JOHN HOLT, Eſq; |

This Town belonged to ** *Edric*, who held it of *Edric*, the Anceſtor of *Robert Malet*, Lord of the Honour of *Eye*, of whom it was held by *Hubert* in the Conqueror's Time, when the Manor extended (as it now does) into *Thelton*; the whole being valued at x*s.* in the Confeſſor's, and 20 *s. per Ann.* in the Conqueror's Time, the *Soke* belonged then to the King, to whom it paid 3 *d. Geld*, being a Mile long, and 3 Quarters of a Mile broad.

It afterwards came to the *Muntchenſies*, who held it of the Honour of *Eye*, which was held of the King in Capite.

In 1206, *William de Weſton* was Owner of it, and this Year releaſed it to

*Alan Pictavienſis*, (afterwards called *Alan de Goldyngham*) and in

[m] 1256, *Daniel de Beccles* held it of the ſaid *Alan*, by the Service of one Knight's Fee, he of *William de Montecaniſo*, (or *Montchenſy*) he of the Earl of *Cornwall*, as of *Eye* Honour, and he of the King. This *Daniel* left it to

*Lucy* his Wife, Daughter of *Ralph de Manerijs*, (or *Manors*) who was Lord here in Truſt, during his Life, and then *Lucy* aforeſaid, kept the Courts in her own Name: [n] In 1299, ſhe had the *Lete*, and Aſſize of *Bread* and *Beer*: In 1308, ſhe ſettled it by Fine on herſelf for Life, and after on

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* Sir Henry Shelton was Patron before Daniel de Beccless.

† This John was buried by the South Gate of the Church-yard, in 1420. § Robert died 1427.

‖ He held it with Ruſall.

** Domeſd. fol. 77. Terre Roberti Malet. Dice Dim Hundr. In torp. tenuit Edricus Soc: ſub Edrico Antec: Malet lxxx acr: modo tenet Hubertus ſemp: iii. vill: & iii Bord: ſemp: i car. in dmo. ſemp: ii. car. Homin: & vi. acr. prati. et in Te'ventuna ii. liberi hommes ejuſdem xiiii acr. terre ſemp: dim: car: Tunc totum valuit x. Sol: poſt & m° xx. Soca Regis. Torp habet iiii quart: in longo et iii. in Latitudine et de Gelto iii d.

[m] Plita: 8 Joh: Rot: 1. in dorſo.

[n] Rot' de quo Warranto,

*John de Neketon*, who own'd it in 1315, and in [o] 1324, ſettled it on himſelf and

*Katherine* his Wife, in Tail, who was Lady in [p] 1345, and paid 40 *s.* for her Relief; at her Death it went to

*Edmund de Neketon*, who in 1377, ſettled it with the Advowſon by Fine, on *Roger Wolferſton*, *Thomas* Rector of *Titſhall*, and *Richard Dautrys*, in Truſt; He was ſucceeded by

*Iſabell*, late Wife of *John de Necton*, Son of the ſaid *Edmund*, about 1401; ſhe afterwards married *William Braytoft* of *Thorp-Parva*, after whoſe Deceaſe it came to the *Whites*, for in 1469,

[q] *William White* of *Thorp-Parva*, Eſq; by Will dated *March* 30, gave the Manor and Advowſon to *Mary* his Wife, to maintain his Children, 'till *Richard* his 3^d^ Son ſhould be 22 Years old, and then he was to have it in Tail, Remainder to *Robert* his 2^d^ Son, then to *John* his 4^th^ Son, and then to *Bartholomew* his eldeſt Son, Remainder to his Daughters equally.

According to which, *Richard* the 3^d^ Son ſucceeded, and held it 'till 1492, [8 *H.* 7.] but being then attainted of High Treaſon, his Eſtates were ſeized by the King, who granted them to *Henry Wiot*, and his Heirs Male, but the Attainder being taken off, it reverted to the Family, for *John* the 4^th^ Son who was Dr. of Divinity, inſtituted to *Filby* Rectory in 1505, which he reſigned in 1512, inherited on the Entail, and in 1515, ſettled the whole on *Henry Wyatt*, *John Cutte*, *Richard Chamely*, Knts. *Richard* and *John Wiat*, Clerks, *William Sparke*, and *William Damport*, and their Heirs, in Truſt, but to what Uſes does not appear: However, notwithſtanding this, he is found to have died ſeized, leaving

*Edmund* his Son (as I ſuppoſe) his Heir, who died in 1551, and left

[r] *Anne* his Siſter, his Heir, who was then the Wife of

*Henry Doyly* of *Shotteſham*, who held it of the King as of his Honour of *Eye*.

In 1572, this *Henry* was Lord, who in 1584, levied a Fine of it, to *Tho. Townſend*, Eſq; and others in Truſt.

In 1596, It was held by *Doylie*, and in 1632, *Henry Doyly* was Lord and Patron.

In 1715, *Thomas Robinſon*, Gent. was Lord and Patron, and ſometime after, it was purchaſed by *John Sayer* of *Eye*, Eſq; who ſold it to

*John Holt*, Eſq; at whoſe Death it deſcended to

ROWLAND HOLT of *Redgrave*, Eſq; who is now Lord and Patron. The *Lete* belongs to the Manor, ſo that the Lord of the Hundred hath no Juriſdiction in this Town.

## *FRENSE*

WAS always one † Manor, which in King *Edward*'s Time was held by § *Edric*, of *Edric*, for one Carucate, and in the Conqueror's Time by *Hubert*, of *Robert Malet*, Lord of *Eye*; it was then worth xv *s. per Ann.* being five Furlongs long, and four broad, and paid 3 *d. Danegeld*.

It was always held of *Eye* Honour at one Quarter of a Knights Fee, and paid x *s.* Relief; I don't meet with any Lords Names ‖ before 1280, [s] when *John de Ludham* was Lord and Patron, whoſe Family took their Sirname from a Village ſo called, in *Suffolk*, in *Wilford* Hundred, which they held many Ages.

In 1297, it was ſettled on *William de Ludham* and *Alice* his Wife, and *John* their Son, and his Heirs.

In 1329, *Joan* Wife of Sir *John Ludham*, and *John Lowdham*, Knt. Son of *Thomas*, was 21 Years old and held this Manor, and in 1336, purchaſed ſeveral large Parcels of Land, of *Ralph de Shimpling*, and *Katerine* his Wife, being the firſt of this Family that had *Boyland*'s Manor, both which, together with this Advowſon, in 1343, they ſetled by Fine, on themſelves and the Heirs of *John*, *Edmund de Ufford le Frere*, and *Peter de Teye*, being Feoffees.

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[o] Ein: Norf. E. 2. L. 1. N. 93.

[p] Inquiſ. 20, E. 3.

[q] Regr Betyns 113, B. proved at Horne, 1470.

[r] Carta pen: me.

[s] Liber Cedular.

† Boyland's in Scole, is ſometimes ſaid to be in Frenze, becauſe it extends into it, as did the Manors of Titſhall and Thorp-parva. The Abbat of St. Edmund, Lord of Titſhall, in the Conqueror's Time had two Socmen here.

(Domeſd. fol. 181.) In Frenſe ii. Soc. Sci. Edmundi de xvj. acr. ſemp. dim: Car: val: ii. Sol:

A^o^ 1195 ----- Haſting, held 23 ac. i villan: of the Abbat's Fee. 1367, Will. de Frenze held it.

§ (Domeſd. fol. 77.) Terre Rob. Malet, Dice Dim. Hundr. Friſa tenuit Edricus ſub Edrico, pro i. car: terre, modo tenet Hubertus, tunc et poſt i. villan: modo ii. tunc et poſt i. bord: modo ii. ſemper i. car: in dnio: Semper arant Homines cum duobus Bovibus, & iiii. acr: Prati, modo i. mol: tunc et poſt valuit x *s.* modo xv. habet v. quarent: in longo & iiii. in lato & iii. *d.* de Gelto.

‖ It ſeems as if the Ludham's had it from the Shelton's.

[t] Nomina Villar.

In 1351, Sir *John*, Son and Heir of Sir *John de Lowdham*, and *Joan* his Wife, held this and *Boyland* Manor in *Oſmundeſton*, *Frenze*, and *Stirſton*; he died in 1355, and *Joan* his Wife had it to her Death in 1371, and held it of *Edmund*, Son of Sir *Thomas de Ufford*, Lord of *Eye*.

*John* Son of *Thomas de Lowdham*, Knt. inherited, and died in 1373.

And Sir *Thomas de Lowdham*, Knt. Brother and Heir of *John*, Son of *Thomas*, Son of *John* and *Joan* his Wife, held it, jointly with *Maud* his Wife; he died in 1385, and

Sir *Robert Corbet*, Senior, Knt. held it as Guardian to *John Lowdham*, who dying, left it to his Wife,

And in 1401, the Lady which was the Wife of Sir *Robert Corbet*, Senior, Knt. held *Boyland*'s in Dower, and Sir *Robert Corbet*, Junior, her Son held *Frenze*, during the Minority of *John Lowdham*, Son of *Thomas de Lowdham* and *Maud* his Wife, who when his Father died was but 7 Years old. This *John* died 28 *April* 1428, *Alice* his Wife ſurviving him; he left only one Daughter

*Joan*, then 14 Years old married to *Thomas Hevenyngham*, Eſq; and after that to

*Ralph Blaverhaſſet*, Eſq; both which ſhe out-lived, not dying 'till *June* 20, 1501, being 97 Years of Age, ſhe was ſeized of *Boylands*, the other Moiety of which was granted by *John Lowdham* to *John Woodhouſe*.

*John Blaverhaſſet* was her Son and Heir, being 77 Years old at his Mother's Death. This is a very antient Family, taking their Name from *Bleverſeta*, or *Bleverhayſet* in *Cumberland*, where the eldeſt Branch continued a long Time. In 1382, *Alan Bleverhaſſet* was Mayor of the City of *Carliſle*, as was *John*, in 1430, [z] In 1412, *Ralph Bleverhayſet* was Parliament Man for that City, and ſo was *Thomas*, in 1584. In 1510, this *John* died in the 87th. Year of his Age, ſeized of *Frenze*, and a Moiety of *Boyland*'s; he had 2 Wives, *Jane* Daughter of *Thomas Heigham* of *Heigham-green* in *Suff.* Eſq; by whom he had Sir *Thomas*, his Son and Heir now 49 Years of Age, and *Jane* Daughter of Sir *Thomas Tindall* of *Hockwold* in *Norfolk* Knt. He came from *Southhill* in *Bedfordſhire*, to *Frenze*, which Eſtate he gave to *John* his Son by his ſecond Wife, who dying without Iſſue, it was divided among his 4 Siſters, *Margaret*, married to *Robert Warner* of *Beſthorp*, after to *William Drury* of the ſame, *Jane* to Sir *Phillip Calthorp*, *Anne* to Sir *Henry Grey*, of *Wreſt* in *Bedfordſhire* Knt. *Ellen* to *Miles Hobart* of *Plumſtede* in *Norfolk* Eſq; ſecond Son of Sir *James Hobart* Knt.

Sir *Thomas* died ſeized of *Frenze* and *Boyland*'s, *June* 27, 1531, leaving

*George* his eldeſt Son by his firſt Wife, his Heir, he died in 1543, and by his Will gave *Frenze*, to *Margaret* his Wife for Life, and *Boyland*'s Moiety, to *Mary* his Daughter and Heireſs, then married to *Thomas Culpepper* Eſq; ſhe being to have *Frenze* alſo at *Margaret*'s Death. This *Mary* by Fine, ſetled *Frenze* on

*Francis Bacon* Eſq; her 2d Husband, and *Edmund* his Son, for their Lives, both which had it, *Edmund Bacon* of *Harleſton* being ſeized of it in 1572, after whoſe Death it reverted to

*John Bleverhaſſet*, who had enjoy'd *Boyland*'s ever ſince the Death of the ſaid *Mary*. This *John* was brother to *George* her Father, He ſold the Moiety of *Boyland*'s to Sir *Thomas Cornwaleis* Knt. and his Heirs, but *Frenze* continued in this Family, for in 1587,

*George Bleverhaſſet* held it, and in 1595,

*Samuel Bleverhaſſet*; how or when it went from this Family, I don't find, but in

1666, 24 *Nov.* *Richard Nixon* Eſq; died ſeized, and

*Richard* was his Son and Heir, whoſe Son *Diamond Nixon*, ſold it to

Sir *Robert Kemp* Bart. whoſe Son Sir *Robert*, is now Lord and Patron.

The *CHURCH* is a ſmall Building, of equal Height, cover'd with Tile, and having no Steeple the Bell hangs on the outſide of the Roof at the Weſt End, there is no Partition between the Church and Chancel, but there is a Beam fixed acroſs the Eaſt Chancel Window, on which the Rood was conveniently placed, the Church is about 24 Yards long, and ſeven Yards wide, the South Porch is tiled, 'tis dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, [a] as appears from the Will of *Ralph Bleverhaſſet*, who deſired to be buried in the Chancel of St. *Andrew* at *Frenze*; the Meaneſs of the Fabrick hath preſerved the Inſcriptions from being reaved, for it looks like a Barn at a Diſtance. In the Chancel according to his Will is buried *Ralph Bleverhaſſet* Eſq; whoſe Effigies ſtanding upon a Lyon, ſtill remains on his Stone, and this Inſcription;

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[z] Willis's Notit: Parliam: Vol. 2. p. 293 4.

[a] Regr. Caſtone in Archiv. Norw: fo. 183. b.

Hic iacet venerabilis Vir Radulphus Bleverhayſett
Armiger qui obiit xiiii° die Menſis Novembris
A° dni. M° CCCC lxxv°. cuius Anime propicietur Deus Amen.

There are 4 Shields ſtill remaining. 1. *Bleverhaſſet* with an Annulet quartering *Orton*. 2. *Ditto* impaling *Lowdham*, 3d as the 2d, 4th *Lowdham* ſingle.

The Inſcription for his Wife is now loſt, but was, as we learn from Mr. *Anſtis*'s MSS. [mark'd *G.* 6. fol. 39.] as follows,

Here lyeth Mrs. Joane Bleverhaſſet, the Wife of Ralph Bleverhaſſet,
Eſq; the Daughter and Heir of John Lowdham, who died the 20th Day of
June 1501.

The ſame MSS. hath the following Inſcription now gone.

> " Here lyeth the venerable Gentleman John Bleverhaſſet, Eſq; who
> " died the 27*th* of March, in the Year of our Lord, 1514.

On a Stone by the South Door is the Effigies of a Woman bidding her Beads, with 3 Shields under the Inſcription. 1. *Haſſet* with an Annulet quartering *Lowdham*. 2. *Ditto* impaling *Tindall*, quartering *Fecklin*. 3. *Tindall* quartering *Orton* and *Scales*.

Pray for the Soule of Jane Bleverhayſſett, Wedow, late Wyf
onto John Blaverhayſſett, Eſquier, whiche Jane departed oute
of this preſent Lyf, the vi Day of October, the Yere of our Lord
God, M° vc xxi on whoſe Soule Jhu have mercy, Amen.

On a Stone at the Eaſt End.

Here lyeth Sir Thomas Bleuerhayſſette, Knyght,
which deceſſyd the xvii Day of June, the Yere of our
Lorde M° vc xxxi. and xxiii Yere of the Reigne of our Soveraygne Lord Kyng Henry the viiith, who is Soule God Pardon.

At each Corner is a Coat,

1. *Haſſet* with an Annulet quartering *Orton*, impaling *Lowdham* and *Keldon*, quarter'd.
2. *Haſſet* and *Lowdham* quarter'd, impaling *Heigham*; his firſt Wife.
3. *Haſſet*, *Lowdham*, *Orton*, and *Keldon*, quarter'd, impaling *Braham*, with a Creſcent.
4. *Haſſet*, and the Three quarter'd as in the laſt, impaling two Lyons Paſſant.

His Effigies ſtill remains in compleat Armour, having a Surcoat of his Arms, *viz. Bleverhaſſet* with the Annulet (which this Branch always bare for Difference) with his Quarterings, *Lowdham*, *Orton*, and *Kelvedon* (or *Keldon*,) under his Head lies his Creſt, *viz.* a Fox Paſſant.

On a Marble 3 Yards long, and a Yard and half wide, is this on a Braſs Plate.

Here lyeth Dame Margaret Bleverhayſet, Wedowe, late Wyf to Syr
Thomas Bleverhayſet off Frens, Knyght, Dowghter to John Braham
of Wetheryngſet, Eſquyer, who had Yſſue by the ſaid Syr Thomas,
two Sonnes, Thomas a Pryſt, and John Bleverhayſet of Barſham, by
Beclys in Suff. and fyve Dowghters, that ys Elizabeth fyrſt married to
Lyonell Lowth, after to Frauncis Clopton, Agnes married to Syr
Antony Rows, Knyght, Anne married fyrſt to George Duke, after to
Peter Rede, Margaret fyrſt married to John Goſnold, after to Antony
Wyngfyld, who dyed the xxiii of Julye in the Yere of our Lorde, 1561.

The firſt Coat is loſt, but was *Braham* impaling *Reydon*.

2. *Haſſet*, *Lowdham*, *Keldon*, *Orton*, *Skelton*, and *Haſſet*, impaling *Braham*, the 3*d* is loſt.

Adjoyning is another Stone, having had two Coats, which are reaved, as is the Effigies of the Man, that of the Woman remains, her Head lies on a Pillow, and her Beads hang before her, the two remaining Shields have theſe Arms.

1. *Duke* Quartering *Banyard*, with the Difference of 2 Annulets interlaced on the Feſs. *Park* and *Ilketſhall*, impaling *Haſſet*, quartering *Lowdham*, *Keldon*, *Orton*, and *Skelton*.
2. *Haſſet*, and his Quarterings as before.

Mr. *Le-Neve* ſays, that the two Coats loſt were,

1. *Duke* and his Quarterings as before.
2. *Duke*, *&c.* impaling *Jenney*, quartering - - - - - - - *Buckle* and *Leiſton*.

*Buckle*, *Or*, a Chev. between 3 Buckles.

Heare under lieth George Duke, Eſquyre.
who marryed Anne, the Dowghter of Syr Thomas
Bleverhayſſet, Knyght, the whiche George
dyed the xxvi Day of July, in the yere
of our Lorde God, a. M. CCCCC. li.
whos Sowle God Pardon, Amen.

Another Stone hath it's Inſcriptions torn off, and one Shield; the other is *Cornwaleis*, impaling *Froxmere*

The next hath a Man in Armour, his Sword hanging before him on a Belt, his Hands erected.

*Haſſet* quarters *Lowdham* and *Orton*, *Orton* or *Lowthe* impales *Heigham*.

Hic iacet venerabilis vir Johannis Bleverhayſet, Armiger, qui :::: viceſimo viii° die
Menſ: Novemb: A° Dni. M° v^c x. cuius anime propicietur Deus.

On another Stone.

CREST, A Fox Sedant on a Wreath, under it in a Lozenge,

1. *Haſſet*, *Lowdham*, *Orton*, *Keldon*, *Skelton*, *Duke*, Frette - - - - *Lowthe*.
2. *Culpepper* Quartering - - - - - a Chev. between 11 Martlets, 3. 2. 1. 2. 3. impaling *Haſſet*, and Quarterings as before.
3. *Bacon* impaling *Haſſet* and Quarterings.
4. *Haſſet* and Quarterings.
5. *Duke*, with an Annulet Quartering, 3 Pelicans vulning themſelves, and - - - Frette - - -
6. *Orton*.

Mariæ filiæ et hæredi unicæ Georgij Bleverhaſſet,
Militis inaurati Enuptæ primo Thomæ Culpeper,
Armigero, qui hic, poſtea Franciſco Bacon, Armigero,
Qui Petiſtiræ in Comitat: Suff. tumulatur, ſine prole,
Defuncte vii Septembr. 1587, Ætatis ſuæ, 70.
Viduæ, Piæ, Caſtæ, Hoſpitali, Benignæ!
Joannes Cornwaleis, et Joannes Bleverhaſſet,
Memoriæ et amoris ergo poſuerunt.

On a Braſs fixed to the North Chancel Wall.

Here under lyethe Thomazin Platers, Daughter of George
Duke, Eſquyer, and Wife to William Platers, Sonne & heier
of Thomas Platers of Soterley, Eſquier, whiche Thomazin
dyed the 23d day of December, in the ſecond yere of the
Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Quene Elizabethe, A° 1560.

*Platers*, *Arg.* 3 Bends Wavy, *Az.*

*Platers*, impaling *Duke* and his Quarterings.

More towards the Eaſt on the ſaid Wall, remains the Impreſſion of a Braſs Effigies, and Inſcription now loſt, but in a MSS. [mark'd *E.* 26, fol. 23.] in Mr. *Anſtis*'s Hands we have the following Account,

*Platers*'s Arms and *Dukes*'s.

Orate pro animabus Willi Platers et Thomazin uxoris ſue filie :::: Duke ::::

As alſo of this now loſt.

Orate pro Domina Johanna Braham, vidua ux: Johns: Braham de
Lowdham, Armigeri.

*Braham* impales *Duke*.

On a Stone having the Effigies of a Woman in her Winding Sheet, bidding her Beads.

Hic iacet tumulata domina Johanna Braham, vidua ac Deo dicata
olim uxor Johannis Braham Armigeri que obiit xviii° die Novembris
A° Dni. Millimo CCCCC xix. cuius anime propicietur Deus, Amen.

*Braham* ſingle, and again impaling *Reydon*. *Reydon* ſingle.

On a Braſs plated Stone near the North Door, a Man in his Winding Sheet, and this,

Pray for the Sowle of your Charite,
Of Thomas Hobſon to the Trynyte.

On 3 Flat Marbles.

*Nixon*, On a Cheif, an Ax impaling 3 Roundels.

Here lieth the Body of Richard the
Son of Richard Nixon, Eſq; and
Suſan his Wife, who departed this
Life the 28th Day of Auguſt, 1678.
In the 22d Year of his Age.

*Nixon*, impaling a Chev'ron between 3 Lyons Rampant.

Reliquiæ Richardi Nixon, Armig:
Qui obijt 24° Novemb: An° Dom.
1666, Ætatis ſuæ 77.

per Feſs embattled, 3 Pheons impaling *Nixon*.

Here lyeth the Body of William Cooper, Gent. who died the 30th Day of March, 1693,
Aged 54 Years.

[*b*] In a North Window was a Man bearing *Ufford*'s Arms, and by him ſtood pictured a Lady in the Arms of *Shelton*, cover'd with a Mantle of *Lowdham*.

In the next Window, *Or*, a Feſs *Gul. Haſſet*, *Scales*, many Funeral Eſcutcheons for *Haſſet*, one for *Catherine*, Wife to *Thomas Froxmere*, Gent.

In the Windows, *Hoſſet* and *Lowdham* quarter'd. *Lowdham*,—*Ufford*,—*Dalimer*, *Arg.* 3 Ineſcutcheons *Gul. Shelton*, *Mortimer* of *Wigmore*, *Ufford* with a Label, again with a De-lis, again with a Batoon Gobonne, *Arg.* & *Gul.* again with an Annulet *Arg.*

In the Weſt Window *Lowdham*.

*Lowdham* impales *Bacon*, *Gul.* on a Chief *Arg.* 2 Mullets of the Field, pierced *Sab.*

*Or*, A Feſs *Gul.* impales *Scales*.

*Lowdham* impales *Az.* on a Chief *Gul.* 3 Leopard's Faces *Or*.

Maſcule *Or* and *Sab.*

Moſt of theſe Arms ſtill remain in the Windows.

I find among the Evidences of *Brightlead*'s Tenement in *Scole*, that *Thomas Ropkyn* was buried here, with this Inſcription, now loſt.

Pray for the Sowle of Thomas Ropkyn.

I have now by me 3 Braſs Shields, which I am apt to think were ſtolen from this Church ſome Time agone; the Arms being

*Shelton* impaling a Croſs ingrailed *Erm.*

*Shelton* impaling a Feſs between 15 Billets, 5. 4. 3. 2. 1.

*Paſton* impaling *Shelton*.

At Mrs. *Hill*'s at *Caſtor*, near *Yarmouth*, I ſaw an antient Canvaſs ſurrounding two Rooms, painted with the Matches of the *Bleverhaſſets*, the ſaid Mrs. *Hill* is the laſt now living of this Branch of that Family, their Names are under each Coat, but with Hanging againſt moiſt Walls, ſeveral are worn out, thoſe that are perfect I have added here, tho' they are ſo diſplaced, that the Time of the Matches can not be determined by their Succeſſion.

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*b* MSS. pen. J. Anſtis, Gart. A. 23, fol. 222.

Another MSS. mark'd E. 26, fol. 23.

*Bleverhaſſet*, *Gul.* a Chev. *Erm.* between 3 Dolphins embowed *Arg.*
*Creſt* on a Wreath, *Arg.* & *Gul.* a Fox ſeiant, *Gul.*
Impaled with all the following Coats.
*Frogmorton*, *Gul.* on a Chev. *Or*, 3 Bars *Sab.*
*Braham*, as fol. 89.
*Tindall*, *Arg.* a Feſs indented, in Chief 3 Creſcents, *Gul.*
*Eyre*, *Arg.* on a Feſs, - - - 3 Trefoils, *Or.*
*Pickerell*, as fol. 32.
*Clopton*, *Sab.* a Bend *Arg.* cotized indented, *Or.*
*Lowthe*, *Sab.* a Lyon Ramp. *Or*, armed, *G.*
*Creſſi*, *Arg.* 3 Beacons, *Sab.*
*Culpepper*, *Arg.* a Bend ingrailed *Gul.*
*Covert*, *Gul.* a Feſs between 3 Lyons Heads, *Or.*
*Baynaugh*, *Gul.* a Chev. between 3 Bulls Faces, *Or.*
*Brampton*, *Gul.* a Saltyr between 4 Croſlets fitchee, *Arg.*
*Meawes*, Pally of 6, *Or* & *Arg.* on a Chief, *Gul.* 3 Croſlets formy of the 1ſt.
*Lowdham*, as fol. 89.
*Kelvedon*, (or *Keldon*) *Gul.* a Pall reverſed, *Erm.*
*Orton*, *Arg.* a Lyon Ramp. Guardant, *Vert*, crowned *Or.*
*Skelton*, *Az.* on a Feſs between 3 Delis's, *Or*, a Creſcent, *Sab.*
*Cornwaleis*, *Hare*, *Heydon*, *Wyngfield*, *Reade*, *Kempe*, *Goſnold*, *Spilman*, *Colby*, *Alcock*, *Rowſe*, *Drury*, *Hubbard*, *Heigham*, *Warner* Quartering *Whetnall*, *Calthorp*, *Lovell* and *Ruthyn*.

## *The* RECTORS.

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| 1294, | *John de Peteſtre*, Rector. [*Regr. Curteys*, fol. 294.] |
| 1325, Prid:Non:*Jun* | *John de Novadomo*, (*Newhouſe*) *de Snapes*; preſented by *Cecily*, Widow of Sir *Robert de Ufford*, Earl of *Suffolk*, and Lord of *Eye*, *Robert de Shelton*, and *Will. Taſtard*, Guardians of *John de Lowdham*. |
| 1349, 28 *Sept* | *Walter Manneyſyn* (after wrote in Deeds *Malveſyn*.) Sir *John Lowdham*, Knt. |
| 1381, 7 *May* | *Will. Payok*, Prieſt. *Tho. de Lowdham*, Knt. |
| 1382, 6 *June* | † *John Baxter*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1393, 4 *June* | *Peter Rous*, Prieſt. Sir *Robert Corbett*, Senior, Guardian to *John de Lowdham*. |
| 1394, 20 *May* | * *Henry Brakkele*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1397, 6 *Decem.* | Sir *John de Scoles*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1401, ult. *Jan.* | *Michael Crowe* of *Kenninghall*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1404, 4 *Oct.* | Sir *Tho. Warner* of *Leyham*, Prieſt. *Gilbert de Debenham* for this Turn. |
| 1408, 8 *Nov.* | *Rob. Pope* of *Frandeſton*, Prieſt. *John Lowdham* of *Burgate*. |
| 1416, 18 *Oct.* | § *Tho. Bukke* of *Melles*, Prieſt. *John Lowdham* of *Ipſwich* Patron, by Right of Inheritance in a Lineal Deſcent. |
| 1416, 20 *Jan.* | *John Greeve*. *ditto.* |
| 1417, 22 *Oct.* | *Roger de Knyveton*, Prieſt. *John Hevenyngham*, Senior, Knt. *Will. Shelton*, Eſq; *Will. Lord*, Clerk, and *John Intewode*, for this Turn. |
| 1419, 22 *Dec.* | *John Rawe*, Prieſt, on *Knyveton*'s Reſignation. *John Lowdham*. |
| 1423, 31 *May* | ‖ *Simon Warner*, Prieſt. *John Lowdham*, Eſq; Son and Heir of *Thomas Lowdham*, Knt. |
| 1428, 10 *April* | *John Bubwith*, Prieſt, on *Warner*'s Reſignation. *John Hagh*, Eſq; |
| 1479, 18 *July* | *Henry* - - - - - - |
| 1484, 22 *Sept.* | *Robert Stukely*, collated by the Biſhop. I meet with no more Inſtitutions 'till |
| 1597, 21 *April* | *Edmund Stanhaw*. The Crown. (as Guardian to *Bleverhaſſet*.) |
| 1598, 20 *Oct.* | *John Smith*, A. M. on *Stanhaw*'s Reſignation. *Samuel Bleverhaſſet*, Eſq; united to *Scole*. |
| 1603, | *John Smith*, Rector, of whom the Anſwers of the Parſons inform us, that he was a Preacher allow'd by the late Lord Biſhop of *Norwich*, but no Graduate. |

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† Baxter was Vicar of Earleſcoln in Eſſex, and changed with Payok, he died 1393, and was buried in this Church.

* Rector of Brenſete in Canterbury Dioceſs, which he changed for this.

§ John Greve was Miniſter of Wiley in Eſſex, which he exchanged with Bukke for this.

‖ After Miniſter of Thurrock in Eſſex.

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| 1618, 21 *April* | *Tho. Hall*, A. M. united to *Scole*. *Samuel Blaverhaſſet* of *Lowdham*, Eſq; |
| 1642, 10 *Sept.* | *John Gibbs*, A. M. on *Hall*'s Death. *Richard Nixon*, Gent. |
| 1651, 18 *Febr.* | *Toby Dobbin*. *ditto*. |
| 1673, 22 *Sept.* | *Tho. Wales*, A. B. on *Dobbin*'s Death. *John Fincham* of *Outwell*, in the Iſle of *Ely*, Eſq; he had *Thelton*. |
| 1702, 7 *Oct.* | *Tho. Palgrave*, on *Wales*'s Death. *Diamond Nixon*, Eſq; |
| 1725, 24 *Aug.* | *Will. Baker*, on *Palgrave*'s Death. *Robert Kemp*, Bart. united to *Wacton Parva*. |
| 1734, | The Rev. Mr. *John James* the preſent Rector, on *Baker*'s Reſignation. Sir *Robert Kemp*, Bart. Patron. |

| *King's Books.* | *Clear Value.* | *Synodals.* | *Procurations.* | *Norw: Taxa:* | *Lincoln Taxa:* |
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| 02 13 04 | 30 00 00 | 00 01 00 | 00 03 00 | 01 00 00 | 6 Marks. |

This Rectory is in *Redenhall* Deanry and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and being ſworn of the Value of 30*l.* *per Ann.* only, is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits, and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation; here is a Rectory Houſe, and about 3 or 4 Acres of Glebe: It is a ſmall Village, having only 6 Houſes, and about 60 Inhabitants. In *Norwich Domeſday* 'tis ſaid, that the Rector then had a Houſe and 20 Acres Land, not taxed. The old Tenth was 1*l.* 5*s.* the Aſſociation Valuation, 204*l.* *per Ann.* and the preſent Valuation is 149*l.*

*The* CUSTOM *of the* MANOR, is to the eldeſt Son, and the Fine is at the Lord's Will, the *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, the *Lete Fee* being 5*d.* *per Ann.*

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## *THELTON,*

T*HELVETON*, or as in the Conqueror's Time, *Telvetun*, had two Manors, beſides* a Part that belonged to the Honour of *Eye*.

The Manor that belonged to *Ely*, was granted from that Church among others, to *Henry de Rhia*, who in the Black Book of the *Exchequer* is returned to hold 3 Knights Fees of the Church of *Ely*, and was afterwards by the *Marſhals*, who ſucceeded in that Honour, given to the *Scales*'s, who in 1282, held both the Manors; for in the Inquiſition then taken at the Death of *John le Marſchall*, *Jaffery de Scalarijs* (*Scalers* or *Scales*) is preſented to hold the Manor of *Thelveton* at one Fee, together with the other Manor there, of the Biſhop of *Ely*'s Fee, by one Fee more, which Manor alſo belonged to the Tenure of the ſaid *John le Marſchall*, as belonging to his Barony of *Rhye*, both which the ſaid *Jaffery* died ſeized of the Year following, as held of *Aliva le Marſchall*, as of her Manor of *Hockering*, *Thomas* Son of *Jaffery de Scalarijs*, Junior, his Grandſon, being his Heir, who had Livery hereof this Year, together with *Whaddon* Manor in *Cambridgeſhire*.

This *Thomas* was born at *Bologne*, when the Queen, Mother to the King, was there, in Time of War, [*c*] as the Record ſhews us. He had Free-warren in theſe Manors allow'd him in *Eyre*, the firſt of which was in this Family ſoon after the Conqueſt, [*d*] *Hardevinas de Scalers*, the firſt of Note of the Family, was one of the valiant *Normans*, that aſſiſted the Conqueror in his great Expedition, who gave him many Manors, and made him a Baron by Tenure. The Advowſon of the Rectory was given to the Convent of St. *Mary Overy* in *Southwark*, very early, by ſome one of this Family; all the Rectors that are to be met with in the Inſtitution Books, being preſented by the Priors there, 'till the Diſſolu-

* Terr: Roberti Malet- Dice dim: Hund. Domſ. fo. 78.

In Telvetaham ii liberi homines ejuſdem commendat: viii acr: terre, modo tenet Galterus. tunc et poſt dimid: car: modo nichil, ſemper val. xvi d.

Terra Sancte Adeldrede (ſc. de Ely) Dice dim- Hund. fo. 190.

Telvetunam tenet ſemper Sancta A. (ſc. Adeldreda) pro ii car. Terre, ſemper vi Villan: & i bordar: tunc ii car: in dnio. modo null: ſemper i car: hom: iiii acr. prati, tunc Silva lx porc: modo xxx. val: xx ſol. habet i leug: in longo, & dim: in lato, & de gelto vii d.

Terre Giſleberti Arbaliſtarij. Dice dim: Hund. fo. 286.

In Telventuna, tenuit Alſius ſub Rege Edwardo pro ii car: Terre ſemper iiii Villan: & ii bordar: tunc & poſt ii car: in dnio modo i. ſemper i car: homin: Silva xxx Porc: & iiii acr: Prati, modo i Equus in Aula, tunc ix an: modo viii. tunc viii porc: mº xi. mº xx Oves. & i Vas Apum. & vi liberi Homines ejuſdem commend: de lx acr: terre, ſemper ii car: inter omnes, & ii acr: prati. tunc & poſt valuit xl ſol. modo xx.

[*c*] Plita: Term: Hil: 13 E. 1. Bund. mag.

[*d*] Chauncy's Hiſt: of Hertf. fo. 111.

tion, and from that Time by the Crown, where the Patronage now remains, [e] the Priors had a Portion of 5*s.* paid out of the Rectory, which was taxed at 6*d.*

In 1304, *Thomas de Scalarijs* held it of *William le Marſchall*, and had the King's Licence to alien 40*s. per Ann.* Rent, out of it.

1342, THOMAS his Son ſucceeded to *Waddon* and *Thelton*, which he held of Sir *Robert de Morley* at one Fee, and he of the Biſhop of *Ely*, and he of the King;

JOHN, Son of *Thomas*, and Grandſon of this *Thomas* was Heir. He married *Amy* one of the Daughters of Sir *John de Whelnetham Magna*, Knt. which *John* left 3 Daughters, *Margery* married to *John de Sutton* of *Wivenho*, Knt. and *Mary* to *Michael de Bures*, between which three, his Inheritance, *ſc.* the Manor and Advowſon of *Great Whelnetham*, and the Manor of *Alpheton*, *&c.* was divided in 1371.

In 1387, JOHN DE CHALERS Lord here, had *Thomas* a Son, then aged 13, whoſe Son

JOHN held it in 1401, of *Robert de Morley*, he of the See of *Ely*, and that of the King, being then the King's Ward, in Cuſtody of *John de Hevenyngham*, Knt. which Sir *John* held a Quarter of a Fee of *Julian*, Siſter of *John de Thelveton*, as of the Manor of *Thelveton*, and was a Part of it, which was held of the Abbot of St. *Edmund*, and laid in *Giſſing*, and was alienated by *Thomas de Scalarijs* as above, to one of the Family Sirnamed *de Thelveton*. This *John de Scalers* (or *Scales*) died in 1466, leaving *Thelton*, and *Whaddon* to

MAUD his Wife, who died in 1470, and left 3 Daughters Co-heireſſes, *Alice* married to *John Moore*, *Anne* to *John Harcourt*, and *Margaret* unmarried, but to which this was alloted I find not, neither can I tell whoſe owned it 'till 1538, 10 *March*, and then it belonged to

BEATRIX HARMAN, ſole Daughter and Heireſs to *Henry Moine*, Eſq; who was Lord of *Thelveton*, by whom it was ſettled on *John Watts*, Clerk, to the Uſe of the ſaid *Beatrix*, and this Year the ſaid *John Watts* infeoffed *Beatrix* in it for her Life, Remainder to *George Bowgham*, Eſq; next Kinſman, and Heir to the ſaid *Beatrix*, and immediately after ſhe releaſed her Eſtate for Life, to the ſaid *George* and his Heirs; this *George* the ſame Year ſettled it on

WILL. ROGERS and *Catherine* his Wife, and their Heirs, in 1540 *George Bowgham*, *Will. Rogers* and *Catherine* his Wife, infeoffed it in *Tho. Codde*, and *Will. Loues* (or *Love*) and their Heirs, and in the ſame Year *George Bougham* releaſed to all thoſe Feoffees, all his right in it, and then *Love* and *Codde* infeoffed *Will Rogers* and *Catherine* his Wife in it, to hold to them and their Heirs; *Catherine* ſurviving her Husband in 1554, 24 *April*, ſold the Manor to

JOHN STUBBE, Gent. who gave it to *Elizabeth* his Wife for Life, and then to *John Stubbe* his eldeſt Son, who gave it to *Anne* his Wife, to be ſold, of whom

THO. HAVERS of *Winfarthing*, Gent. in 1592, purchaſed it, and died 1605, and left it to *Elizabeth* his Wife for Life, then to his eldeſt Son, from which Time it hath paſſed in a Lineal Deſcent in this Family.

The HAVERS's had their Riſe under the *Norfolk* Family, which they have ſerved for many Generations; *John Havers* was Gentleman of the Horſe to JOHN Duke of *Norfolk*, and attended him in the Battle at *Boſworth Field*, where that Duke was ſlain, *John Havers* of *Winfarthing* in *Norfolk*, was Steward to the Family, as was *Tho. Havers* his Son, who purchaſed the Manor, and built the preſent Manſion Houſe, which is a good Brick Building and very uniform, *John* his 2^d Son was Bailiff, to the Earl of *Arundell* in 1610, *Edward* his 3^d Son was Stewards of his Courts, and *Thomas* his 4^th Son was Farmer of the Parks, *William Havers* continued the ſame Office at his Father's Death, and THO. HAVERS the preſent Lord, now hath it.

Their *Arms* are of antient Date, but were confirmed with the Addition of a *Creſt*, by *Robert Cooke*, *Clarencieux*, in theſe Words,

" *Goulde*, on a Feſs, *Sables*, 3 Cheſs Rooks of the Field.

*Creſt*, on a Wreath *Gold* & *Sables*, A Griffin Seiant, *Erm.* with a Crown for a Collar, chain'd and mantled *Gul.* doubled *Arg.*

As appears from the ſaid Confirmation under Seal of the Office, now remaining in the Family.

### *The* CUSTOMS *of the* MANOR *are theſe*,

The Copyhold deſcends to the youngeſt Son, the Fine is at the Lord's Will, the Tenants cannot waſte their Copyhold-Houſes, nor fell Timber without Licence, it gives no Dower.

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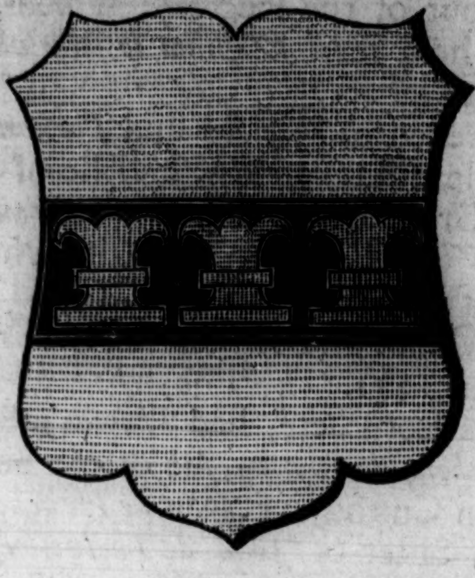
[e] Taxat: Relig: A° 1428. fo. 42.



John Havers of Winſarthing.——Anne Daughter of ---- Duſſing, of Brome.

Anne married to Edw. Ward of Bixley. 1. Tho. Havers of Winſarthing, died in 1605.——Eliz. dr. of Wm. Dale. 2. William ſ. p. 3. Gilb. Receiver for Norſ. 4. Gawdy had Iſſue. 5. Edmund.

1. William ob. ſ. p. 3 Edward 4. Tho. married Anne Ward, 1617. 5. Edmund. 6. Henry married Elizabeth Ward. 7. Dale. John Havers of Shelfhanger, Heir in 1610.——Eliz. dr. of John Tindal of Banham. Anne married to Tho. Shardelow, Gent. Eliz. to Wm. Killingworth. Dorothy to Jn. Whitefoot of Forncet. Frances a Nun. Judith to Wm. Brown. Mary to H. Tindall.

Clere Havers of Brakendale. William Havers Lord, 1664. Suſan dr. of ----- Brook, of Whitchurch, Southam.

Richmond, ſ. p. John Havers of Norwich.——Mary dr. of ---- Collins of Southwold, Suffolk. Mary Englefield of Berkſhire.——Tho. Havers, Lord, ob. 1 Febr. 1697.——Alice dr. & Coheireſs of Sir E. Moore, of Kitlington, in Nottingſh. Bart. of Nova Scotia. John. Suſan married to Thomas Riſden. Elizabeth to Henry Hudleſton, Eſq; of Sauſton, in Cambridſh. died in 1665.

Thom. Havers of Norwich, Goldſmith.——Grace dr. of Hen. Barney, of Anemere, Norfolk. Wm. Havers, Eſq; Lord.——Mary Dormer. Thomas a Religious. Henry. Mary a Nun at Bruges.

Thomas Havers, Eſq; now Lord.——Henrietta-Maria, dr. of Sir Simeon D'Ewes, of Stow Langetot, Suff. William Havers of London. John ob. ſ. p. Mary married to H. Bedingfield, Eſq; of Stoke-Aſh, Suffolk.

Thomas. William. Edward. Henrietta-Maria.

This Rectory is in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Deanry of *Redenhall*, and being diſcharged of Firſt-fruits and Tenths, is capable of Augmentation, It hath a Rectory Houſe which with 3 Acres of Land belonging to it, was given to the Church, in 1375, when the Rector obtain'd a Licence in Mortmain, to confirm it.

| *King's Books.* | *Clear Value.* | *Synodals.* | *Procurations.* | *Norw: Taxat.* | *Acres Glebe.* |
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| 09 00 00 | 46 00 00 | 00 02 00 | 00 06 08 | 15 Marks. | 07 00 00 |

At the Time of the *Lincoln* Taxation, the Rector had 22 Acres of Glebe, the Rectory was valued at 17 Marks, beſides the Prior of *Southwark*'s Portion of v*s.* out of it, and paid xiiij *d. Peter Pence*, and in the *Norwich* Taxation, the Portions of the Canons of *Southwark*, were taxed at vij Marks.

The Church is a ſmall Building, conſiſting of a Nave Chancel and South Porch all tiled, and a ſquare Steeple and 2 Bells only, one being formerly ſold to repair the Church, which is dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, as appears from the [g] Will of *John Peron* of this Town, who in 1466, ordered to be buried in St. *Andrew*'s Church-yard here, and gave 6 *s.* to mend the Steeple, and 12 *d.* to the High Altar.

On the Font are 4 Shields, on the 1st. the Emblem of the Trinity, on the 2d 3 Cupps on each a Wafer, as an Emblem of the Sacrament, on the 3d a plain Croſs, on the 4th a Croſs floree, the Arms (I ſuppoſe) of the Donor.

On two flat Stones by the Altar, the firſt hath *Havers*'s Arms.
Hic jacet Corpus THOMÆ HAVERS, qui obijt Febr. 1mo A° Dom. 1697. Ætat. ſuæ 66.
Requieſcat in Pace.

Here lyeth Anne eldeſt Dawghter of Thomas Bramton of Norton Eſq; firſt married to Edward Kene & had Iſſue, Edward, Henry, Roger, Edmund, Bridget, after with Thomas Naſh & had Iſſue Anne, dyed the 16 of December 1625.

On a ſmall Mural Monument, on the South Side of the Chancel,
Here lyeth the Body of Mary Englefyld, Wife to Thomas Havers, Eſq; obijt 21 Octob. Anno Dom. 1682,, Requieſcat in Pace, Elizabeth Englefyld her Siſter, dedit.

### *The* RECTORS.

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| 1308, 6 Non: *Marc.* | *Will. de Langeford*, Accolite. | Prior *Overy.* |
| 1311, Kal: *May*, | *Francis de Cauſton*, Accolite. | |
| 1322, 8 Id: *July*, | *Roger de Soterle*, Prieſt. | |
| 1327, 12 Kal: *Apr.* | *John* Son of *Walter Jowet* of *Wynneferthyng.* | |
| 1332, Non: Kal: *Oct.* | *Rich. de Ely*, Prieſt; on *Jowet*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1351, 20 *March*, | *John* Son of *Tho. Durand*, Prieſt; on *Ely*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1409, 4 *July*, | *Walter Arnald* of *Palegrave*, Pt. on *Durand*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1425, 28 *March*, | *John Halſton* of *Salisbury* Dioceſs, Prieſt. | |
| 1442, 6 *December*, | *Tho. Draweſword*, Prieſt. By Lapſe. | |
| 1466, | *John Hauteyn*, at *Draweſword*'s Death. | |
| 1483, 13 *October*, | *John Penman* (or *Parman)* Prieſt; collated by the Biſhop, becauſe the Perſon preſented by the Prior, was found unfit to be admitted to it. | |
| 1528, | *John Watts* on *Penman*'s Death. | Prior of *Overy*. |
| 1583, 11 *Novem.* | *Daniel Bowen* (or *Bowles.*) | The Crown. |
| 1591, 2 *April*, | *Roger Bugge*, alias *Brigge.* | |
| 1612, | *William Bagley*, A. B. | |
| 1631, | *Edward Cartwright*, A. M. united to *Billingford.* | |
| 1679, 5 *March*, | *Tho. Wales*, A. B. on *Cartw:* Death united to *Frenze.* | |
| 1702, 21 *Sept.* | *Henry Swetnam*, on *Wales*'s Death. | |
| 1711, 18 *Oct.* | *Edward Boſworth*, on *Swetnam*'s Ceſſion. | |
| | *John Randall* the Father. | |
| 1728, | *John Randall* the Son. | |
| 1729, | The Rev. Mr. *Tho. Turner*, A. M. The preſent Rector. | |

This Village in the Conqueror's Time was two Miles long, and one Mile broad, and paid vii *d. Danegeld*; in 1603, there were 74 Communicants, now there are 20 Houſes, and about 100 Inhabitants, it paid to the Tenths 2 *l.* was valued at the Aſſociation Tax, at 612 *l.* the preſent Valuation being 475 *l.* The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, the *Lete Fee* being 1 *s.* The COMMONS are, *Atte-Green*, which joins to *Diccleburgh*, and contains about 15 Acres, *Hill-Green* about 80 Acres, *Bottom-Common* about 10 Acres, *Weſt-Common* about 50 Acres, and *Little-Green*, and they inter-common on *Scole Green.*

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[g] Ex Autog. Pen: Chriſtoph: Calthorp mil: Bal: Anno 1708.

## *SHIMPLING.*

IS bounded on the Eaſt by *Dickleburgh*, on the Weſt by *Burſton*, on the South by *Thelton*, and on the North by *Giſſing:* It is a Rectory appendant to the Manor, and being diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, is capable of Augmentation. The Rectory hath a Houſe and 16 Acres of Glebe, *Norwich Domeſday* ſays, that *Richard de Boyland* was then Patron, that the Rector had a Houſe and xv Acres of Land, that the Procurations were then vi*s*. viii*d*. and the Synodals xxii*d*.

| King's Books. | Clear Value. | Synodals. | Arch: Procur: | Acres Glebe. | Norw: Taxat: | Lincoln Taxat: |
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| 10 13 04 | 47 00 00 | 00 02 00 | 00 06 08 | 16 00 00 | xi Marks. | xvi Marks |

*The following Perſons appear to have been* RECTORS.

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| 1305, 6 Kal: *Dec.* | *Robert de Boſwyle*, Accolite. WILL. DE SCHYMPLING. |
| 1328, 7 Kal: *Mar.* | *Will. de Schymplyng*, Accolite. ROGER, Son of *Will. de Shympling.* |
| 1338, 12 *July*, | *John de Cherchegate* Prieſt, to St. *George*'s Church at *Shympling. ditto.* |
| 1349, | *Robert Sampſon*, Prieſt. EMMA, late Wife of *Roger de Schymplyng.* |
| 1361, 13 *Sept.* | *Ric. de Halle*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1362, 21 *Sept.* | *Peter Scott. ditto.* |
| 1386, 19 *April*, | *Tho. de Welles.* THO. DÈ GLEMESFORD. |
| 1393, 28 *March*, | *Welles* changed this with *John Mulle* for *Mildeſtov* Rectory, in *Sarum* Dioceſs. ROGER DE ELLINGHAM, and JOAN HARDEGREY. |
| 1396, 29 *March*, | *Mulle* exchanged with *Will. Stone* for *Ludenham* in *Kent. ditto.* |
| 1401, 29 *Aug.* | *John Drury*, Prieſt, who reſigned *Watton* Vicarage in exchange for this. ROGER DE ELYNGHAM. |
| 1408, 7 *Aug.* | *John Cok* of *Illington*, Prieſt |
| 1421, 8 *Octob.* | *Reginald Pepper* of *Berton Bendyſch*, Prieſt, on the Reſignation of *Cok. d°* |
| 1421, 6 *March*, | *Tho. Young* on *Pepper*'s Reſignation. WILLIAM Son of *Roger de Elyngham* of *Elyngham*, near *Bungey.* |
| 1422, 22 *March.* | *Rich. Senyngwell*, on *Young*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1430, 20 *Sept.* | *Walter Skyde* of *Diſſe.* Lapſe. |
| 1432, 23 *Octob.* | *Thomas Wright.* Lapſe. |
| 1434, 14 *Dec.* | *John Grygby.* WILL. ELYNGHAM of *Elyngham* by *Bungey.* |
| 1437, 12 *Octob.* | *Richard de Schymplyng*, on *Grygby*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1449, 31 *Jan.* | *Robert Caade*, reſigned to *John Beeſt* in exchange for *Winterburn Baſſet* Rectory in *Wilſhire. ditto.* |
| 1451, 21 *April*, | *Thomas Meſſinger*, on *Beeſt*'s Death. *ditto.* |
| 1504, | *John Odiham.* |
| 1507, 4 *Aug.* | *James Galle*, * Lapſe. |
| 1525, 19 *Octob.* | *Thomas Warde.* THO. SHARDELOW, Eſq; |
| 1536, 26 *March*, | † *John Lanman* on *Ward*'s Death. JOHN ALDHAM Lord of the Moiety of *Elyngham*'s Manor here, by Turns. |
| 1563, 26 *June*, | *Thomas Oxford*, alias *Farmor*, A. M. STEPHEN SHARDILOWE, Gent. |
| 1572, 24 *Nov.* | *William Luffkyn*, on *Oxford*'s Reſignation. STEPHEN SHARDELOWE, and JOHN ALDHAM, Patrons. |
| 1609, 1 *Aug.* | ‖ *Nicholas Colte.* JOHN SHERDELOWE. |
| 1642, | ¶ *Jeremiah Gowen.* ADRIAN MOTT of *Braintree*, and MARGARET CARTER of *Stratford* in *Eſſex.* |
| 1649, | § *Thomas Cole*, Clerk, A. M. JOHN and JAMES MOTT, Gent. |
| 1684, 9 *Dec.* | *John Rand.* JOHN BUXTON, Eſq; united to *Burſton.* |
| 1706, 1 *Jan.* | *John Calver* on *Rand*'s Death. ROB. BUXTON, Eſq; united to *Giſſing.* |
| 1729, | The Rev. Mr. *Tho. Buxton*, the preſent Rector, united to *Thorp-parva.* |

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[*] He was buried in the Chancel; "Item, I wyll the Pightel "late John Auncetts in Catt's Fenne, to be letten to the beſt "profet, and the yerely Ferme thereof to fynd and kepe a "Lyght byrnynge before the blyſſyd Sacramente, in my ſayd "Chauncell for ever in Tyme of Divine Service.

Regr. Briggs, fol. 179.

[†] Buried here *May* the 3d, 1563.

[‖] Buried here Dec. 5, 1642.

[¶] Buried here *May* 28, 1649.

[§] He was Licens'd to preach in 1664, and was buried here Nov. 29, 1684, aged 73.

The Church hath a Steeple, round at Bottom, and octangular at Top, and 4 ſmall Bells, it is leaded tho' the Chancel is thatched, and the North Porch tiled; 'tis dedicated to St. * *George*, whoſe Effigies, with his Shield, *viz. Arg.* a plain Croſs *Gul.* is to be ſeen in a South Window of the Chancel, and ſeems to be as old as the Building, which in all appearance was in the Beginning of the 13th Century, (tho' the Steeple is much older) for then *William de Shimplyng* was Lord and Patron, whoſe Arms ſtill remain under this Effigies, *viz.* *Arg.* A Chief *Gul.* a Feſs between 6 Delis's *Sab.*

Here was a *Gild* in Honour of the ſame Saint, [*b*] and a Chapel dedicated to St. *Mary*, which ſtood in *Shimpling Hithe*, of which there are no Remains: [*i*] This had ſome Endowment, for *Girrard* the Prior, and his Chapter at *Norwich*, with the Biſhop's Conſent, granted to *Richard* the Chaplain of *Shimpling*, 7 Roods of Meadow, in *Roreker* in *Shimpling*, *&c.* in perpetual Alms, paying Yearly v *d.* at the High Altar in the Cathedral, to which *John Peirſon* of *Giſſing*, and others, were Witneſſes, [*k*] ſo that this muſt be before 1201, for in that Year *Gerrard* the Prior died; this was down before the general Diſſolution, for I meet with no Grant of it, at that Time.

St. *George* and the *Dragon*, and the Arms of *Shimpling*, are carved on the Font; the Chancel is cover'd with large Grave-ſtones, all diſrobed of their Braſſes, ſeveral of them were laid over the Rectors, as appear from the Chalice and Wafer upon them, that being the Symbol of a Prieſt; the reſt that had Arms, I take to be laid over the *Shimplings*, and the *Shardelows*. The Arms of

*Shardelow* are, *Arg.* A Chev'ron *Gul.* between 3 Croſlets Fitchee, *Az.*
*Creſt*, A Plume of Feathers *Arg.*

On a ſmall Stone towards the Weſt End of the Church.

Richard Leſingham, ob. 5° die. Octob. Anno Dni. 1705, Ætatis ſuæ ----
Here let him reſt,
Memory ſtile him dear,
'Till our Redeemer
Shall in the Clouds appear.

On a Marble near the Pulpit: Arms of
POTTER, *Sab.* A Feſs between 3 Mullets *Arg.*
*Creſt*, An Elephant's Head eraſed *Arg.* Gutte de Sang.

Here in Expectation of a joyful Reſurrection, reſteth the Body of Cicill Potter, Gent. who dyed Jan. the 29th, 1693, aged 70 Years.

In a Window. Gloria in Excelſis Deo.

Here are twelve Penny Loaves given to as many poor People, by the Rector and Church-Wardens, on the Firſt Sunday in every Month, there being Land tied for it.

† In the Confeſſor's Time *Torbert* held this Manor of *Stigand*, it being then worth 20 *s.* of whom the Part in *Giſſing* was alſo held by another Freeman, and was then of 5 *s.* Value, but was riſen to Ten in the Conqueror's Time, tho' *Shimpling* continued at the ſame Value. This as one Manor was given by the Conqueror to *Roger Bygod*, who gave it to *Robert de Vais*, (*de Vallibus*, or *Vaus*) it being then a Mile and a Quarter long, and a Mile broad: The

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*b* Regr. Harſyke. *i* Regr. Sacriſt. Norwic.

k Browne's Remains, addend. pag. 45.

* 1627, 4 April, Mr. John Shardelowe my primitive and deareſt Patron buried, Summo mane.

1640, 7 Oct. Mr. John Mott my afflicted Patron was buried by me Nic. Colt. Memorandum, that the laſt Day of February or the firſt of April 1636, I ſealed a Licence and delivered it to my preſent Patron Mr. Mott, allowinge him Liberty accordinge to the Statute in this Caſe provided; to eat ſome Fleſhe Meate this Lent, for his comfortable Relief in his preſent Sickneſs and Weakneſs in Nature. Teſte me, Ni: Colte Rectore ib:

In 1653, Aug. 4, one Alexander Dineington was choſen Regiſter, the firſt of whoſe Entry in the Book here follows Literatim. "Upon the ſeconde Day of October 1654, I recevid a "Requeſte in wrightinge, for the Publication of a Concente of "a mariage betwen Robte Chaſe of Shimplinge, Singleman, the "Sonne of James Chaſe of Shimplinge, aforeſaide, and Margarette Bakeler of the ſame Pariſhe, Singlewoman, the Daughter "of Eliz. Bakeler of Tivetſhall. Margarett have come befoir "Thomas Sheriſe, one of the Juſticeſs of Peace for this County, "and deſired to be joyned together in mariage, ackordinge to an "Act of the Little Horn'd Parliamente, lately in that Cauſe "made and providid, in the Preſentis of Alexander Deneington "and Thomas Chaſe, Brother to the ſaid Robte Chaſe, and "Robte Bakeler, &c. From the Pariſh Regiſter.

In 1507, John Awncell who was buried in the Church gave to St. George's Gild, in St. George's Church at Shimpling 6s. 8d. with Legacies to St. Mary's Gild at Burſton; and to repair the Way leading from Walcot Croſs to Diſs Market, and order'd Sir Tho. Percivall his Prieſt, to continue his Service in Shimpling Church, for his own Soul and his Wife Margaret's, and Mother's, and all his Friends, as long as 100 Marks laſt, at 8 Marks a Year.

† (fol. 113.) Terre Rogeri Bygoti, Dice Dim. Hundr.

Simplingaham tenet Robertus de Vais pro manerio, et pro xl. acris terre, quam tenuit Torbertus Liber Homo Stigandi T.R.E. tunc ix. bord: poſt et modo vii. ſemper i Car. in dominio, tunc i. car: homin: poſt et modo dimid: Silva vii Porc. et vi acr. prati ſemper. i. equus. modo iii. an: tunc v Porc. modo xxiii ſemper ix oves et quatuor Liberi Homines liberati ad hoc manerium perficiendum, xvi acr. terre, tunc i car: poſt et modo dim: ſemp: val: xx. Sol: habet v. quar in longo et iiii in lato, et de Gelto v d. quicunque ibi teneat. una Eccleſia x. acris. val: xii d. Geſſinga tenuit i. lib: Homo ſub Stigando T.R.E. xlii acr: et ſemper. vi. bord: ſemper. i. car: in dnio. ſemper arant homines cum duobus Bovibus, Silv. viii Porc. et iiii. acr. prati, tunc et poſtea val: v. ſol. modo x. et tenet idem. (ſc. Rob. de Vais.)

whole paid 5*d. Geld.* There was then a Church and 10 Acres Glebe, valued at 12 *d.* and ſeveral other Manors extended hither, of which I ſhall afterwards treat in their proper Places. The *Vais*'s held it of *Bygod*'s Succeſſors, 'till 1237, in which Year, [*l*] *Oliver de Vallibus* granted it [*m*] to *Richard de Rupella* (afterwards called *Rokele*) ſettling it on him and his Heirs by Fine, to be held of him by Knight's Service, he died in 1287, at which Time he held it of *John de Vallibus*. This *Richard* granted it to be held of him and his Heirs by *Richard de Boyland*, in Truſt for *Ralph Carbonell*, [*n*] who held it of *Maud*, Wife of *William de Roos*, who was Daughter and Co-heir of *John de Vaux*. This *Ralph* convey'd it to

ROGER DE SCHYMPLYNG, to be held by Knight's Service of *Richard Rokeles*'s Heirs, and in 1280, the ſaid [*o*] *Roger* was Lord, the Manor being ſettled upon him, and *Emma* his Wife in Tail, after their Deaths it came to [*p*] *William de Schympling* their Son, who held it of *Richard Rokell* at half a Fee, he of the Earl Marſhal, and he of the King in Capite. This *William* marry'd [*q*] *Margaret de Tacolveſton*, on whom the Manor was ſettled for Life in 1305, it being then held of *Will. de Roos* and *Maud* his Wife, and *Petronell de Vaux*, her Siſter. This *William* purchaſed a great Part of the Town of divers Perſons: He had a Son named *Roger*, who preſented in 1328, and held it 'till about 1345, when he was dead, and *Emma* his Wife had it, [*r*] at whoſe Death it fell diviſible between their 3 Daughters.

ISABEL married to *John Kirtling*, to whom this Manor was allotted, *Joan* who had *Moring-Thorp* Manor, and *Katerine* married to *William de Ellyngham*, who had *Dalling* Manor in *Flordon*; *Iſabell* had Iſſue, *Roger* and *Emma*, who left none, ſo that this Manor and Advowſon deſcended to *Roger* Son of *William de Elyngham* and *Katerine* his Wife, Daughter of *Roger de Schymplyng*, which ſaid *Roger de Elyngham*, held it in 1401, by half a Fee of *John Copledick*, Knt. who held it of the Lady *Roos*, ſhe of *Tho. Mowbray*, and he in Capite of the King; how it went from the *Elyngham*'s I don't know, but imagine it muſt be by Female Heireſſes, for in 1521, *Humphry Wyngfield* had a Moiety of it, and *John Aldham* had another Part, he died in 1558, [*ſ*] and was buried in this Chancel, leaving his Part to *John* his Son, who held it jointly with *Bonaventure Shardelowe*, in 1571, Mr. *Aldham* had a fourth Part of the Manor, and a third Turn, and Mr. *Shardelow* three Parts and two Turns. The Patronage and Manor was in Mr. *John Motte*, who was buried *Oct.* 7, 1640, and *John Motte*, and his Brother *James* preſented in 1649. It looks as if the *Mott*'s had *Aldham*'s Part, and after purchaſed *Shardelow*'s of Mr. *John Shardelowe*, who held it 'till 1611, together with *Dalling* Manor, in *Florden*, which was held of *Shimpling* Manor. He convey'd it to *Edmund Skipwith*, Eſq; and *Antony Barry*, Gent. and they to *Thomas Wales*, and *John Baſely*, Gent. who convey'd it to the *Mott*'s, from whom I am apt to think it came to the *Proctors*, for *John Buxton* of St. *Margaret*'s in *South Elmham*, had it in Right of his Wife, who was Kinſwoman and Heireſs of Mr. *Proctor*, Rector of *Giſſing*; after this it came to *Robert Buxton*, Eſq; who died and left it to *Elizabeth* his Wife, who is ſince dead, and *Elizabeth Buxton* their only Daughter, a Minor, is now Lady and Patroneſs.

The *Lete* belongs to the Manor, and the Fine is at the Lord's Will.

As to the other Parts of this Village, * they being Parts of the Manors of *Titſhall*, *Fersfield*, and *Briſingham*, 'tis ſufficient to obſerve, that they went with thoſe Manors, except that Part held by *Fulco*, of which the Regiſter called *Pinchbek* fo. 182. ſays, that *Fulco* or *Fulcher* held of the Abbot in *Simplingaham* and *Giſſing*, 70 Acres, and four Borderers, being infeoffed by Abbot *Baldwin*, in the Time of the Conqueror; this about *Edward* I. Time was in Sir *John Shardelowe*, a Judge in that King's Reign, in whoſe Family it continued 'till 1630, when it was ſold to Mr. *Mott*. The Seat of the *Shardelow*'s is now called the *Place*, and is the Eſtate of the Duke of *Grafton*, and (as I am inform'd) formerly belong'd to [t] *Iſaac Pennington*, Alderman of *London*, one of thoſe Rebels that ſat as Judges at the King's Tryal, for which Villany he was Knighted. He lived to the Reſtauration, when according to his Deſerts, his Eſtates were ſeized as forfeited to King CHARLES II. who gave this to the Duke of *Grafton*, upon the Forfeiture, the Copyhold on the different Manors, were alſo ſeized, which is the Reaſon that the Quit-Rents to *Giſſing*, *Tiſhall*, *&c.* are ſo large, they being made ſo, when the Lords re-granted them.

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[*l*] Oliver de Vaux or de Vallibus, was Son of Robert, Son of Robert, Son of William, the Son of that Robert who held it at the Survey. Dug. Bar. vol. 1. p. 526. ſee more in Pentney, where the firſt Robert founded a Priory.

[*m*] Fin: divers: Com: H. 3, L, 2. N. 12.

[*n*] Eſc. 16, E. 1, N. 59:

[*o*] Nomina Villar:

[*p*] Fin: Norf: E. 2, L. 1, N. 210.

[*q*] Fin: Norf: E. 1, L. 7, N. 125.

[*r*] Plita Term: Trin: de Banco, Ao ii. H. 4, N. 103.

[*r*] Regr. Colman, Teſt: probat. 10 Sept. 1558.

* (fol. 82.) Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat. Dice Dim: Hundr. In Simplinga unus integer liber Homo Edrici T.R.E. de duodecim acris terre. ſemper i. car: in Eadem ii. ſoc. de xvi. acr. terre, ſemper dim: car: hoc Calumpinatur Sanctus Edmundus, et Hundr: teſtatur. ſed R. Comes tenebat, quando ſe Forisfecit. de his Calumpniatur Sanctus Edmundus xiv. acr:

In Simplinga i. dim: Lib: Hom: de iiii. acr: terre, in Fervella Jacet Soca et Saca, &c These belonged to the King's manor of Fersfield.

(fol. 181.) Terre Abbatis de ſco: Eadmundo. Dice dim: Hundr. In Simplinga vi. Soc: pertin: iſti manerio (ſc. to the Abbots manor of Titſhall) de xxxii. acr: et i. bord: et ii. acr: prati ſemper inter omnes, i. car: appretiat: ſicut ſuperius (ſc. to Titſhall) In eadem (ſc. in Shimpling) Liber Homo xl acr: quod tenet Fulc: & ii Bord: ſemper i car: & ii acr: Prati. Silva iiii porc: val: x s. (fo. 182) In Simplinga i Lib. Hom. et dim: de xiiii. acr: ſemper dimid: car. et i. acr: prati, valet xviij d. et appretiat: ſunt in Breſingham.

(fol. 78.) Terre Rob: Malet Dice dim: Hundr:

In Simplingaham ii. Liberi homines ejuſdem (ſc: Edrici anteceſsoris Rob: Malet) commendat: tantum: xv acr: tunc: dim: car: modo i: bos: ſemper val: xvi d.

This part belonged to the Honour of Eye, of which it was always held to this Time, I have ſeen ſeveral old Taxations of this Town, where we meet with theſe Diſtinctions, viz. That this Part belongs to the manor, this to the Honour, and this to the Freelands held of the Abbot of Bury, as of his manor of Titſhall.

I have ſeen an antient Deed made by *John* (*Camerarius*) or *Chambers* of *Shimpling*, to *Richard de Kentwell*, Clerk, and *Alice* his Wife and their Heirs, of 3 Acres of Land in this Town, witneſſed by Sir *Gerard de Wacheſam*, Knt. and others, which is remarkable, for it's never having any Seal, and it's being dated at *Shimpling* in the Church-Yard, on *Sunday* next before *Pentecoſt*, [u] *Anno* 1294. This ſhews us that Seals (as [x] *Lambard* juſtly obſerves) were not in common Uſe at this Time, and therefore to make a Conveyance the moſt Solemn and Publick that could be, the Deed was read to the Pariſh after Service, in the Church-Yard, that all might know it, and be Witneſſes, if Occaſion required. The *Saxons* uſed no Seals, only ſigned the Mark of a Croſs to their Inſtruments, to which the Scribe affixed their Names, by which they had a double Meaning; firſt, to denote their being Chriſtians, and then as ſuch to confirm it, by the Symbol of their Faith: The firſt ſealed Charter we meet with, is that of *Edward* the Confeſſor, to *Weſtminſter-Abby*, which uſe he brought with him from *Normandy*, where he was brought up, and for that Reaſon it was approved of by the *Norman* Conqueror, tho' Sealing grew into common Uſe by Degrees, the King at firſt only uſing it, then ſome of the Nobility, after that the Nobles in general, who engraved on their Seals their own Effigies, cover'd with their Coat Armour; after this, the Gentlemen followed, and uſed the Arms of their Family for difference Sake: But about the Time of *Edward* III. Seals became of general Uſe, and they that had no Coat Armour, ſealed with their own Device, as Flowers, Birds, Beaſts, or whatever they chiefly delighted in, as a Dog, a Hare, *&c.* and nothing was more Common, than an Invention or Rebus, for their Names, as a Swan and a Tun, for *Swanton*, a Hare, for *Hare*, *&c.* and becauſe very few of the Commonality could write, (all Learning at that Time being among the Religious only) the Perſons Name was uſually circumſcribed on his Seal, ſo that at once they ſet both their Name and Seal, which was ſo ſacred a thing in thoſe Days, that one Man never uſed anothers Seal, without it's being particularly taken Notice of in the Inſtrument ſealed, and for this Reaſon, every one carried their Seal about them, either on their Rings, or on a Roundell, faſtned ſometimes to their Purſe, ſometimes to their Girdle, nay, oftentimes where a Man's Seal was not much known, he procured ſome one in publick Office to affix theirs, for the greater Confirmation. [y] Thus *Hugh de Schalers* (or *Scales*) a younger Son of the Lord *Scales's* Family, Parſon of *Harlton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, upon his agreeing to pay the Prior of *Bernewell* 30*s*. for the two third Parts of the Tythe Corn, due to the ſaid Prior, out of ſeveral Lands in his Pariſh, becauſe his Seal was known to few, he procured the Archdeacon's Official, to put his Seal of Office, for more ample Confirmation, and when this was not done, nothing was more common, than for a Publick Notary to affix his Mark, which being regiſter'd, at their Admiſſion into their Office was of as publick a Nature, as any Seal could be, and of as great Sanction to any Inſtrument. thoſe Officers being always ſworn to the true Execution of their Office, and to affix no other Mark than that they had regiſter'd, to any Inſtrument, ſo their Teſtimony could be as well known by their Mark, as by their Name, for which reaſon they were called, *Publick Notaries*, *Nota*, in *Latin*, ſignifying a Mark, and *Publick*, becauſe their Mark was publickly Regiſter'd, and their Office was to be publick to all, that had any occaſion for them to ſtrengthen their Evidence; there are few of theſe Officers among us now, and ſuch as we have, have ſo far varied from the Original of their Name, that they uſe no Mark at all, only add *N. P.* for *Notary Publick*, at the End of their Names. [z] Thus alſo the Uſe of Seals is now laid aſide, I mean the true Uſe of them, as the diſtinguiſhing Mark of one Family from another, and of one Branch from another; and was it enjoyned by publick Authority, that every one in Office, ſhould upon his Admiſſion, chooſe, and appropriate to himſelf a particular Seal, and Regiſter a Copy of it publickly, and ſhould never uſe any other but that alone, under a ſevere Penalty, I am apt to think, in a ſhort time, we ſhould ſee the good Effects of it; for a great Number of thoſe Vagabonds that infeſt our Country, under pretence of Certificates, ſigned by proper Magiſtrates (whoſe Hands are oftner counterfeit than real) would be detected, for tho' 'tis eaſy for an ill-deſigning Perſon to forge a Hand-wrighting, 'tis directly the Contrary, as to a Seal, and tho' 'tis in the Power of all to know the Magiſtrates Names, 'tis but very few of ſuch ſort of People that could know their Seals, ſo that it would in a great Meaſure (if not altogether) put a ſtop to that vile Practice, and it would be eaſy for every Magiſtrate, to know the Seals of all others, if they were enter'd properly, engraved, and publiſhed; and it might be of Service, if all the Office Seals in *England* (or in thoſe foreign Parts that any way concern the Realm) were engraved and publiſhed, for then it would be in every ones Power, to know whether the Seals of Office affixed to all Paſſes, *&c.* were genuine, or no, for 'tis well known, that Numbers travel this Nation, under Pretence of Paſſes from our Conſuls, and Agents Abroad, and ſometimes even deceive careful Magiſtrates, with the pretended Hands and Seals of ſuch, it being ſometimes impoſſible for them to know the Truth, which by this means would evidently appear. And thus much, and a great deal more may be ſaid to encourage the true and original Uſe of that Wiſe Conqueror's Practice, who can ſcarce be ſaid, to put any thing into Uſe, but what he found was of Advantage to his Government.

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[t] See Rapin vol. 12. p. 51, & 587, Edit. Lond. 1730. ſee the 2d Part of the Hiſtory of Independency Page 103.

1609, John Shardelowe, Gent. holds the manor of Shimpling, formerly belonging to William de Shimpling, and ſince that to Stephen Shardelowe, Gent. Son and Heir of Tho. Shardelowe, Gent. by the Service of a fourth Part, aud half a Quarter of a fourth Part of one Fee, and the ſaid John holds alſo in the ſaid Town, another eighth Part of a Fee, which was heretofore Elingham's, afterwards John Aldham's, Son and Heir of John Aldham, Gent. Robert Pennington, Citizen of London, holds 50 Acres, parcel of the Demeans of the manor, by Knight's Service, John Browne holds 40 Acres of the Demeans by the ſame Service, late Martin Sidley's, Eſq; and Tho. Gawdie, Eſq; holds 3 Acres at Burſton *Moor*, in Right of his Wife, parcel of the ſaid *M*anor, the whole of which is held of Forncett manor, at half a Fee, of which John Shardelow, Gent. holds half, and John Aldham, Gent. the other half, to whom the others are anſwerable for their Shares. MSS. Feod. Mil. Tent: de D. Norf. Inqſ: A° 35. E. 1. poſt mortem Rogeri Bygod, Comitis Norf. Will. de Roos, et Matilda, uxor ejus ac Petronilla de Vaux, tunc tenuere in Shimpling, Shotteſham, &c. de eodem Comite 31 Feod: et dim: et quart: part i. Feodi. Inquiſ: A° 32, Eliz. poſt mort: Bonaventure Shardelowe, q: tenuit advoc: et maner de Shimpling de manerio de Forncet per tres partes unius Feodi militis, quondam Rici: de Shimpling et Will: de Ellingham. A° 19 H. 8. Tho: Shardelowe, Pater Stephi: ſolvebat vij *d* pro rationabili auxilio ad Katherinam filiam primogenitam Ducis Norf: maritand. 24 Nov. 36 H. 8. predictus Stephanus ſolvebat pro Relevio 37*s*. vi *d*.

[u] Carta penes. T. Martin, Gen.

[x] Lambard's Peramb: of Kent p. 405.

[y] Autog: pen: P.L.N. dat. 4 Cal: Aug. 1337.

This Rectory is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry and *Redenhall* Deanry: It had 69 Communicants in 1603, and hath now 23 Houſes, and about 130 Inhabitants. The Town is valued at 300*l. per Ann.* * Here are 3 Acres of Townland, one Piece is a ſmall Pightle abutting on the Land of *Robert Leman*, Eſq; another Piece is called *Suſan*'s Pightle, lying in *Giſſing*, and was given by a Woman of this Name, to repair the Church-Porch (as I am inform'd) the other Piece lye in *Diſs Heywode*, and pays an annual Rent of 5*s.*

The COMMONS are, *Kett's-Fenn*, which contains about 4 Acres, *Pound-Green* 1 Acre, *Hall-Green* 4 Acres, the *Bottom* 6 Acres, and the *Lower-Green* 6 Acres.

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[z] The uſe of theſe Marks were found ſo beneficial, that at that Time all Merchants of any Note, had their peculiar Marks, with which they marked all their Wares, and bare in Shields impaled with, or inſtead of Arms, witneſs the Abundance of Merchant Marks, to be found on the Houſes, Windows, and Grave-ſtones, in all Cities and great Towns, as Norwich, Lynn, &c. by which the Memory of their Owners, is ſtill preſerved, it being very obvious to all that ſearch into the Records of thoſe Places, to find who uſed ſuch a Mark, and then, if we ſee it on a Houſe we may conclude it to have been that Man's Dwelling, if on a diſ-robed Grave-ſtone, that it was his Grave, if on a Church Window, or any other publick Building, that he was a Benefactor thereto, and nothing is of greater Uſe, than ancient Deeds to make out their Marks by, for they always ſealed with them.

* The Dole of Bread mentioned, fol. 103. was given by W. Denington of Mendham, Yeoman, and the Land tied for the Payment lies in Shimpling; and I am lately informed, that the Glebe amounts to about 20 Acres.

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## *GISSING.*

THE Church is dedicated to St. *Mary* the Virgin, and in 1209, was a Rectory, [a] a Moiety of it's Patronage being then ſettled on *Butley* Priory, by *John* Son of *Geffery*; about 1217, *Tho. de Haſtyngs*, with the Conſent and joint Act of *John*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, granted to the Monaſtry of St. *Mary* at *Butley* in *Suffolk*, the perpetual Advowſon of the other Part, and *Roger de Skerning*, not only confirmed it, but agreed to appropriate the whole to that Houſe; and in 1271, the 56 of *Henry* III. endowed the Vicarage, with all the Offerings, the Tythes of the Mills, a Vicarage Houſe and Meadow, and an Acre of Land adjoining, and 20 Acres more of the Church's Freeland, and all other ſmall Tythes, except Hay, which with all the Corn Tythes, and the reſt of the Glebe, together with the Rectory Manor, and all it's Appurtenances, were to belong to the Prior, who was always to preſent to the Vicarage. [b]

### *The* RECTORS.

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| | *William* of *South Elmham*, the firſt Vicar, was ſucceeded in | Prior of *Butley*. |
| 1307, Prid: Kal: *Sept.* | By *Will. Ingereth* of *Debenham*, Prieſt, who reſigned it for *Ferſfield*. | |
| 1313, 15 Kal: *July*, | *Thomas* of *Palgrave*, Prieſt, | |
| 1317, 3 Kal: *Sept.* | *Henry* of *Melles*, Prieſt. | |
| 1328, 12 Kal: *May* | *William* of *Pakenham*, Prieſt. | |
| 1344, 26 *October*, | *Walter le Palmer* of *Ipſwich*, Prieſt. | |
| 1349, 23 *Sept.* | *Robert-dil Moor* of *Eye*, Prieſt. | |
| 1383, 7 *October*, | *John Ive* of *Pulham*, Prieſt; *Rob.* atte *Moor* reſigned. | |
| 1392, 25 *Aug.* | *Roger Wright*, [c] by change with *John Ive* for *Little Henneye* in *London* Dioceſs, which *John* was alſo Rector of *Shellow Bowells*. | |
| 1397, 2 *March*, | *Walter* of *Weſt-Walton*, Prieſt. | |
| 1401, 6 *June*, | Sir *Robert Felys*, Prieſt, on *Walter*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1405, 16 *Dec.* | *John Carman* of *Yakeſle*, Prieſt. | |
| 1419, 24 *Dec.* | *Robert Therne*, Prieſt, on *Carman*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1429, 6 *March*, | *Robert Smyth*, Prieſt, on *Therne*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1432, 7 *October*, | *Robert Balle*. Biſhop by Lapſe. | |
| 1449, 2 *Sept.* | Sir *Thomas Blankpayn*. | |
| 1451, 7 *March*, | *Tho. Goldynton*, an Auguſtine Canon of *Butley*, on *Blankpayn*'s Reſignation. | |
| | *Robert Aleyn*, Prieſt. | |
| 1468, 6 *Febr.* | *Robert Bate*, on *Aleyn*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1483, 1 *July*, | *Tho. Welbourne*, on *Bate*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1484, 4 *Nov.* | *John Winter*, alias *Capell*, Prieſt, Canon of *Butley*. | |
| 1500, | [d] *John Aumbler* ſucceeded, on *Winter*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1534, 16 *Nov.* | *Peter Mannyng*, Prieſt, on *Aumbler*'s Death. | |
| 1549, 7 *Aug.* | [e] *Michael Dunning*, LL. B. RICHARD DENNEY of *Bawdeſeye*, Patron of this Vicarage, for this Turn only, by Grant from *Thomas*, late Prior of the diſſolved Houſe of *Butley*, the Grant being made before it's Diſſolution. | |
| 1554, | *Gregory* (or *Geo.*) *Grange*, on *Dunning*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1561, 26 *Dec.* | *John Hiltone*, Prieſt. The Queen Patroneſs: He had *Burſton*. | |
| 1578, 15 *Octob.* | *Tho. Proctor*, A. M. ROB. KEMPE, Eſq; | |

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*a* Fin: ii. Joh. Li. 5. No. 3.

*b* One John was Rector of Giſſing about 1200, as the Regiſter of the Sacriſt of Norwich ſhews us, p. 60.

*c* Newcourt, vol. 2. 521, 327.

*d* Regr. Cant: ſede vacante, pen. Dec. et Cap. Norw: fo. 112, b.

*e* This Michael was Vicar General, and Rector of North Tuddenham, of whom you may read among the Perſecutors in Fox's Martyrs: And in Browne's Poſthumous Works, Edit. Lond. 1712, pag. 51.

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| 1579, 23 *May*, | *John Savell*, A. B. The Queen. |
| 1579, 5 *Sept.* | *Tho. Proctor*, A. M. The Queen, ſhe ejected him, and preſented *Savell*, in order to recover her Patronage, which being done, ſhe preſented him again. |
| 1613, 27 *March* | *Rob. Proctor*, A. M. The King; he ſubſcribed the Articles at the Reſtauration, *Aug.* 18, 1662, being ordained Deacon by the Biſhop of *Ely*, *Sept.* 25, 1608, and was made a Licenced Preacher on the Day of his Inſtitution, he died in 1668. |
| 1668, 24 *Dec.* | *John Gibbs*, A. M. preſented by King CHARLES II. he continued Rector 'till 1690, being then ejected as a Nonjuror; he was an odd, but harmleſs Man, both in Life and Converſation, after his Ejection he dwelt in the North Porch Chamber, and laid on the Stairs that led up to the Rood-loſt, between the Church and Chancel, having a Window at his Head, ſo that he could lie in his narrow Couch and ſee the Altar. He lived to be very old, and at his Death was buried at *Frenze.* |
| 1690, 28 *June*, | *Tho. Jeffery.* ROB. KEMP, Bart. united to *Flordon*. |
| 1694, 24 *April*, | *John Calver*, on *Jeffery*'s Death. *ditto.* united to *Shimpling*. |
| 1730, | The Rev. Mr. *Tho. Kemp*, A. M. preſented by his Father Sir ROBERT KEMP, Bart. who died *Dec.* 1734, leaving this Patronage and Manors to Sir ROBERT KEMP, Bart. his Eldeſt Son, who is now Lord and Patron. |

The Impropriation, according to *Butley* Regiſter, was confirmed by ſeveral Archbiſhops of *Canterbury*, [*f*] and was taxed at 16 *l.* 13 *s.* 04 *d.* and paid 33 *s.* 4 *d.* Tenths; It appears alſo by the ſaid Regiſter, that Sir *John Aumbler*, as Rector of *Giſſing*, acknowledged a Pention of 26 *s.* 8 *d.* to be yearly due, to the Prior of *Butley*, out of the Rectory, which was now in Effect diſappropriated, and united to the Vicarage, all but the Manor, the impropriate Glebe, and it's Tithes, which remain'd in the Prior, and fell to the Crown at the Diſſolution, in which they continued 'till Queen *Eliz.* by Letters Patents, dated the 16th. Day of *April*, 1563, granted to *Edw. Dyer*, and *Henry Creſſinor*, in Fee-Farm, the Rents, Lands, Tenements, Woods, and Portion of Tithes, in *Giſſing*, lately belonging to *Butley* Priory, at the yearly Fee-Farm Rent, of 4 *l.* 1 *d. ob.* to be held in Soccage, and this *Edward*, the 17th. of *Feb.* 1574, ſold them by Deed inrolled in Chancery, to *Robert Kemp* Eſq; and this Year, the Queen, by other Letters Patents, dated *Dec.* 22. granted to *Anthony Kinwellmarſh* and his Heirs, the Rectory or Advowſon of the Rectory &c. who the 9th. of *Feb.* in the ſame Year, ſold it by Deed inrolled in Chancery, to *Robert Kemp* Eſq; But notwithſtanding this, the Queen, recover'd her Preſentation to the Church, becauſe tho' the Rectory was united, yet it had been all along preſented to, by the Name of a Vicarage, and ſo could not be included in the Grant of the Rectory: and from this Time it remain'd in the Crown, 'till King *Charles* the Second, gave it to the *Kempe*'s, who united the Tithes of the impropriate Glebe, and ſo made it a compleat Rectory, and as ſuch, it hath been preſented to, ever ſince.

In 1569, the *Priory-Cloſe* in *Giſſing* and *Burſton*, containing 30 Acres, and other Lands of the Value of 20 *l. per Ann.* were granted to *Nic. Yeteſworth*, and *Barth. Brokesby*.

In 1364, [*g*] *John*, Son and Heir of *Wm. de Calthorp*, held a Meſſuage and Lands in this Town, by *Petit Serjeantry*, *viz.* by the Payment of a well feather'd Arrow, of 1 *d.* Value, every Year, to the King, by the Hands of the Sheriff.

It is called in the Kings Books, *Gwiſing* alias *Giſling*, and is thus valued, *viz.*

| *King's Books.* | *Tenths.* | *Synodals.* | *Procurations* | * *Pention.* | *Acres Glebe.* |
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| 14 16 05 *ob.* | 01 09 07 *ob. q.* | 00 02 08 | 00 07 07 *ob.* | 01 09 07 | 40 00 00 |

Here was a Chantry in Honour of all the *Saints*, in a Chapel of that Dedication in the Church-yard, founded by Sir *Nicholas Haſtyng* Knt. and confirmed by *Wm.* Biſhop of *Norwich*, about 1280; for in that Year, the ſaid Sir *Nicholas*, and Sir *Adam de Giſſing* Knt. endowed it, with a Meſſuage, and diverſe Lands, which were ſometime *Robert* of *Giſſing*'s, Father of Sir *Adam*, and were Coppy-hold, of Sir *Nicholas*'s Manor, all which were manumiſed by the ſaid *Nicholas*; It was for one Prieſt only, who was bound daily to ſing for their

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[f] Regr. Butley fo. 17 b.

[g] Fin. Term. Trin. 39 E. 3.

* The Pention is paid to the Crown, as belonging to the diſſolved Priory of Butley, and from 26 s. 8 d. is now raiſed to 29 s. 7 d.

Souls, and thoſe of their Anceſtors; 'tis now quite gone, and we know not in which Part of the Church-yard it ſtood.

[b] In 1544, it appears that the Townſhip held of *Giſſing cum Dagworth* Manor, A Tenement called *Buckenham*'s, which abutts on the Way leading from the Church, to *Tibenham Long-Rowe* Eaſt: and of *Giſſing Kemp's cum Dallings* Manor, another Tenement called *Owles*'s, and one Acre of Land, lying between the Lord's Meadow North, and the common Way Weſt: And alſo, one Peice called the *Meadow-Pightle*, which abutts on the Drag-way North, this Tenement and Acre, pay a Rent of 6 *d.* and the Pightle a Rent of 7 *d.* a Year. They had alſo a Free-hold Cottage and Garden, at *Well-green*, and the *Lete-Fee* was then two Shillings and four Pence.

[i] In 1548, Sir *Anthony Hevenyngham* Knt. Lord of *Giſſing cum Dagworth*, ſetled three Acres of Land upon the Church-wardens, towards the Maintainance of the Poor, and order'd that *Bartholomew Kempe* and his Heirs, ſhould pay 3 *s.* a Year, to the ſame Uſe, out of his Eſtate. [k] In 1537, *John Tiler* gave 20*s.* to the Church, Mayſter *Barthyllmew Kempe*, hathe in his Hands to the Uſe of the Chirche, lij*s.* *Daniel Broome* hath to the Uſe of the Croſſe, 35 *s.* 8 *d.* 1550, *John Tayler* gave 26 *s.* 8 *d.* to repair the Cawnſey. 1598, *Joan Freeman* gave 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Church. 1621, Mr. *Tho. Prockter* Clerke, late of *Giſſinge* deceaſed gave 40 *s.* for Town-ſtock, to be put out by the Church-wardens, to two Poor Men, reſident in the ſaid Town, they to have the Benefit for one Year, laying in good Security, and then the next Year, to two others *&c.*

Here is a very good Parſonage Houſe, with a Barn and Stable, built all of Brick, by Mr. *Calver* late Rector, (in whoſe Time, the old Parſonage was burn't) with a Garden, Orchard and other Conveniencies, and 49 Acres of Glebe.

The *CHURCH*, hath a low ſmall round Steeple join'd to it's Weſt End, but yet it contains 5 Bells, on the firſt and ſecond is this,

GOD BLESS THE CHURCH AND CONFOUND HER FOES.

Run'd out of one, by MR. JOHN GIBBES, RECTOR.

This on the third Bell,

DEFUNCTOS PLORO, PESTEM FUGO, FESTA DECORO.

The Nave is leaded, the Chancel is tiled, and hath a Chapel joyned to each Side of it, both which are leaded, that on the South Side hath no Memorials in it, the Vault for the Family of the *Kempe*'s being under it. That on the North, was the antient Burial Place of the Lords of the Manor, and is full of Monuments and Grave-ſtones: there is only a Cup belonging to the Altar, on the Cover of which our Saviour's Head is poorly engraved, and this, GYSSEING A° 1567.

There is nothing in the Nave, but this Inſcription on a Free-ſtone.

Here lyeth the Body of Richard the Sonne of William Girling, late of St. Andrews in the ſeven Pariſhes in Suffolke, he was born in December 1633, and died in April 1667, in the Service of Mrs. Mary Sone Widdow, Mother-in-Law to Sr. Robert Kemp Bart. He was exemplary good in his Life and Death.

In the Chancel there are no Memorials of any Kind. In the North Chapel, which is dedicated to the *Bleſſed Virgin*, there are ſeveral Grave-ſtones which have loſt their Braſſes, but the Arms were as follow, as Mr. *Anſtis*'s MSS. [marked *E.* fol. 29,] hath them.

*Kemp*, and *Curſon*, for *Robert Kemp*, who married a *Curſon*.
*Kemp*, and *Duke*, for *John Kemp* and *Alice* his Wife, Daughter of *Duke*.
*Kemp*, and *Alleyn*, for *Barth. Kemp* and *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of *Alleyn*.
*Kemp*, and *Cockerham*, which ſtill remains.
*Kemp*, and *Smythwine*, theſe Arms and Inſcription, ſtill remain, *viz.*

Here lyeth buried Robert Kemp, Eſquier, who
Marry'd Elizabeth, the Daughter of John Smythwine,
Eſquier, and had Iſſue too Sonnes, and three
Daughters; he dyed the xxviith of April, in the
Yeare of our Lord, 1596, Ætatis ſuæ LXXX.

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[b] From the Evidences in the Church Cheſt.

[i] From the Rolls of the ſaid manor, 3 E. 6. penes. Rob. Kemp, Bar: A° 1699.

[k] Evidences in the Church Cheſt, theſe two Tenements and the Land, are in Poſſeſſion of the Town at this Time.

*Kemp*, and *Le-Grey* his 2d Wife in Colours, on a Stone in the Wall, with this,

SPERO LUCEM.

*Kemp* Quarters *Butteveyleyn*, and impales 4 Coats quarter'd, *Le-Grey* with an Annulet, *Bainard.*
*Connard*, *Ar.* a Feſs between two Chev. *Az.*
*Berry*, per Pale, *Az. Gul.* a Croſs Floree between 4 Trefoils, *Or.*
On another Stone in the Wall, *Kemp* Quarters *Butteveyleyn* impaling.
Chequy *Or*, & *Az.* a Feſs in a Bordure, *Gul.*

On a Black Marble,

Here lyeth the Body of Jane Kemp, Wife of William Kemp of Antingham, ſecond Son of Sir Robert Kemp of Giſſing, Bart. ſhe died April 11th 1705, and in the 19th Year of her Age.

On a Mural Monument of White Marble againſt the North Wall, having *Kemp*'s Arms and Creſt, *&c.* on a Wreath *Or* & *Gul.* a Pelican vulning her ſelf proper, and differs from *Kemp*'s Creſt on the next Monument, which is a Hawk ſtanding on a Garb, *Or.*

Sir ROBERT KEMP of GISSING
In the County of NORFOLK, BARONET.
Was born at WALSYNGHAM-ABBEY, upon the 2d of FEBR:
1627, and died the 26th of September, 1710,
In the 83d Year of his Age.
His firſt Lady was MARY the Daughter of
THOMAS KERRIDGE, by SUSAN his Wife, ſhe
Was born in LONDON, in Febr: 1631, they were married
July 15th 1650, and ſhe died in June, 1655.
They had a Son & 2 Daughters born &
Chriſten'd, which died young.
The ſecond Lady of the ſaid Sir ROBERT KEMP,
Was MARY, the Daughter of JOHN SONE
Of Ubbeſtone, in the County of Suff. Gent. by
MARY, the Daughter of WILLIAM DADE,
Of the ſaid County, Eſqr. She was born April
The 6th, 1637; they were married Novr. the 20th,
1657. She died July the 29th, 1705, at UBBESTON,
By whom they had 3 Sons and 2 Daughters.
Both theſe Ladies were very Prudent,
and Pious, few exceeded the former,
and ſcarce any the latter.

On another Mural Monument on the ſame Side, *Kemp*'s Creſt, Arms, and Quarterings. 1. *Kemp.* 2. *Sab.* a Lyon Ramp. *Arg.* 3. Barry of 6, *Az.* & *Sab.* on a Canton *Gul.* a Saltyr *Or.* 4. *Haſtyngs.* 5. *Dove*, *Az.* a Chev. between 3 Doves *Ar.* 6. *Butteveleyn.* 7. *Az.* 3 Roſes *Or.* 8. *Sab.* 2 Chev. *Arg.*

*Kemp* impaling, on a Bend *Sab.* 3 Roſes *Or.* The ſame quarter'd with *Gutte de Sang.*

ROBERT KEMP, late
of Giſſing, Eſquire, the
only Sonne and Child of Richard
Kemp of Giſſing, Eſquier, and Alice
Cockerham, (Daughter of Philip Cockerham of Hampſted, in the Countie of
Middleſex, Eſquire, ſometimes Officer to K.
Edw: VI. & Q: Mary, in theire Cuſtom-houſe
at London) married Dorothy Herris, ſole
Daughter of Arthur Herris of Crixeth, in
the County of Eſſex, Eſquire, by whom
he had viij Sonnes, & iij Daughters whereof
vij Sonnes and ij Daughters do yet ſurvive
theire Father, who being xlvij Yeares
ould, peaceably departed this tranſitory
Life, in the Faith of Chriſt, October
xxiij. MDCXII. having then bene
happily wedded unto hir xvij
Yeares, to whoſe never dying
Memorie, his beloved Wife erected
this Monument at hir owne Chardges,
April xxiiij M.DC.XIIJ.

Painted in the Glaſs of the Eaſt Window.
*Kemp* and *Buteveleyn* quarter'd, impaling *Haſtings.*
*Ditto* impaling *Clifford.* *Ditto* impaling *Gray.* *Ditto* impaling *Lomnor* of *Mannyngton.*

*Sab.* A Lyon Ramp. *Arg.* painted on the Wall.

There are 5 Coffins in the Vault, one is Sir *Robert Kemp's*, who died *Dec.* 1734, and his 3 Wives, and a Child by the 1ſt Wife. Hatchments for them, *viz. Kemp* impales *King* of *Thurlow*, *Vert*, a Chief and a Griffin *Or.*

*Kemp* impales *Sab.* a Lyon Ramp. *Ar.*

*Kemp* impales *Blackwell*, Pally of 6. *Ar.* & *Az.* on a Chief *Gul.* a Lyon Paſſant, *Or.*

Here were ſeveral Manors, Free-Tenements, and other ſmall Lordſhips, of which I ſhall give the beſt Account that I can, tho' I muſt own that in ſome of the ſmall Manors, the Fees and Tenures are ſo intricate, that there may be ſome Miſtakes.

The Capital Manor, afterwards called *HASTYNG*'s MANOR, at the Survey was included and valued as a *Berewic* to *Titſhall*, with which it was given † to the Abbot of *Bury*, who was Lord at the Conqueſt, and immediately after, the Abbot aſſigned it for Life to [*l*] *Fulcher*, at whoſe Death, Abbot *Baldwin* infeoffed one [*m*] *Ricuard* in it, together with the Head Stewardſhip of that Abbey in Fee. From him it came to [*n*] *Ralph de Flamavile* of *Aſton*, *Flamavile* in *Leiceſterſhire*, who was Steward in Fee of *Bury-Abby* in the Time of *Henry* I. and from him to *Robert* his Son, who died without Iſſue, leaving *Erneburg*, Daughter of *Hugh Flamavile*, his Neice, his Heir. She married * *Hugh de Haſtyngs*, Son of *William de Haſtyngs*, Steward to King *Henry* I. with whom this Manor, and the Stewardſhip of *Bury*, with *Aſton*, *Flamavile* Manor in *Leiceſterſhire*, and all *Robert Flamavile*'s Eſtate, came to this Family, which was Sirnamed from the Port of *Haſtyng*, the Laſtage of which, with that of *Rhye*, they for a long Time farmed of the Crown. [*o*] This *Hugh* left *William* his Son and Heir, who was Steward to *Henry* II. as well as to the Abbey, he obtained a Grant of Confirmation of that King, of all the Lands which *William de Haſtyngs* his Grandfather, and *Hugh* his Father had enjoyed. He married *Margery*, Daughter of *Roger Bygod*, Earl of *Norfolk*, by whom he had *William* his Son and Heir, who pay'd 100 Marks for his Relief: In 1194, 6 *Ric*: I. he left *Henry* his eldeſt Son his Heir, tho' it ſeems he had ſeveral Sons, and among others *John*, to whom this Manor was aſſigned, and *John* aſſigned it to *Thomas de Haſtyngs*, who was in all Likelihood another Brother. [*p*] This *Thomas* had Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale*, Freewarren, Liberty of Encloſing, and Liberty of Faldage throughout the Town, as well in other Folks Lands as his own, which upon a *Quo Warranto* in 1227, were allowed him, upon Pleading, that *William de Haſtyng* his Anceſtor, was ſeized of this Manor, with thoſe of *Tibbenham*, and others, of the Fee of St. *Edmund*, in the Time of *Henry* II. and that he then peaceably enjoyed all theſe Liberties, which were confirmed to him by the Charter of King *Richard* I. in the 7th Year of his Reign, A° 1195, after whoſe Death they were peaceably enjoyed to this Time. This *Thomas* left it to *Hugh de Haſtyngs*, who got a Confirmation of it from *Henry*, Son of *John de Haſtyngs*. [*q*] This *Hugh* married the Daughter of *Alan de Alveſtan*, by whom he had *Thomas*, who inherited, he married *Amicia* who ſurvived him, and *Nicholas de Haſtyngs*, Knt. who was their Son and Heir had this Manor, which in 1246, he aſſigned to *Amicia* his Mother, as part of her Dower, ſhe being then married to Sir *Robert de Boſco* of *Ferſfield*, Knt. In 1269, he renewed his Charter of Freewarren, he marry'd *Emelina* Daughter of *Walter Heron*, by whom he had 6 Sons, *Hugh*, *Henry*, *Edmund*, *Nicolas*, *Richard*, and *William*; he died in 1285, leaving *Giſſing* to *Emeline* his Wife for Life, as her Dower: [*r*] 'Twas this *Nicolas* that in 1249, granted by Fine to the Prior of *Penteney*, a Meſſuage, and two Carves of Land in *Gayton*, *Thorp*, and *Eaſt-winch*, to be for ever held of his Manor of *Giſſing* by one Knight's Fee, and a pair of gilt Spurs, or 7*d.* a Year at *Eaſter.* This was afterwards confirmed by *Hugh de Haſtyngs* his Son, and in 1382, there were 100*s.* dye for a Relief for the Fee, to the Lord of this Manor, by reaſon of the Reſignation of *Peter Byſhop*, late Prior of *Penteney*, for the Manors of *Gayton-Thorp*, and *Eaſt-winch.* He ſealed with a Maunch, and a Label of 3 for Difference.

HUGH DE HASTYNGS, eldeſt Son of the ſaid *Nicolas* ſucceeded, he married a Wife named *Beatrice*, and died before 1301, when ſhe impleaded *Emeline* her Mother-in-Law, for the 3d Part of this Manor as her Dower, to which it was anſwer'd, that *Hugh* her Huſband, after his Father's Death, aſſigned this Manor to his Mother for her Dower, upon which *Emeline* was diſmiſſed.

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† Terre Abbatis de Sco. Eadmuudo, Dice Dim: Hundr. (fol. 180.)

Iſti manerio (ſc. Titſhall) adjacet i. Beruita Geſſingham, de i. car. et ii. villan: et ii. bord: ſemper i. car: in dnio. et ii car: hominum. Silva xv. Porc. et xviij Soc. de lxxxx. acr. Fulcherus tenet xxii. acr: ſemper. iii. bor: et v. car: et ii. acr. prati.

[*l*] Regr. Pinchbeck fol. 182.

[*m*] Alb: Regr. fol. 97.

[*n*] Burton's Leiceſterſh: in Aſton, Flamavile.

[*o*] Dug. Bar. vol. 1. p. 574.

[*p*] Plita. corone. A°. 12, Hen. fil. Joh: apud Norwic:

* See Quidenham.

[*q*] Fin. Norf. H. 3. L. 5. N. 144.

[*r*] Rot. Cur. inter Evid: Rob. Kemp, Bar:

In 1299, *Nicholas* Son and Heir of *Hugh*, came to it, he releaſed to *Nicholas* his Uncle, and his Heirs, all his Right and Claim to thoſe Lands in *Giſſing*, which *Nicholas de Haſtyngs* his Grandfather, gave to *William* his Son, and in caſe that *Nicholas* his Uncle ſhould die without Iſſue, he granted that *Richard de Haſtyngs*, and the Heirs of his Body ſhould enjoy them, with a Remainder to his own right Heirs. [s] This *Nicholas* in 1276, being then a Knight, was retained by *Ralph*, Lord *Greyſtoke*, (according to the Cuſtom of thoſe Times) by Covenants, dated at *Hilderſkelf* in *Yorkſhire*, to ſerve him both in Peace and War, for the Term of their Lives, *viz.* in Time of War, with two Yeomen well mounted and arrayed, and in Time of Peace, with two Yeomen, and four Grooms; In Conſideration of which, he was to be furniſhed with all Accoutrements for his own Body, as alſo with one Saddle, according to the Dignity of a Knight, and in caſe he ſhould looſe any great Horſe in the War, he was to have Recompence according to the Eſtimation of two Men; furthermore, wherever the Lord *Greyſtoke* reſided, ſo that it was in *Yorkſhire*, he ſhould repair to him upon Notice, having Allowance for his reaſonable Service in War and Peace. On Account of this Retainder, Sir *Nicholas* had the Manor of *Thorp-Baſſet* in *Yorkſhire*, from this Lord, paying a Fee Farm Rent of 8*l.* a Year: I could not omit taking Notice of this, to ſhew the Cuſtom of that Age, abundance of the Knights then, being retained in the ſame Manner. This Sir *Nicholas* left two Sons, *Ralf* and *William*, between whom this Manor was divided, one Part being henceforward called *Giſſing* only, and the other *Haſtyngs* in *Giſſing*.

William the youngeſt had *GISSING* aſſigned to him, which he left to his Son (as I take it) *Phillip de Haſtyngs*, whoſe Daughter *Iſabell* in 1324, married *Alan Kemp* of *Weſton*, in *Suffolk*, Eſq; to whoſe Son *John*, the ſaid *Phillip* granted the Manor called *Giſſing*, and to his Heirs for ever, from which Time it hath continued in that Family.

Sir Ralf the Eldeſt had *HASTYNG*'s Manor in *Giſſing*, and in 1328, he renewed his Charter of Freewarren for it, after the Diviſion; he married *Margaret* only Daughter of Sir *William de Herle*, of *Kirby* in *Leiceſterſhire*, who after became ſole Heir to Sir *Robert de Herle* her Brother, in 1336: [t] He was Governor of *York* Caſtle, and Sheriff of that County, and lived in great Honour 'till 1345, in which Year being in the ſecond Battalion of that *Northern* Army raiſed by the Invaſion of *David de Bruce* King of *Scotland*, upon St. *Luke*'s-*Day*, he was mortally wounded, of which he died in a few Days, and was buried according to his Will in the Abby of *Sulby*, of which he was Patron. This Engagement was called the Battle of *Nevil-Croſs* near *Durham*, in which the King of *Scots*, and moſt of the Nobility of that Kingdom, were taken Priſoners, and their Army routed; [u] and it appears by Sir *Ralph*'s Will, that he had taken one of thoſe Nobles, for in it, he diſpoſed of that Priſoner, whom he took in War, unto his Nephew *Edmond Haſtynges* of *Rouſeby*, and to *John de Kirby*, to be ſhared between them, leaving *Margaret* his Wife Alive, and

Ralphe his Son and Heir, who was a Knight in 1349, and retained by Indenture *John Kirby* of *Wiggenthrop* in *Yorkſhire*, a Gentleman of an antient Family, to ſerve him for Term of Life, and not to be diſplaced without good Cauſe, whereof Sir *Brian Stapleton*, Knt. and others, were to be Judges, the ſaid *Ralphe* was himſelf retain'd by *Henry* Duke of *Lancaſter*, to ſerve him both in War and Peace, for 40 Marks *per Annum*, out of his Manor of *Pickering* in *Yorkſhire*, and upon the Death of that Duke, he had a Confirmation thereof, from *John* of *Gaunt*, Son of King E. III. Duke of *Lancaſter*, Earl of *Richmond*, and High Steward of *England*, who had marry'd one of the Daughters and Heirs of that Duke; the reſt of this Great Man, and of his Predeceſſors and Succeſſors, may be ſeen in Mr. *Dughdale*'s Baronage, from the 579th Page of the Firſt Volume, to the 589th Page of that Book, from whence I have extracted great Part of this Account.

In the Year 1353, Sir *Ralph* ſold the Manor of *Haſtyngs* in *Giſſing*, to *Tho. Gardiner* of *Chedeſton*, and *John Pickering*, and *John Allerſton*, his Truſtees, which *Thomas* held it to 1369, and then levied a Fine to *John Harcourt*, and other Truſtees, by which this Manor of *Haſtyngs*, with *Dawling*'s Manor in this Town, were ſettled on

Thomas Gardiner of *Giſſing*, his Son and Heir; this *Thomas* had two Wives, *Cecily* and *Elizabeth*, by the former he had a Daughter, named *Joan*, who inherited *Dawling*'s Manor, and dying without Iſſue in 1400, ſhe left it to Sir *Robert Buttevelyn* of *Flordon*, Knt. who was Lord of *Haſtyng*'s Manor, by his Marrying *Katerine*, Daughter of the ſaid *Thomas Gardiner*, by his ſecond Wife, and half Siſter to this *Joan*, ſo that now both theſe Manors were veſted in the ſaid

Sir Robert Buttevelyn, who was deſcended from an antient Family of that Name in *Northamptonſhire*, of which *William Boutevelyn*, before the 12th Century, founded *Pipewell*

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[s] Ex Indentur. [t] Rot. Fin. 1. E. 3. m. 35. [u] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. p. 579.

*Abby*; He bare as this Family ever did. *Ar.* 3 Creſcents *Gul.*

He left *Robert* his Son his Heir, who left another *Robert*, his Heir, whoſe Inheritance came to *William* his Son, and then to *Robert*, Son of *William*, which *Robert* was killed in *Scotland*, with the Earl of *Glouceſter*, *June* 24, 1314, leaving a Son, whoſe Heir was this Sir *Robert*, of whom we now ſpeak, whoſe Son Sir *Robert Buteveleyn*, Junior, in 1401, is ſaid to hold the Manor of the Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, at half a Fee, which was heretofore *Nicolas de Haſtyng*'s, and another Part of it of the Abby of *Bury*, at a Quarter of a Fee, and another Part of it, of *Shimpling* Manor; and in 1403, he ſettled his Manors called *Haſtinges*, and *Dallings*, upon Sir *Simon Felbrigge*, Knt. Sir *Robert Butteveleyn*, Senior, his Father, *Richard de Cotesbrook*, Parſon of *Cotesbrook*, *John Reynes*, *John Clere*, Eſqrs. and *Henry Lomnour*, Junior, and others, and their Heirs in Truſt, for the Wife of Sir *Robert Butteveyleyn*, Junior, for her Life and the Heirs of their Bodies. Upon the Death of this Sir *Robert* the Abbot of *Bury* ſeized his Ward, by reaſon of the chief Part of the Manor which was held of him by Knight's Service, but this Settlement being produced, he was forced to releaſe his Seizure, and at her Death,

[y] WILLIAM BUTTEVELYN her Son and Heir, inherited the Manors of *Florendon*, *Haſtynges*, and *Dawlings*, he died without Iſſue about 1465, leaving theſe and *Cotesbrook* Manor in *Northamptonſhire*, and *Fenwick* and *Thorndich* in *Bedfordſhire*, to his Siſters, *Elizabeth* and *Julian*, *Elizabeth* married *Edmund Chaterton*, and left one *Daughter* only, named *Elizabeth*, who married *Thomas Herteſhorne*, alias *Hartſtrong* of *Giſſing*, Eſq; *Julian* married *Robert Duke*, of *Brampton* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; and left only one Daughter, named *Alice*, who married *John Kemp* of *Weſton*, Eſq; between which *John*, and *Tho. Herteſhorn*, aforeſaid, the Eſtate came diviſible, and by Agreement they divided it; *Thomas* had *Cotesbrook*, *Fenwick*, and *Thorndich*, and *John* had *Flordon* Manor and Advowſon, and *Haſtyng*'s and *Dalling*'s Manors in *Giſſing*, ſo that now he was Lord of three of the Manors in this Town.

*The* CUSTOMS *of this* MANOR *extracted from the* Extent Roll *in* 1327, (A° 2. E. III.) *which was a Renewal of the old Roll, made in the* 5th *of* Edward II. *in Sir* Nicholas Haſtyng's *Time*, (1311,) *were as follow.*

A Villain can't divide his Tenements, but all ſhall remain to the eldeſt Iſſue, and if ſuch Iſſue withdraws out of the Homage, he forfeits his Tenements.

A *Prepoſitor* and *Meſſor*, to be yearly choſen out of the Tenants, the *Meſſor* to have the Cuſtody of the Fields, Meadows, and Woods, he ſhall ſow all the Lord's Seed, and give an Account of all Treſpaſſes to the Lord, and ſhall keep a Man all Seed Time to fright the Vermin, the *Meſſor* ſhall come to the Lord's Diet, (or Maintenance) the firſt Day of Harveſt, and ſhall be maintain'd all Harveſt Time, he is to collect the Lord's Rents and Profits of Court, and to warn the Labourers, and all others to their Duty, and is to be paid his Wages by the Tenements that are eligible into that Office.

The Bond Men to fine for their Marriage at the Lord's Will.

The Tenement of every Copyholder, at each Death is Heriotable, by the beſt Beaſt, and if they have no Beaſt, they ſhall give 5 *s.*

The Heir of the Tenant ſhall take his Inheritance by Fine, at the Will of the Lord.

And ſhall give for * *Leyerwite* 2 *s.* 8 *d.*

All Bond Tenants alſo ſhall make Redemption of their Blood, and ſhall not put themſelves under the Protection of any other Lord.

Every Heir (according to the Cuſtom) is of full Age at 14 Years.

The Jury alſo Preſent, that the whole Manor is held of the Heirs of the Lord *Thomas de Haſtyngs*, *viz.* of the Lord *Laurence de Haſtyngs*, as of the Fee of the Abbot of St. *Edmunds*, by the Service of one Knight's Fee and no more.

And that one Fee in *Eaſt-Winch* and *Gayton-Thorp*, were lately given by the Anceſtors of the aforeſaid Lord *Thomas*, in pure Alms to the Priory of *Penteney*, to be held of the Manor of *Giſſing*, and the ſaid Lord *Thomas*, gave the ſaid Manor of *Giſſing*, with the Appurtenances, and the Tenants in *Middleton* near *Lynn*, and in *Eaſt-Winch*, and in *Geyton-Thorp*, to Sir *Nicolas* his younger Son, who was then a Knight, and to his Heirs, and this before the 34th of *Henry* III. all which he was to hold of the ſaid *Thomas*, and his eldeſt Son, and their Heirs for ever, by the Service of one Knight's Fee, and that the ſaid *Nicholas*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, ſhould pay for the aforeſaid *Thomas de Haſtyngs*, and his Heirs, to the

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[x] Regr. Curteys, fol. 281. b. 2.

[y] Eſc. 30 H. 6. N. 4.

[z] E. Rot. penes. R. Kemp, Bart. there is a a verbatim Tranſcript of this Roll among Mr. Le-Neve's Collections.

* It ſignifies a Fine paid by the Tenant to his Lord, for defiling a Bond Woman.

Abbot of St. *Edmund*, every 20 Weeks, 2 *s.* 4 *d.* for the *Caſtle-ward* of St. *Edmund*, to *Norwich* Caſtle, for theſe Manors, for ever to continue. And they ſay, that in this Manor there are certain Tenements held of the Heirs of *Montchenſie*, as of the *Outſoken* of *Winfarthing*, *viz.* 30 Acres of Land, and 3 Acres of Wood, of which the Heirs of *Stephen de Brockediſh*, held of the Lord of this Manor 24 Acres.

The Lord hath belonging to this Manor Liberty of *Faldage* and *Cloſure* thro' the whole Town of *Giſſing*, as well in other Men's Lands as in his own.

And alſo *Freewarren* in his own Lands,

And the Correction of the Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale* of all his Tenants, all which were allowed the ſaid Sir *Thomas de Haſtyngs* in an Eyre at *Norwich*, before *Hugh* Abbot of *Bury*, and his fellow Juſtices, in the 12th of *Henry* III. which Liberties the Lord hath, and now doth peaceably enjoy.

In the Rolls of the 39th of *Edward* III. the Jury Preſent, that *William Goodwin*, a Villain by Blood, (of the Lord) was a Rebel, and ungrateful towards his Lord, for which his Tenement and all his Goods in the Lordſhip were ſeized; his Offence was, that he falſely and maliciouſly ſaid, that the Lord received and maintained a Thief, and knowingly kept four ſtolen Sheep in his Fold, by which the Lord was damaged 30 *l.*

In the 22 and 23 of *Ed.* III. it appears, that all the Tenements are Heriotable, and 31 Tenants paid their Heriots this Year.

*Robert Roos*, (*Teſtator Cerviſiæ*) or *Ale-Connor*, was amerced for not doing his Office.

*Alice Le-Ward* paid the Lord 1 *s.* for Licence to marry.

Another paid 20 *s.* that ſhe might live out of the Lordſhip, and marry whoever ſhe would.

In 42 *Ed.* III. a Tenant forfeited all his Copyhold, only becauſe he claimed to hold it freely.

The Widow of the Copyholder during the Nonage of the Heir, is his Guardian by Cuſtom.

16 *Ed.* IV. the Manner of the Lord's taking ſtray, is thus ſet forth, a Horſe came within the Juriſdiction of the Manor, and was ſeized as a Stray, and proclaimed according to cuſtom, and No-body Challenging him in a Year and a Day, he was appraiſed in Open Court and ſold.

I could not forbear obſerving theſe Cuſtoms, becauſe they ſhew us the former ſlaviſh Condition of the Villains and Copyholders.

## GISSING-HALL MANOR *in* GISSING,

Was held by *Alſtan*, a Freeman under *Edric* (the Anceſtor of † *Robert Malet*, Lord of *Eye*) in the Confeſſor's Days, and by *William* (Sirnamed *De Giſſing*) of the ſaid *Robert*, in the Conqueror's Time, [a] as of the Honour of *Eye*, and ſoon after the Conqueſt, the Manor of *Giſſing-Hall* in *Roydon* was join'd, and conſtantly attended this Manor, 'till 1579.

* The other Parcels alſo were afterwards added to this Manor, and that is the Reaſon that it was partly held of *Eye* Honour, and partly of the Abbot of *Bury*; for in *Henry* the IIId's Time it was thus diſtinguiſh'd.

*Giſſing. Pro parte Honoris Eye. Pro parte Abbatis Sci. Edmundi.*

In 1179, WILLIAM DE GISSING held it; He left it to *Bartholomew de Giſſing* his eldeſt Son, who in 1189, ſold his Inheritance to *Walter de Giſſing* his Brother, for in the *Pipe Rolls* of the 34 *H.* II. and the 1st of *Ric.* I. it is found, that *Walter de Giſſinges* paid K. *Henry* II. one Mark, that it might be recorded in the Great Roll, that *Bartholomew*, his elder Brother, and Heir to his Father, releaſed his Inheritance to him in the *King's-Court*. This ſhews the regard which thoſe Times had for the Rolls of the *Pipe*, there being many Inſtances in thoſe Rolls of ſuch Entries, a Collection of which hath been made, and ſeveral of them printed by Mr. *Maddox*, in his Hiſtory of the *Exchequer*.

This WALTER left it to *Roger* his Son in 1198, at whoſe Death it deſcended to Sir *Rob. de Giſſing*, Knt. his Son, who ſettled *Roydon* on his Wife *Joan*; by Deed dated 1287, he confirmed to *Thomas de Haſtyngs* and his Heirs, for his Homage and Service, and two *Beſants* Fine, all the Tenement which the Anceſtors of *Thomas*, held of his Anceſtors in this Town: In 1286, he ſettled this Manor on Sir *Adam de Giſſing* his Son, who the Year after join'd in a Deed with his Father, to ſettle *Roydon* on *Joan* his Mother for Life, in 1299, he had Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale* of all his Tenants in this Town; *Agnes* his Wife ſeems to be the Daughter of *Matthew* of *Thelvetham*, of which *Matthew* ſhe is ſaid to hold her Tenement here, at a Quarter of a Fee, on whom it was ſettled for her uſe. In 1315, *Giſſing* and *Roydon* Manors were convey'd by *Nicholas de Stradſete*, and other Truſtees, to Sir *Robert* Son of Sir *Adam* of *Giſſing*, who at his Death left them to *Joan* his Widow, who kept Court here in her own Name the two Manors being ſettled on them and their Heirs in Tail. In 1322, Sir *Thomas*, Son of Sir *Robert* and *Joan* his Wife, owned them; in 1355, he had great Poſſeſſions in *Cambridgeſhire*, being Patron of *Kingeſton*, *&c.* [b] He was in the Army with *Edward* the *Black Prince* in *Acquitain*, during which Time, *Thomas Mintinore*, of *Foxton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, carried away his Wife, for which at his Return, he recovered 500*l.* Damages. [c] He attended the King into *Gaſcoign*, he had two Wives, *Agnes* who jointly with him, convey'd the Manor of *Stanford* to Sir *Conſtantine de Mortimer*, Knt. and *Joan* who ſurvived him; he died in 1382, and was (according to his Will) buried in the Collegiate Church of the *Bleſſed Virgin in the Fields*, at *Norwich*, (now called *Chappel-Field*.) In 1381, he granted divers Lands in *Giſſing* by Deed, to *Tho. Gardiner*, and *Thomas* his Son. his Wife lived to 1388, when ſhe died, [e] ordering in her Will, that ſhe ſhould be buried in the ſame Church, near the Tomb of her Husband *Thomas*, they left only one Daughter their Heireſs, *viz.* *Joan*, who kept her firſt Court in 1382, on her Father's Death. This antient Family bare for their Arms.

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† Terre Roberti Malet. Dice Dim. Hundr. (fol. 77.)
Geſſinga tenuit Alſtan, Liber Homo Edrici. comd. tantum. lx. acr. terre, modo tenet Willielmus, ſemper iiii bord. ſemper. i. car. in dnio. et dimid: car: hominum. et ii. acr. prati, tunc et poſtea valuit viii *ſ.* modo xv.
In Geiſſinga. i. liber homo Edrici com: tantum. de xi acr. et ſub eo. 1 bord. et val: xii *d.* et tenet Willielmus. (Domſd. fol. 299.

* Terra Abbat. Sci. Edmundi, Dice dim. Hundr:
In Geſſinga. i. liber homo et dimid: de xxxiii. acr: et ii. bord: tunc. i. car: modo dimid: tunc. valuit iiii *ſ.* modo x. invaſit Rogerus homo Roberti Malet. (fol. 182.)
In Geſſinga invaſit Drogo homo Roberti Malet x acr: de dominica terra Sancti Edmundi et val: xx *d.* (fol. 299.

a See Giſſinghall Manor in Roydon, fol. 31.

*Arg.* on a Bend *Az.* 3 Eagles diſplay'd *Or*, membred and armed *Gul.*

This JOAN married Sir *John Heveynyngham*, Senior, Knt. who gave *Giſſing* and *Roydon* to his Sons, *Philip* and *Thomas*, for Life only, Remainder to his eldeſt Son *John*, and his Heirs, but whether he poſſeſſed it or not, I can't ſay, but

Sir JOHN HEVEYNYNGHAM, Knt. Grandſon of the firſt *John*, had *Giſſing-Hall* in *Giſſing*, which was formerly *Agnes de Giſſing*'s, being partly held at a Quarter of a Fee, of *Julian*, Siſter of *John de Thelvetham*, and ſhe of the Abbot of *Bury*, and he of the King, together with another Manor here, called *Dagworth*'s, [e] which he purchaſed, it being held at half a Fee of the Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, as of *Winfarthing-Hall* Manor, which half Fee, Sir *John Dagworth* formerly held; this *John* left them to *John Heveningham*, Banneret his Son, from whom it went to *Thomas* his eldeſt Son, and from him to his Son *John*, who left it to *Antony Heveningham*, Knt. his Son and Heir, who had two Wives, *Katherine*, Daughter of *Calthorp*, and *Mary* Daughter of *John Shelton*, he held his firſt Court in 1538; by the firſt, he left only one Son, *Henry*, married firſt to *Anne*, Daughter of Sir *Edmund Wyndham*, Knt. ſecondly to *Anne* Daughter of *Eden* of *Sudbury*, [f] but leaving no Iſſue, the Manor of *Giſſing cum Dagworth*, and the Manor of *Giſſing-Hall* in *Roydon*, which was held of the Queen as of *Eye* Honour, at a Quarter of a Fee, [g] deſcended diviſible between his three Siſters.

MARY then marry'd to *John Smyth*, *Anne* to *Edward Everard*, and *Jane* unmarried, who ſeems to have after married to *Edward Suliard*, who bought in all the Parts, and then ſold them to Sir *Arthur Hevenyngham*, of *Heveningham*, Knt. who was the Male Heir of that Family, being the Eldeſt Son of Sir *Antony Heveningham*, Knt. by his ſecond Wife. He kept his firſt Court in 1579, and ſoon after manumiſed the Manor in *Giſſing*, by ſelling every Tenant their own Part, [h] ſo that the united Manors of *Giſſing-Hall* and *Dagworth*'s were loſt, all but the Royalties and Fair, which the ſaid *Arthur* ſold to *Richard Kemp* of *Weſtbrook*, in *Suffolk*, but the Manor of *Giſſing-Hall* in *Roydon*, ſtill continued in him, tho' he manumiſed a great Part of that alſo. [i]

## DAGWORTH MANOR.

Was in the Confeſſor's Time, part of Earl *Algar*'s Manor of *Winfarthing*, under whoſe ſole * Protection the Freemen then were; but upon the Earl's Forfeiture, it fell to the Conqueror with *Winfarthing*, with which it was committed to *Godric*'s Cuſtody, and remain'd in the Crown, 'till King *Henry* II. in 1189, gave it to *William de Munchenſi*, Knt. in which Family it remain'd with *Winfarthing*, and went as that did, 'till *Hugh de Vere*, granted it to [k] Sir JOHN DE DAGWORTH, who was Lord in 1315, *Thomas* his Son ſucceeded him, and

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[b] Term: Hil: 46. E. 3. Rot. 51.

[c] Rymer vol. 5. p. 348.

[d] Regr. Harſyke fol. 101.

[e] See Dagworth Manor in this Town.

[f] Inquiſ. 18 Aug. 1370.

[g] Inquiſ. port. mort. H. Heveningham, 13 Eliz.

[h] MSS. penes. P. L. N. fol. 49.

[i] See Giſſing-Hall in Roydon. Heveningham, bears Quarterly, *Or*, & *Gul.* in a Bordure ingrail'd *Sab.* nine Eſcallops *Arg.*

* Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat. dim. Hund. de Dice. (fol. 38)

In Gerſinga, T.R.E. viii. Liberi Homines, commend: tantum de lx. acr: terre. et iiii. bord: ſemper. tunc. iii. car: inter omnes, poſtea et modo i. et dimid: et ii. acr: prati.

[k] Dug: Bar. vol. 2. fol. 148.

Sir *Nicholas* his Son follow'd; all theſe were great Men and famous Warriors in their Days, but deſigning to ſpeak of them in *Blickling*, where they were Lords, and where the ſaid Sir *Nicholas* is buried, I ſhall refer you thither, and ſhall only add, that [*l*] *Eleanor* Widow of *Nicholas* in the ſame Year that he died, *viz.* 1401, convey'd it to Sir *John Hevenyngham*, Knt. who held it of *Winfarthing-Hall* Manor, by the Service of a Quarter of a Fee, from which Time it always paſſed with the Manor of *Giſſing-Hall* in *Giſſing*, 'till 1570, when *Henry* Son of *Antony Heveningham* died ſeized, and *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Edward Wyndham* enjoyed it for Life, as part of her Settlement; at her Death it reverted again to the *Hevenyngham*'s, of whom Sir *Edward Sulyard* purchaſed it with *Giſſing-Hall* in *Giſſing*, and *Giſſing-Hall* in *Roydon*: He ſold it to Sir *Arthur Hevenyngham*, Knt. who after he had manumiſed great Part of it, ſold it with the Manor of *Giſſing-Hall* in *Giſſing*, to *Richard Kemp* of *Weſtbrook*, in *Suffolk*, and ſo in 1595, it united to his other Manors in this Town.

## DALLING's *alias* DAWLING MANOR,

[*m*] STEPHEN FITZ-WALTER, one of the Lords of *Diſs* Hundred, infeoffed *Walter Le-Bretone* in the Service of ſeveral Villains of Blood, belonging to *Giſſing*, with a Meſſuage, and the Homage and Service of *William Taylor*, and other Free Tenants, to hold them of him and his Succeſſors, Lords of the Hundred, at the Rent of 6*d.* a Year, payable at *Whitſontide* and St. *Andrew*'s, and 2*d.* yearly at the Shrine of St. *Edmund* the King and Martyr at *Bury*. This *Walter* married *Alberia*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas*, and Siſter of Sir *Hugh Haſting*, by whom he had *Guido* or *Guy* his Son, who granted four of his Villains, which Sir *Thomas Haſtyng* had granted with his Mother, from his Manor of *Giſſing*, to Sir *Hugh Haſtyng*, Knt. Son of Sir *Thomas*, in this Family it continued 'till *Henry Le Bretun* of *Stanton-Wyvil* in *Leiceſterſhire*, ſold to Maſter *Richard de Boyland*, Clerk, and his Heirs, the Inheritance in this Manor, which *Aveline* and *Amy* his Aunts lately held, and towards the Latter End of *Henry* III. the Inquiſitions ſay, that *Matild* of *Boyland* had it; in 1283, *John* Son of Sir *Richard* of *Boyland*, after the Death of *Matild* or *Maud* his Mother, ſold it to SIMON DE DALLING, and *Iſabell* his Wife. This *Simon* purchaſed of *Robert Le-Bretun* of *Stanton-Wyvil*, and *Helen* his Wife, an Annuity of 10*l.* Rent, which he was to receive out of this Manor, by the Grant of his Uncle *Robert Le-Bretun*, and ſoon after, he purchaſed all his Right in the Manor, and to augment it, bought all the Lands that *John* Son of Sir *Richard de Boyland* had here, and to complete the Title, they had a Releaſe from *Iſabell* Widow of *Robert Le-Breton*; *Simon* and *Iſabell* left Iſſue, *John de Dalling*, or *Wode-Dalling*, who in 1335, ſettled it on *Maud* his Wife, they left Iſſue, a Daughter, who ſeem to have married [*n*] *William* of *Shimpling*, who left a Daughter by her, *Joan*, married to one *Hervey*, for in the Inquiſition taken at *Will. de Shimpling*'s Death, *Joan Hervye* is ſaid to hold the 6th Part of a Fee of *Will. Shimpling*, which was formerly *Matild* of *Boyland*'s; it looks as if ſhe had no Heirs, for *Roger* of *Shimpling* died ſeized, leaving 3 Daughters, of which *Katerine* married to *Wm. Elingham*, had this Manor, [*o*] they left *Roger* their Son and Heir, from whoſe Deſcendents (if not from him) it came to *Tho. Gardiner*, who join'd it to his Manor of *Haſtyngs* with which it went join'd to the KEMPS, and thus having join'd all theſe Manors in that Family, I ſhall now ſpeak of their Riſe and Deſcent, obſerving that this Manor always continued in the eldeſt Branch, except when it was held in Jointure.

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[*l*] This Eleanor was after married to John Mortimer, Eſq; in 1408.

[*m*] E. Carta Sans Date.

[*n*] See Shimpling.

[*o*] Fin: Com: Norf. temp. E. 3. penes Camerar. Scac. 5. R. 2. Li. 1 No. 87. They had Dalling Manor in Flordon alſo.

KEMP,

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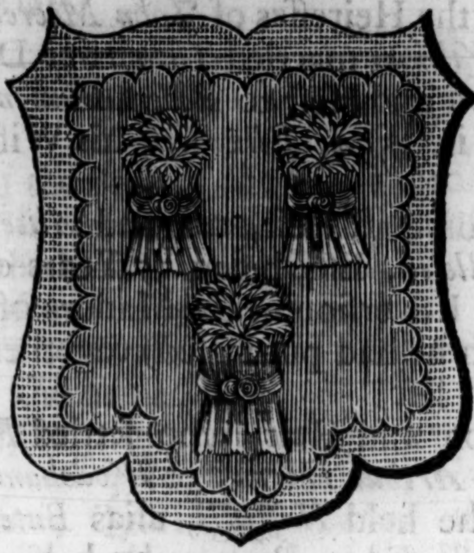

The Name *KEMP* is derived from the *Saxon* Word to *Kemp* or *Combat*, which in *Norfolk* is retained to this Day, a Foot-Ball-Match being called Camping or Kemping, and thus in *Saxon*, a Kempep, ſignifies a *Combatant*, a *Champion*, or Man of *Arms*. This Family hath been of long Continuance in this County. *Galfrid Kemp* lived at *Norwich* in 1272, *Rob. Kemp* in 1306, and ſoon after, or about that Time lived,

NORMAN KEMP,

Whoſe Son ROGER, left

RALPH, who married a Daughter of *De-la-Hant*'s.

WILL. KEMP their Son married a Daughter of one *Barnſtaple*, or *Bainſpath*, whoſe Son,

ALAN KEMP of *Weſton* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; married *Iſabel* Daughter to Sir *Philip Haſtyngs*, and had Iſſue *John* and *Alexander*, to which

JOHN, Sir *Philip Haſtyngs* his Grandfather in 1324, gave the Manor of *Giſſing*; this *John* married *Alice* Daughter to *Robert Duke*, of *Brampton* in *Suffolk*, Co-heir to *Julian Buteveyleyn*, and had for his Share of her Inheritance, the Manors of *Haſtyngs*, and *Dallings* in *Giſſing*, and left Iſſue *Robert*, *Ralph*, *John*, *Alice*, and *Anne*; He is ſometimes called in Evidences *John de Flordon*, Eſq;

ROBERT the Eldeſt, married *Mary* Danghter of *Bartholomew White*, of *Shottiſham*, Eſq; He had another Wife named *Agnes*, and a third (as ſome Pedigrees) *viz. Katerine* Daughter of *Roger Haukere* of *Redenhall*, but left Iſſue by *Mary* only *viz.*

JAFFREY KEMP of *Weſton*, Eſq; who married the Daughter of *Sharrington* of *Cranworth*, Eſq; and left Iſſue,

ROBERT KEMP of *Giſſing*, Eſq; who married *Margaret* Daughter of *William Curſon*, of *Sturſton* in *Suffolk*, and by her had Iſſue, *Robert*, and *Edmund*, who married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *John Style* of *London*, *John*, and *William* who was Rector of *Sturſton*, *Ralph*, and *Cecily* who married *John Melton* of *Sturſton*, aforeſaid, and *Alice*, a Nun at *Barking*.

ROBERT KEMP of *Giſſing*, Eſq; the eldeſt Son, had two Wives, *Elizabeth* Daughter to *John Appleyard* of *Braken-Aſh*, Eſq; by whom he had three Daughters, *Mary* married to *Tho. Jernegan* of *Cove*, *Elizabeth*, who was Lady of the Bed-chamber to Queen *Catherine* in 1523, and died unmarried, and *Anne* married to *Richard Bacon* of *Harleſton*, in *Norfolk*: His ſecond Wife was *Anne*, Daughter to *John Clifford* of *Holm-hale*, Eſq; and by her he had Iſſue, *Bartholomew*, and *Margaret*, married to *Robert Bleverhaſſet* of *Princethorp*, in *Warwickſhire*, *Lewis*, who had a Remainder in Tail in theſe Manors, and *Florence*, married to *Richard Woodhall* of *Fraunſton*, in *Suffolk*.

BARTHOLOMEW the Eldeſt, kept his firſt Court in 1527, and married *Anne* Daughter to *John Alleyn* of *Bury St. Edmunds*, Eſq; and *Conſtance* his Wife, Daughter and Heireſs of *Wm. Gedding*, by whom he had Iſſue, *Robert*, *Bartholomew*, who married *Barbara Sharp* of *Cambridgeſhire*, *Anthony*, *Edward*, who married *Mary* Daughter to *Edmund De-Grey* of *Merton* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; *John* died unmarried, *William*, *Francis*, and *Elizabeth*, married to *Lionell Throkemorton* of *Flixton*. This *Bartholomew* died in 1554, and was according to his Will, buried in St. *Mary*'s Chapel on the North Side of *Giſſing* Chancel by his Wife. Their Stones are diſrobed of their Braſſes.

ROBERT KEMP, Eſq; ſucceeded, who had two Wives, *Elizabeth* Daughter to *Edmund Smithwine* (or *Swiftling*) of *Buckinghamſhire*, by whom he had *Richard*, and *John*, firſt married to *Anne* Daughter of *C. Cuddon*, of *Weſton* in *Suff.* Secondly to *Anne* Daughter to --- *Calthorp* of *Antingham* in *Norfolk*, *Margaret*, married to *Tho. Rouſe* of *Cranford* in *Suff.* and

*Anne* to *Anthony Drury* of *Beſthorp* in *Norfolk*; his ſecond Wife was *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Thomas De-Grey*, of *Merton* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; by whom he had three Sons and one Daughter, *Thomas*, married to *Anne*, one of the Heireſſes of *John Moore*, *Robert* married one of the Heireſſes of *William Stanton*, Eſq; *William* married *Thomazine* Daughter of *William Waldegrave*, Eſq; *Elizabeth* married, *John* Son and Heir to *Robert Buxton*, Eſq; This *Robert* died ſeized of all the Manors in this Town in 1594, *Elizabeth* his Wife ſurviving, who was jointured in *Flordon* Manor.

RICHARD KEMP his eldeſt Son and Heir, married *Alice* Daughter of *John* (or *Phillip*) *Cockerham*, of *Hamſtead* in *Middleſex*, Eſq; being 55 Years old at his Father's Death, before which Time, he had ſettled his Reverſion in the Manors of *Flordon*, *Giſſing*, *Dallings*, *Buteveyleyns*, and *Dagworth*, (which he had purchaſed) together with *Giſſing Fair*, on his Wife. He was a Barriſter at Law, and left

ROBERT KEMP, Gent his Son and Heir, who ſettled *Flordon*, *Giſſing*, and *Dallings* on his Wife *Dorothy*, Daughter of *Arthur Harris*, of *Wodeham Mortimer* [b] in *Eſſex*, and by an Inquiſition it appears, that he held *Haſtyngs*, alias *Buteveyleyns*, alias *Kemps* Manor, of the King, as of his Manor of *St. Edmund*'s-*Bury* by half a Fee, *Dagworth* Manor of *Edmund Bokenham*, Eſq; as of his Manor of *Thelvetham*, *Dawling* of *John Shardelowe*, Gent. as of his Manor of *Shimpling-Ellingham*'s, at the 8th Part of a Fee, *Flordon* Manor and Advowſon, of *Henry* Earl of *Northampton*, as of *Forncet* Manor, at one Fee, and *Burnetts* of *William Grey*, Knt. as of *Hadeſton* or *Bunwell* Manor. He left two Daughters *Dorothy* and *Elizabeth*, and one Son,

Sir ROBERT KEMP of *Giſſing*, Knt. and Bart. created *March* 4, 1642, † he married *Jane* Daughter of Sir *Matthew Browne*, of *Surrey*, Knt. and left *Robert*, *Thomas*, *Matthew* then married, *Richard*, and *Jane* married to *Tho. Waldegrave*, of *Smallbridge*, Eſq;

Sir ROBERT KEMP, Bart. had two Wives, *Mary* Daughter of *John Kerridge*, of *Shelley-Hall* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; by whom he had four Children, but all died in their Minority; his ſecond Wife was *Mary* Daughter and ſole Heireſs to *John Soame* of *Ubbeſton* in *Suffolk*, Gent. by whom he had Iſſue, *Robert*, *John* who died young, [q] *William* who had *Antingham* in *Norfolk* given him by Will, *Mary* married to Sir *Charles Blois*, of *Cockfield* in *Suffolk*, Bart. and *Jane* married to *John Dade*, M.D. of *Tannington* in *Suffolk*.

Sir ROBERT KEMP of *Ubbeſton* in *Suffolk*, Bart. eldeſt Son of the aforeſaid Sir *Robert*, had four Wives, firſt, *Letitia* Daughter to *Robert King* of *Great-Thurlow*, Eſq; by *Eliz.* Daughter of *Thomas Steward* of *Barton-Mills*, Eſq; Widow to Sir *Robert Kemp* of *Finchingfield* in *Eſſex*, Knt, by whom he had one Daughter only that ſurvived, *viz.* *Mary* married to Sir *Edmund Bacon*, of *Garboldiſham* in *Norfolk*, Bart. his ſecond Wife was *Elizabeth* Daughter of *John Brand*, of *Edwardeſton* in *Suffolk*, by whom he had Sir *Robert* the preſent Bart. *John* a Merchant, *Iſaac* a Barriſter at Law, *Thomas* now Rector of *Giſſing* and *Flordon*, and *Benjamin* of *Cajus* College in *Cambridge*, *Elizabeth* unmarried, and *Jane* Relict of *William Blois*, Eſq; Son of Sir *Charles Blois*, Bart. beſides *Edward*, *Letitia*, and *Anne* who died young. His third Wife was *Martha*, Daughter of *William Blackwell*, of *Mortlock* in *Surrey*, by whom he had *William*, ſometime of *Pembroke* Hall, in *Cambridge*, and *Martha* a Daughter unmarried, beſides a former Daughter named *Martha* that died an Infant. His fourth Wife was *Amy* Daughter of *Richard Phillips* of *Edwardeſton* in *Suffolk*, Widow of *John Burrough* of *Ipſwich*, Eſq; who is now living; by her he had no Iſſue.

Sir ROBERT KEMP, Bart. of *Ubbeſton* in *Suffolk*, is now Lord and Patron of *Giſſing*, *Flordon* and *Frenze*, in *Norfolk*, and *Ubbeſton* in *Suffolk*.

I meet with two Great Men of this Name, *John Kemp*, born at *Wye* in *Kent*, LL. D. of *Merton* College in *Oxford*, Archdeacon of *Durham*, Dean of the Arches, firſt Biſhop of *Rocheſter*, then of *Chicheſter*, then of *London*, Archbiſhop of *York*, and afterwards of *Canterbury*, Cardinal of St. *Balbine*, afterwards of St. *Rufine*, which was ſignified by this Verſe,

*Bis Primas, Ter præſes, et Bis Cardine functus.*

He died a very old Man in 1453, (as Mr. *Weaver* fol. 229. where is much more to be ſeen of him as alſo in *Newcourt's Repertorium*, Vol. 1. p. 22, and in *Godwin* p. 248.) The other was *Thomas Kemp*, his Nephew, who was conſecrated Biſhop of *London* in 1449,

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[p] Or Crixeth, he had more Children than are mentioned in this Account, but they died young and unmarried.

[q] Of whom in Antingham.

† He was Gentleman of the Privy-Chamber to K. Charles I. and paid no Fine nor Fees for his Creation, or Patent.

by his Uncle the Archbiſhop, of whom you may read in *Weaver*, fol. 361, and in *Newcourt*, Vol. I. fol. 23, and in *Godwin de Præſ. &c.* 183, but whether they were any way related to this Family I cannot ſay.

## *The* HALL

Was an antient Building, being the Seat of the HASTYNGS's, after of the KEMP's, 'till Sir *Robert* (Father of the preſent Sir *Robert*) upon his Removal to *Ubbeſton*, pulled it down; the Windows were adorned with the following Coats,

*Kemp* quarter'd with *Butteveyleyn*, or *Buttvelyn*, impaled with
*Loveday*, per pale *Ar.* & *Sab.* an Eagle diſplay'd with two Heads counter-changed, gorged with a Ducal Coronet, and armed *Or*.
*Kemp* and *Buttvelyn* quarter'd, impaling *Bleverhaſſet*.
The ſame impaling *Jarnegan*, *Ar.* 3 Maſcle Buckles, *Gul.*
The ſame impaling *Throkmorton*, Quartering *Baniard* of *Speckſhall*, *Sab.* on a Feſs between 2 Chev. *Or*, as many Annulets united, of the Field.
*Gul.* a Lyon Ramp. *Ar.* within a Garter, a Marquiſs's Coronet.

### *In the Parlour Windows.*

*Kemp* impaling *Haſtyngs*. *Kemp* impales the following Coats, *viz.*
*Buttevelyn*. *Duke*, *Az.* a Chev. between 3 Martlets *Ar.*
*Gurlen*, *Erm.* a Bend counter-compony, *Ar.* & *Sab.*
*Appleyard* of *Braken-Aſh*, *Az.* a Chev. between 3 Owles *Ar.*
*St. Leger*, *Az.* Fretté *Ar.* a Chief *Or.*
*Calthorp.*
*Alleyn*, parted per Bend ſiniſter Dancetté *Ar.* & *Sab.* 6 Martlets counter-changed.
*Cockerham*, *Ar.* on a Bend *Sab.* 3 Leopards Faces *Or.*
*Herris*, *Or*, on a Bend *Az.* 3 Cinquefoils pierced of the Field.
*De-Grey* of *Merton*, quarter'd with *Bainard.*
*Smithin* or *Smythwyne*, *Sab.* 3 Chev. *Ar.* 2 Mullets in Chief and one in Baſe *Or.*
*Kemp* and *Buttvelyn* quarter'd, impaling
*White* of *Shottiſham*, *Gul.* in a Bordure ingrail'd, a Chev. between 3 Boars Heads couped *Ar.* *

In a MSS. of Mr. *Anſtis*'s, (E. 26, fol. 29.) theſe Arms are ſaid to be in *Giſſing-Hall*, at that Time the Seat of *Richard Kemp*, Eſq; when the Chapel was new glazed; in the Chamber by the Hall Door, were the Arms of *Giſſing*, *Felton*, and *Framingham*, and the Pictures of two Labourers threſhing Wheat-Sheaves, or Garbs, in Alluſion to *Kemp*'s Arms, and this Coat, *viz.* *Kemp* Quartering
*Duke*, and on an Eſcutcheon of Pretence *Haſtyng*'s Arms.
*Kemp*'s Creſt, Is a Pelican lighting upon a Garb, *Or.*

† In 1603, here were 150 Communicants, and now there are 51 Houſes, and about 300 Inhabitants, it hath a Fair yearly on St. *James*'s-*Day*, [r] which in 1378, was granted to *Thomas de Giſſing*, Knt. together with a Weekly Market at *Giſſing*, but that is now diſuſed. It paid to the old Tenth 3*l.* 10*s.* but 1*l.* being deducted, it was reduced to 2*l.* 8*s.* The Parliament Valuation was 1252*l.* and the preſent Valuation is 761*l.*

The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, and the preſent *Lete Fee* is 2*s.*

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* Theſe Arms were taken by Mr. Lawrence Le-Neve in 1693

† Tranſcribed from old Notes and Bills indented in the Church Cheſt, the Regiſter being burnt in the Parſonage-Houſe. 1563, Elizabeth Daughter of Robert Kemp, Eſq; baptized. 1567, Octob. 3, Robert Kemp, Eſq; buried. 1594, Robert Kemp, Eſq; buried April 4. 1600, 5 April, Richard Kemp Eſq; buried. 1540, Genitrude Daughter of Robert Kempe, baptized. 1541, Bartilmewe Son of Robert Kemp, baptized. 1600, Richard Son of Robert Kemp, Eſq; baptized. 1601, Arthur Son of Robert Kemp, Eſq; He was a Preacher licenced by the Biſhop of London, and preached here in 1639, as the Book kept for that purpoſe informs me. 1567, 26 May, Mr. Antony Drury married Mrs. Anne Kemp. 1601, 17 Sept. Edmund Poole, Eſq; married Mrs. Alice Kemp.

[r] Rot. Cart. 2. R. 2. N. 1.

## *WINFARTHING.*

THIS Rectory is capable of Augmentation, being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 45*l.** The Monks of *Thetford* had a Portion of Tythes here, formerly valued at 20*s.* It is in *Redenhall* Deanry and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry. The Church is dedicated to St. *Mary the Virgin*, in Honour of whoſe Aſſumption, there was a *Gild* founded in it, and another to St. *John Baptiſt*, to both which in 1518, [s] *Nath. Hallyet* was a Benefactor, who at the ſame Time founded a Light of Waxe before the Image of our Lady of Peace Yearly, to the Value of 2*s.* for which he tied a Cloſe called, *Cokkys-Cloſe*, for ever; he was buried in this Church, which was confirmed by *Henry* II. to the Monks of *Butley* in *Suff.* to whom it was ſoon after appropriated by *John* of *Oxford*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, which was confirmed by *John De-Grey*, and *Tho. de Blundevile* his Succeſſors, a Pention of 26*s.* 8*d.* payable Quarterly, being reſerved out of the great Tythes to the Vicar, all which was ſeveral Times confirmed by the Archbiſhops of *Canterbury*, and ſo it continued 'till 1424, and then *Reginald De-Gray*, Lord *Haſtyngs*, *&c.* recover'd the Advowſon from them, and preſented a Rector, from which Time it hath continued a Rectory. It ſeems they could produce no Grant from the King for the Advowſon, nor no Confirmation from the Pope of the Appropriation. Here is a ſmall Rectory-Houſe, Barn, Stable, Back-Houſe, and 24 Acres Glebe, and a Piece without Contents.

| *King*'s *Books.* | *Clear Value.* | *Synodals.* | *Procurations.* | *Acres Glebe.* |
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### *The* RECTORS.

1326, Prid: Kal: *July*, *John de le Nelde, de Schymplyng*, Prieſt; at the Reſignation of *Thomas*, the laſt Vicar, preſented by the Prior of *Butley*, as were all the following Vicars.

133[illegible], 18 Kal: *June*, *Barth. de Banham*, Prieſt, on *Nelde*'s Reſignation,

1338, 29 *May*, *John de Bek* of *Banham*, Prieſt. MATTHEW, Prior of *Butley*.

1354, 4 *Nov.* *Will. Stannard* of *Diſs*, Prieſt.

1366, 10 *June*, *Will. de Wodethorp*, Prieſt.

1378, 28 *April*, *Tho. Karman* of *Giſſing*, Prieſt. WILLIAM, Prior of *Butley*: He died in 1416, and is buried here.

1416, 24 *Nov.* *John Bele* of *Stanton*, Prieſt; He was the laſt Vicar, for in,

1424, 8 *Octob.* *Auguſtine Luce*, Prieſt, was inſtituted Rector of the Pariſh Church of *Winfarthing*, at the Preſentation of REGINALD DE GREY, Lord *Haſtyngs*, *Weysford*, and *Ruthyn*, who by Action at Law, had recovered the Preſentation againſt the Prior of *Butley*, by proving that it of Right belong'd to his Lordſhip of *Winfarthing*.

1425, 10 *Dec.* *Will. Chircheman*, Prieſt, on *Luce*'s Reſignation. REGINALD DE GREY.

1427, 12 *Febr.* *Will. Baldirton*, alias *Man*, Prieſt. *ditto.*

1436, 18 *Octob.* *Robert Cleye*, Prieſt, on *Man*'s Reſignation. REGINALD DE GREY, *&c.* in right of his Lordſhip of *Winfarthing*, which came to him by Hereditary Deſcent; before this Inſtitution, the Prior and Convent of *Butley*, were particularly called upon to juſtify their Right (if they thought they had any) in this Rectory.

1446, 13 *Aug.* Sir *Ralph Veske*, Prieſt. EDMUND GREY, Knt. Lord *Haſtyng*, *&c.*

1446, 24 *Aug.* *John Tuttebury*, on *Veske*'s Reſignation. *ditto.*

1446, 3 *March*, *John Shawe*, on *Tuttebury*'s Reſignation. *ditto.*

1447, *April*, *John Witton*. *ditto.*

1456, 6 *July*, *Will. Spencer*, at *Witton*'s Deprivation. *ditto.*

1469, 24 *Octob.* *John Cokefield*, Doctor of the Decrees, on *Spencer*'s Reſignation. EDMUND GRAY, Earl of *Kent*.

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* Dominus Will: de Montecaniſio (or Montchenſy) eſt Patronus illius, Prior et Conventus de Butley habent eam in proprios uſus, habent unam Grangiam cum xx Acris Terræ, et tribus acris prati. Eſtimatio ejuſdem præter portionem et vicariam xxiiij Marc. eſtimatio vicariæ illius vj Marc: portio Prioris Monachorum Thefordiæ in eadem xx *s.* habet enim idem vicarius Alteragium et octo acras Terræ ſed nil habet de fœno neque de Bladis. (Norwic: Domeſd. p. 190.)

[s] Regr. Gillys, fol. 169.

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| 1477, 28 *April*, | *Will.* Banke a Licentiate in the Decrees, on *Cokefield*'s Death. *ditto.* |
| 1488, 24 *April*, | *Robert Jacſon*, on *Banke*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1518, 5 *Febr.* | *Robert Laurence*, on *Jacſon*'s Death. The Earl of *Surrey.* |
| 1523, 28 *March*, | *Tho. Seaman*, LL. B. on *Laurence*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1535, 26 *Aug.* | Sir *Richard Flynte*, Chaplain to CHARLES, Duke of *Suffolk*, was by that Duke preſented to the Church of St. *Mary* of *Winfarthing*, which he held with *Blakenham* in *Suff.* |
| 1576, 24 *May*, | *Stephen Strete*, A. B. Queen ELIZABETH. |
| 1594, 31 *Aug.* | *John Chriſtian.* The Queen. |
| 1603, | *Will. Mobbes*, Rector. |
| 1610, 20 *Sept.* | [t] *Sam. Garey*, LL. B. He bare *Gul.* 2 Barrs *Ar.* on each a Maſcle of the 1st on a Canton *Or*, a Leopard's Face, *Az.* Creſt, a Buffler's Head Quarterly, *Gul.* & *Sab.* charged with 4 Maſcles. He was preſented by JOHN HOLLAND, Eſq; Truſtee to the HOWARD Family. He was Prebendary of *Norwich*, and Author of many Sermons, and other Divinity Tracts, ſome Printed, ſome MSS. |
| 1621, | *Daniel Reve* of *Banham*, Rector, died in 1628. |
| 1628, 6 *Aug.* | *John Jewell*, A. M. THOMAS, Earl of *Arundel.* |
| 1637, 8 *June*, | He reſign'd, and the Biſhop gave Notice to the Patron, and ſoon after *Cooper Reynolds* was inſtituted, who died Rector, and in |
| 1641, *Jan.* 15, | *Philip Flight*, A. M. ſucceeded. LIONELL Earl of *Middleſex*, HENRY Lord *Mowbray*, HENRY Lord *Pierpoint*, and EDWARD Lord *Newbury.* |
| 1643, 1 *Febr.* | *Sam. Gardiner*, A. M. on *Flight*'s Death. LIONELL, *&c.* |
| | [u] *John Coppin* ſucceeded. He died *Nov.* 23, 1711. |
| 1711, *March* 20, | The Rev. Mr. *John Phillips* the preſent Rector. ROB. MARSHAM, Bart. |

The Tower is ſquare, having a Peal of five Bells in it, the Nave, South Iſle, and North Porch are leaded, the Chancel thatched.

On two Braſs Plates in the Nave.

Hic iacet Matheus Hallyet qui Mortem obiit 3° Die Maii, Anno Dni. 1586, Anno Etatis ſuæ, 54.

POST TENEBRAS SPERO LUCEM.

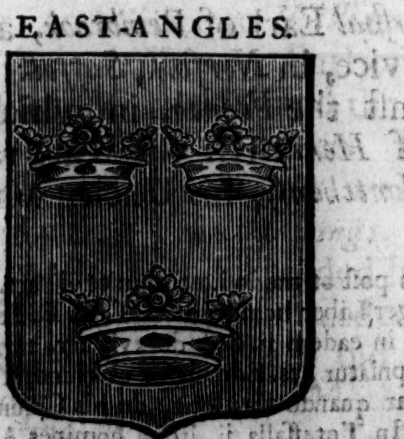
HERE LYETH BURYED THE BODY OF THOMAS HALLYAT, GENT. OF THE AGE OF 48 YEARES, WHO DECEASED THE 18th DAY OF JULY, ANNO DNI. 1612, BEING THE SECOND SON OF ROBERT HALLYAT, GENT. WHO ALSO LYETH BURIED IN THIS CHURCH.

POST MORTEM VITAM ÆTERNAM.

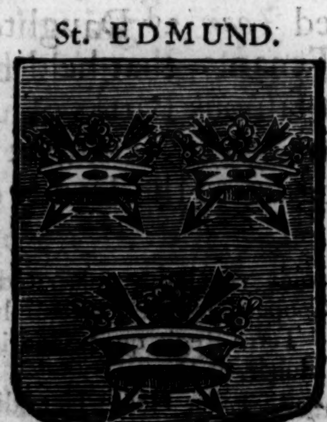
Many of this Family (who were conſiderable Owners) are buried in this Church, ſeveral of their Stones being robbed of their Braſſes.

About 1600, the following Arms were in the Windows, all which are now defaced, except theſe, *viz.*

EAST-ANGLES.



St. EDMUND.



*Valence* Earl of *Pembrook*, Barry of 10 Pieces, *Ar.* & *Az.* an Orle of Martlets *Gul.*

*Montchenſie*, *Or.* 3 Ineſcutcheons *Vair.*

*Bohun*, *Az.* a Bend between 2 Cotizes, and 6 Lions Ramp. *Or.*

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[t] In 1618, he publiſhed a Book called, Great Britain's Little Kalendar.

[u] He is buried on the North Side of St. George's, Tombland Norwich, in the Church-yard, having a Stone fixed into the Wall over his Grave, with this, "Here lyeth the Body of John Coppin, late Rector of Winfarthing, who died Nov. the 23d, 1711, aged 81 Years.

*Ar.* a Bend raguled *Sab.* *Ar.* 3 Roſes *Gul.* - - - 2 Bendlets *Or.*
*Hetherſet*, *Az.* a Leopard Saliant *Or.*

On the Wall over the Communion Table were the Arms of *Norwich* Biſhoprick, impaling Biſhop * *Reynolds*'s Arms, with this Date, 1676, but they are now whited over.

In the South Iſle, there is a black Marble for Elizabeth Belville alias Michell, who died April 5 1683, aged 23.

Modeſty, Sobriety, and Grace,
was the Orniment, of her Race.

Here was a Clock formerly, which now ſtands diſuſed in the South Iſle; and in a Chapel at the upper end thereof was placed a famous Sword called the *Good Sword* of *Winfarthing*, of which, *Becon* in his *Reliques of Rome*, printed in 1563, fo. 91, gives us the following Account.

In Winfarthing, a little Village in Norfolke, there was a certeyne Swerd, called the Good Swerd of Winfarthyng, this Swerd was counted ſo precious a Relique, and of ſo great Virtue, that there was a ſolemne Pilgrimage uſed unto it, wyth large Giftes and Offringes, with Vow makings, Crouchinges, & Kiſſinges: This Swerd was viſited far and near, for many & ſundry Purpoſes, but ſpecialy for thinges that were loſt, and for Horſes that were eyther ſtolen or elſe rune aſtray, it helpid alſo unto the Shortning of a married Mans Life, if that the Wyfe which was weary of her Huſband, would ſet a Candle before that Swerd every Sunday, for the Space of a whole Yeare, no Sunday excepted, for then all was vain, whatſoever was done before.

I have many Times heard (ſays that Author) when I was a Child, of diverſe ancient Men and Wemen, that this Swerd was the Swerd of a certayne Theif, which took Sanctuary in that Church-Yard, and afterwards through the Negligence of the Watchmen eſcaped, and left his Swerd behind him, which being found, and laid up in a certaine old Cheſt, was afterward through the Suttilty of the Parſon and the Clerk of the ſame Pariſh, made a precious Relique, full of Vertue, able to do much, but ſpecially to enrich the Box, and make fat the Parſon's Pouch.

*Algar*, a Freeman of *Herald*'s held all *Wineferthinc* as one Manor, in the Confeſſor's Time, when it contained 6 Carucates of Land, two in Demean, and four among the Tenants; At the Survey it was in the Conquerors own Hands, and then extended into *Burſton*, *Shimpling*, *Titſhall*, and *Shelfhanger*, 'twas valued in the firſt Survey, at 40 *s.* and by the Conqueror, at 8 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d.* with the Freemen, he committed it to *Godric*'s Care, who anſwered 7 *l.* and no more; ‖ It was 2 Miles long, and one Mile broad, and paid 9 *d. Geld.*

This Town is priviledged as ancient Demean, the Tenants being excuſed from ſerving as Jurors at the Seſſions or Aſſizes, or any where elſe out of the Manor, and from Toll, in Markets and Fairs, upon renewing their Writ every Kings Reign, and having it annually allow'd by the Sheriff of the County.

It remained in the Crown 'till King *Henry* II. gave it to,

Sir WILLIAM DE MONTE-CANISO, (or *Munchenſie*) Knt. who gave a 100 Marks to have Seizin of this Manor in 1189. He was Grandſon to *Hubert Munchenſy*, who lived in the Conqueror's Time, and Son of *Warine de Munchenſy* and *Agnes* Daughter of *Pain Fitz-John* his Wife, and Brother to RALPH, who died without Iſſue, and left Sir WARINE, his Couſin his Heir, he married *Joan* 2d Daughter to *Wm. Marſhal* Earl of *Pembrook*, and in 1222, had Scutage of all his Tenants, that held by military Service, in *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, &c. and in 1241, [x] he was at that famous Battle of *Xantoine*, againſt the *French*, in which by his valiant Deportment he won great Renown: In the 34th of *Henry* III. the King ratified to him all the Liberties belonging to the Lands of *Ralph de Montchenſy*, his Uncle, whoſe Heir he was, all which were firſt granted by King *Henry* II. among which the Tenants here, were excuſed from the Sheriff's *Turn* and from *Toll*, and from ſerving upon any Juries out of their Manor, and he had Aſſize of *Bread*, *Ale*, and *Wine*, with *Court Lete* [z] allowed him, and this further Priviledge, that the King's Bailiffs ſhould not enter his Bailywick of *Winfarthing* to take any Diſtreſs, but the Bailiff of that Bailiffwick ſhould do it. He died in 1255, being then reputed one of the moſt Noble, Prudent, and Wealthy Men of all the Realm, his Inventory amounting to 2000 Marks, a prodigious Sum for that Time, he left

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* Quæ: if Biſhop Reynolds who was conſecrated in 1660, was not a Deſcendant of Cooper Reynolds, Rector here.

‖ (fol. 37, 38.) Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat.

Dim. Hundr. de Dice.

Wineferthinc tenet Algarus, Liber Homo Heraldi. T. R. E. pro manerio. vi. car: terre. ſemper viii. Villan: et ſemper xx bord: tunc et poſt. iiii. ſerv. modo ii. ſemper ii. car: in dominio. et iiii. car. Hominum. tunc Silva. col. porc: poſt et modo CC. et ix. acr. prati. ſemper duo equi in aula. et vi. an: ſemper xiiii. porc: et xiiii Caprae, et in eadem quinque Liberi homines Algari commendati tantum. T. R. E. de xl. acr. ſemper i. car. et i. ac. prati. In Borſtuna iiii. libr. homines Algari commendati tantum de xl. acr. terre et i bor. ſemper i. car: et iii. acr. prati. In Gerſinga. T. R. E. viii. liberi homines Algari commendati tantum de xl. acris terre et iiii. bor. ſemper, Tunc iii. car. inter omnes poſt et modo i. et dim: et ii. acr. prati. In Shimplinga i integer Liber homo Edrici T. R. E. de xii. acris terre. ſemper i. car: in eadem ii. Soc: de xvi. acr. terre ſemper dim: car: hoc calumpniatur Scs. Edmundus et Hundret teſtatur, ſed R. Comes tenebat quando foriſfecit, de his Calumpniatur Scs. Eds. xiiii. acr: In Toteſſalla ii. liberi homines Algari commendati cum terra, xxxv. acr: terre et i acr: prati. Silva iiii. porc. ſemper i. car: In Scelvangra i. Vill: xv. acr: terre ſemper dim: Car. et ii. bordar. Silva v porc: et ii. acr. prati. Tunc, valuit Wineferthinc xl. Sol: poſt et modo viii lib: et iii. Sol: et iiij *d.* blanc: et iſti omnes Liberi cum Soc: quando Godricus recepit, et modo, reddunt vii. lib: ſed amplius non poſſunt reddere tantum. Wineferthinc habet i. Leug: in Longo et dim: in Lato et de Gelt ix *d.*

x Rot. Pip. 1 Ric. 1. Norff. Suff.

William his Son, his Heir, who had a Park well ſtocked with Deer in this Pariſh. In 1259, in the 46 of *Henry* III. he was one of the diſcontented Barons, then at Difference with the King, upon which Account he received Notice, that in Caſe he did not perſonally repair to the Court to ſign the Agreement, (as divers of them did) he might ſend his Seal, for the better Confirmation thereof; and in the 48th of the ſame King, having been one of the chief Commanders on the Part of the Rebellious Barons, in that fatal Battle of *Lewes*, where the King was made their Priſoner, the next Year when they ſummoned a Parliament in the King's Name, he was one of the Chief of thoſe Barons that then ſat therein, but not long after this, being taken at *Kenilworth*, in that notable Surprize, made by the Forces of Prince *Edward*, a little before the Battle of *Eveſham*, his Lands were ſeized, and given to *William de Valence*, half Brother to the King, and Earl of *Pembrook*, who had married his Siſter *Joan*, whereupon *Dioniſia* his Mother, who was Daughter and Heir of *Nicholas de Aneſty*, undertook to bring him before the Feaſt of St. *Hillary*, in the 51 Year of that King, to ſtand to the Judgment of the *King's-Court*, in purſuance of the Decree called, *Dictum de Kenilworth*, but being not able to perform it within that Time, by reaſon of his Sickneſs, ſhe promiſed to bring him upon that very Day, when he had ſuch fair Reſpect ſhewn him for his Siſter's Sake, that *William de Valence* her Husband, freely reſtored him his Lands again; after which in 1277, he had a full Pardon for his Rebellion, and all the Liberties granted by King *Henry* II. to his Anceſtors, confirmed at large, with this Addional One, that he might keep Dogs to hunt the Hare, Fox, and Wild Cat, in his Foreſts. In 1289, he went with the Earl of *Cornwall* (then Governor of the Realm in the King's Abſence) into *Wales*, againſt *Res ap Griffyth*, at that Time in the Caſtle of *Droſſelau* (who had made great Depredations in thoſe Parts) and as he with divers others, endeavoured to demoliſh that Caſtle, by Undermining it, he was with them overwhelmed and killed with the Fall thereof, at whoſe Death, *Dioniſia* his Mother, had Cuſtody of his Daughter, and Heireſs, named alſo

Dionisia; and immediately after *Hugh de Vere*, a younger Son to *Robert* Earl of *Oxford*, who was then the Kings Servant, obtained Licence, and married her in 1296, and in Conſideration of his great Services in the *French* Wars, had Livery of her Inheritance; *Dioniſia* her Grandmother being then Living, who being a devout Woman, founded *Waterbeche* Nunnery in *Cambridgeſhire*, in 1293, ſhe died in 1303, and her Lands deſcended to

Hugh de Vere, who had no Iſſue by his Wife *Dioniſia*, ſo that her Inheritance reverted to *Wm. de Valence*, who had married *Joan*, Siſter to the laſt *William de Muncheníi*, who after the Death of the ſaid *Hugh*, had View of *Frankpledge*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale*, and a Tumbrel, or Cucking-Stool, allow'd to this Manor; and thus much of the antient Family of the † *Muncheníi*'s,

William de Valence, Earl of *Pembrook*, died ſeized in right of *Joan* his Wife, Aunt to the laſt *Dioniſia*, and Siſter to *William de Muncheníi*, leaving

Audomar or *Aymer de Valence*, Earl of *Pembrook*, his Heir, who in 1321, held it by one Fee of the Barony of *Muncheníi*, and the Manor or Tenement, called, *Heywood*, of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, by the 4th Part of a Fee. He died in 1323, leaving no Male Iſſue, ſo that his Siſters inherited, and this Manor was allotted to

Isabell, who married *John Haſtyngs*, Lord *Abergavenny*, by whom he had

John de Hastyngs, who ſucceeded him, and *Elizabeth* a Daughter, married to *Roger*, Lord *Grey* of *Ruthin*, *John* was ſucceeded by his Son

Laurence, who was Five Years old at his Father's Death, and by the King's Licence was in the Cuſtody of *Julian* his Mother, who within a Year after her firſt Husband's Death, married to *Tho. le Blount*, after whoſe Death ſhe married a third Time to *William de Clinton*, Earl of *Huntingdon*; this Earl in 1352, is ſaid to hold the Manors of *Winfarthing* and *Heywood*, as Guardian to the ſaid *Laurence*, who as ſoon as he came of Age, was declared Earl of *Pembrook*, and the Year following, being the 14th of *Edward* III. [a] he attended the King in that great Adventure againſt the *French* at Sea, where he worthily ſhared in the Glory of that Victory, obtain'd againſt them, near *Sluys* in *Flanders*: But this was not the only brave Action of this Earl, for he behaved himſelf Valiantly all his Life, as we find in *Dughdale*'s *Barronage*, (p. 576,) where his brave Atchievements, and thoſe of his Family, are amply treated of. He died in 1347, leaving

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[z] Plit. 34 H. 3. Rot. 6. in dorſo.

[a] Froiſart. 29 b. 30. a.

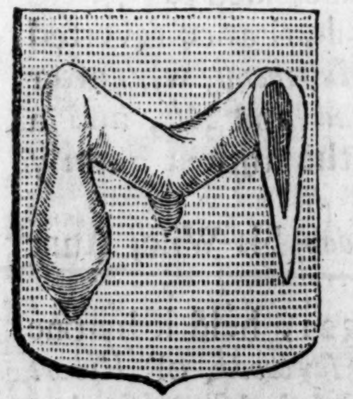
† More of this Family may ſeen, in Dughd. Bar. Vol. I. fo. 561. or for the Vere's, fo. 188. or for the Valence's, f. 774.

JOHN HASTYNGS, Earl of *Pembrook*, his Son and Heir, who married *Anne*, Daughter of Sir *Walter Manney*, Knt. being very active in the *French* Wars, in 1371, he was made Lieut. of *Acquitain*, at the ſpecial Requeſt of the Inhabitants of that Province, and was then about 25 Years old, but unlucky it was for him that he had that Honour, for upon his coming to the Port of *Rochell*, which was then beleagured by the *French*, no ſooner was he got into the Haven, but the *Spaniſh* Fleet fell upon him, before he could put his Men in order to fight, ſo that he was taken Priſoner, his Ships burnt, and all the *Engliſh* killed, or taken, with no leſs than 20,000 Marks, ſent over by the King to maintain the War; after he had undergone four Years impriſonment, with moſt inhumane Uſage, for a Sum of Money he was to have been inlarged, upon which he came to *Paris*, where falling Sick, he haſted to *Calais*, but died on his Journey, *Apr.* 16 1374, ſeized of theſe Manors, which among others, were aſſigned to

ANNE his Widow for her Dower, ſhe died in 1383,

JOHN DE HASTYNGS their Son being then about 11 Years old. This *John* at the Coronation of *Richard* II. (being then not five Years old) claimed to carry the great Golden Spurs, and ſhewing ſufficient Evidence of his Right to do that Service, *Edmund* Earl of *March* [whoſe Daughter *Phillipa* he married] was allowed to perform it for him, by reaſon of his Minority. He had no Iſſue, for in the 13. *R.* 2. being then but 17 Years old, the King keeping his *Chriſtmaſs* at *Woodſtock*, and holding a Tournament there, this young Earl ventured to tilt with Sir *John St. John*, by an unlucky Slip of whoſe Launce, he was run into the Bottom of his Belly, upon which, his Bowels burſt out, and he ſoon died, to the great Grief of many, being a Perſon of ſo noble a Diſpoſition, that for Bounty, Manhood, and Courteſy, he exceeded all of his Age, and moſt of his Degree. [b] His untimely Death was at that Time, thought a Judgment upon his Family, in regard that *Aymer de Valence*, Earl of *Pembrook*, his Anceſtor, was one of thoſe, that paſſed Sentence of Death upon *Tho.* Earl of *Lancaſter*, at *Pontfract*, for 'twas obſerved, that after that Judgment ſo given, none of the ſucceeding Earls of *Pembrook*, ever ſaw his Father. At his Death

[c] REGINALD Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, was by ſome Inquiſitions, found to be his Couſin, and Heir of the whole Blood, as deſcended Lineally from *Elizabeth*, Siſter to *John de Haſtyngs*, Father of *John*, Grandfather of this Earl, and by other Inquiſitions, *Hugh de Haſtyngs*, Son of *Hugh*, Son of *Hugh*, Son of the ſame *John de Haſtyngs*, by *Iſabell* the Daughter of *Hugh Le Diſpencer* his ſecond Wife, was found his Heir Male, but of the half Blood, for which reaſon he did not inherit, tho' there was a great Struggle for it, as there was for the Arms of the *Haſtyngs*'s, between *Edward Haſtyngs*, Great Grandfather to this *Hugh*, and *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, it laſted little leſs than 20 Years, in the Court, before the Conſtable and Marſhal of *England*, and in the End, the ſaid *Edward*, tho' he was Heir Male, was not only condemned in 970*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* Coſts [*Grey* ſwearing that he had ſpent 1000 Marks more] but he was impriſoned 16 Years, for diſobeying that Sentence, which was reputed a very hard and unjuſt one, and ſo *Haſtyngs* thought it, for with extreme Anguiſh of Mind he died, leaving GOD's CURSE, and *his own* upon his Deſcendants, if they did not attempt the Vindication of their Right.



But to return, *Roger*, Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, by the ſaid *Elizabeth Haſtyngs*, had *Reginald*, Lord *Grey*, whoſe Son

REGINALD inherited, and from an Extent of this Manor it appears, that here was then a Hall, or Manor Houſe, with a Park well ſtocked with Deer, all which were nothing worth above their Out-goings, and Repairs, and another Incloſure, called a Park, fenced in with Pales, containing above 80 Acres of Arable Land, worth 2*d.* each Acre; that there were 8 Acres Meadow, worth 8*d.* each Acre; that the Quit-Rents were 10*l.* beſides 600 Days Works in Winter, worth a Half-penny each Day, and 300 Days Works in Autumn, worth 1*d.* each Day, together with a Wood, called *Hulver-Wood*, the Underwood of which was worth 12*d.* a Year; there was alſo a Chaſe upon *Winfarthing-Common*, and *Banham-Green*, worth 6*d.* a Year, a Wind-Mill worth 2*s.* a Year, the Suits and Perquiſites of the Courts worth 3*s.* 4*d.* a Year clear. But tho' the Lord *Grey* inherited the reſt of the Earl of *Pem-*

[b] T. Walſingham: in eod: A°.

[c] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. p. 578.

*brook's*

*brook*'s Eſtate, this and *Heywood* Manors were in Dower, and held by *Phillipa*, Widow of the laſt Earl, 'till 1490, in which Year ſhe died, having enjoy'd it notwithſtanding *Edward Haſtyng*'s claim: He married *Margaret*, Daughter of Sir *William de Roos*, by whom he had *John* who married *Conſtance*, Daughter of *John Holland*, Duke of *Exon*, and Relict of *Tho. Mowbray*, Earl Marſhal, he died before his Father, leaving two Sons, *Edmund*, and *Thomas*, at his Grandfather's Death, which was in 1440.

Edmund became Heir, to his Honour and Eſtate, he married *Catherine*, Daughter to *Henry Peircy*, Earl of *Northumberland*, and in the 5th of *Edward* IV. was created Earl of *Kent*; at his Death in 1488, he left theſe Manors in Dower to *Katherine*, his Widow, who dyed about 1399, and then they went to

George, Earl of *Kent*, their Son, who by ſuffering a Recovery, ſettled it on King *Henry* VII. for Payment of a great Debt, with a Remainder to himſelf and his Heirs: After this, it was ſettled on *Katherine* his ſecond Wife, who enjoy'd it for her Life, and then it went to

Richard Grey, Earl of *Kent*, who died in 1523, having greatly waſted his Eſtate. This and *Heywood* was part of the Jointure of *Elizabeth* his Wife, but in 1505, with her, and her Truſtees Conſent, he ſold them to

Robert Le'Strange, and his Heirs, and a Fine was levied accordingly, *viz.* of 2800 Acres of Land, 30*l.* Rent in *Winfarthing*, *Diſs*, *Shelfhanger*, *Titſhall*, and *Bokenham-Caſtle*; and thus it paſſed from that Family. [d]

This *Robert Le'Strange* dying ſeized, and left it to

John Le'Strange, his Executor, to ſell, of whom it was purchaſed by

THOMAS Duke of Norfolk, from which Time it went with that Family, 'till *Tho.* Earl of *Arundell*, and *Surry*, ſold this and *Heywood*, about 1643, to

Sir John Marsham, of *Cuckſtone* in *Kent*, Bart. who died ſeized in 1692, leaving it to his Son

Sir John Marsham, Bart. who died under Age and unmarried, in 1694, ſo that it came to

Sir Rob. Marsham, Bart. in 1697, he was one of the Six Clerks in *Chancery*, and Uncle to Sir *John*, he was ſucceeded by

Sir Rob. Marsham his Son, who by Letters Patent, was created Baron of *Romney* in *Kent*, and in 1720, obtained an Act of Parliament to ſell this Eſtate, and to ſettle another in *Kent* already purchaſed, to the ſame Uſes, upon which it was veſted in

Sir Tho. Daeth, Bart. and * Edmund Probyn, Serjeant at Law, who in 1724, convey'd it to

Humphry South of *London*, Merchant, to the Uſe of

Mrs. Eliz. Gray of *London*, (only Child of *John Gray*, late of the Iſland of *Barbadoes*, Eſq;) who by Vertue of that Purchaſe, is now Patroneſs and Lady, of both *Winfarthing* and *Heywood*, which is called *Winfarthing Outſoken* Manor.

In Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time there was a great Suit for theſe Manors, between the Earl of *Surrey*, who recover'd, and the Earl of *Kent*, at which Time *Heywood* Manor was 26*l.* and *Winfarthing* 14*l.* *per Ann.* † The *Lete* belonged to the *Court Baron*, and the Courts of the *Inſoken* and *Outſoken* of this Manor, extended into *Briſingham*, *Kenninghall*, &c. Here were two Parks, *viz.* the *Old* and *New Park*, and the Rector had the Herbage of both, for the Compoſition of which, 29*s.* 4*d.* was paid him; the Rent of *Hulver-Wood* was 6*d.* To this Manor belongs *Banham-Heath*, a great part of which lies in *Diſs* Hundred, which is divided by the *Meere*, called the *Hundred Meere*, which divides the Hundreds of *Diſs*, *Shropham*, and *Giltcroſs*; and the Drift of it as far as that *Meere*, belongs to *Winfarthing*, and is in the Bounds of that Pariſh, and according to antient Cuſtom, the Tenants of *Winfarthing*, always drive their Part the laſt Day of *April*, and impound all *Weyfs* and *Strays*, in a Ground called the *Hall-Yards*, in *Winfarthing* Great Park, in which the Manor-Houſe did heretofore ſtand. In 1604, this Park was full of Deer, and Sir *Baſſingbourn Gawdy* of *Weſt Herling*, Knt. had every Year a Fee Doe and Buck, and Liberty of Hunting them in that Park, which was then my Lord of *Arundell*'s.

This Pariſh hath Lands belonging to it, now Lett at 16*l.* *per Ann.* of the Gift of divers Perſons, out of which 2*l.* 11*s.* (called *Lowndes*, and *Alden*'s *Gifts*) is Annually at *Eaſter* to be divided, among ſuch Poor as are not Collectioners, by the Rector and Church-Wardens, the reſt was given to repair the Church: They have alſo three Town Houſes, one hath an

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[d] An Account of theſe Earls may be found in Dughdale's Baronage, Vol. 1. fol. 718. in Vincent againſt Brook, fol. 287. In the Peerage, p. 147. And in moſt other Hiſtorical Writers.

* The preſent Mr. Juſtice Probyn.

† Lete Fee is 2*s.*

Acre of Land adjoining to it, and another was the *Old Gildhall*, the Lands of which *Gild*, were ſeized by the Crown, and were given by Queen *Elizabeth*, in the 27th Year of her Reign, to the *Hallyat*'s.

In 1600, there were 189 Communicants, and now there are 50 Dwelling-Houſes, and about 260 Inhabitants. It paid 1 *l.* 16 *s.* to the Tenths, was valued at 1256 *l.* to the Parliament Valuation, and now at 934 *l.* to the Land Tax.

### *The* CUSTOMS *of the* MANOR *are theſe,*

The Eldeſt Son is Heir, the Fine is at the Lord's Will, it gives no Dower, the Tenants build up, pull down, plant on the Waſte, and ſell Timber without Licence. The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred.

### *The* CUSTOMS *of the* RECTORY *were firſt exemplified* A° 45 Eliz. *and after that* A° 8 James I. 7 June, *and are theſe.*

They pay 1 *d.* a Year for each Cow in lieu of *Lactage*.

For every Calf under ſeven, 1 *ob.* the Seventh being due in Kind to the Rector, he allowing 1 *ob.* for each Calf above ſeven, and under ten.

Inſtead of Tythe Hay, or *Herbage*, the Pariſhioners pay 2 *d.* an Acre to the Rector, except all Tythe Hay growing on the Common Meadows, which is due in Kind.

They pay for every Foal 1 *d.* a Year, till it comes to work.

And for every Heifer 1 *d.* a Year, 'till it is milk'd, or otherwiſe converted.

Every Inhabitant on *All-Saint*'s-*Day*, pays 1 *ob.* in lieu of all Tythe for Fruit, and all Fewel ſpent in the Town.

Tythe Peaſe are due every tenth Stetch, as ſoon as they are cut by the Owner, all Corn, and other Small and Great Tythes whatſoever, are due in their proper Kind, the ſmall Tythes on *Lammas-Day*, the reſt as they are ſeparated.

The Abbat of Bury had one Freeman here, and two Acres which belonged to Titſhall Manor. (fol. 298.) Abbas Sancti Edmundi tenet in Winceferthinc, i. liber homo de ii· acr. quem tenuit R. Comes, quando ſe foriſfecit, et poſt Godricus, in manu Regis, poſt Godricum tenuit Herolfus, in terra Sancti Edmundi, Licencia præpoſiti Abbatis, Teſte Hundret.

## DICKLEBURGH

IS a large Pariſh, containing the whole Town of *Semere*, [*e*] which at the Conqueſt, was as large as *Dickleburgh* itſelf, to which it is now a Hamlet. This Town was antiently divided into four Parts or Portions, each of which had a Rector of it's own, and ſerved in their Turns in *Dickleburgh* Church: The firſt Portion was called, ſometimes *Fouldon*, ſometimes the Portion in the *Marſh*, (it being the loweſt Part of the Town) ſometimes the Portion of *Henry*, who was Rector in 1256, but moſt commonly, the Portion of *Richard*, who was Rector of it, when the *Lincoln* Taxation was made, it being then valued at x Marks, out of this Portion the Abbot of *Bury* had an annual Pention of xv *s.* The ſecond was called, *The Portion in the Fields*, (it being the Upper Part of the Town) ſometimes the Portion of [*f*] *Henry*, and ſometimes *Culphoe*'s Portion, *John de Culphoe* being Rector [*g*] at the *Lincoln* Taxation, and *John* of St. *Edmund*'s-*Bury*, at the *Norwich* Taxation, when it was valued at C *s.* and paid a Pention to the Abbot of St. *Edmund*, of ix *s.* Yearly. The third Portion belonged to that Part of the Town, which is now called † *Langmere*, and is ſtill a Hamlet belonging to it, all which lies in the Hundred of *Earſham*, and hath a ſeparate *Lete* which now belongs to *Dickleburgh-Hall* Manor, and it's Juriſdiction extends to all that Part of the Town, which lies in *Earſham* Hundred. The *Lete* and Royalties of the other Part in *Diſs* Hundred, belonging at this Time to the Lord of the Hundred, but there are no *Lete Fees* due to either of them; this was in the Con-

[e] See Semere in Domeſday.

[f] This was one Henry Freeman who was Rector of it in 1231, in which Year there was a Fine levied, to confirm the Agreement, made between the Abbot and him, the Abbot remitting to him and his Tenants of the Rectory Manor, the Services of carrying part of the Abbot's Wine from Norwich, or Yarmouth, to Palgrave Bridge, and from paying part of the Tallage of Titſhall, for a yearly Pention of 15 *s.* 1 *d.* *ob.* per Ann to be paid to Bury Monaſtry for ever.

[g] Valued at xvi Marks in the Lincoln Taxation.

† That is the Long Mere.

queſt included in *Semere*, of which it was near the Half, and was given to *Butley* Priory, after the Deceaſe or Ceſſion of *Ranulf* the Chaplain, who had been preſented thereto by *William de Aubervil*, and *Maud* his Wife, which *Maud* was Daughter to *Ranulf de Glanvil*, and belonged to the Land that the ſaid *Ranulf* held of *Thomas Noell*; at the *Norwich* Taxation it was valued at x Marks, and in the *Lincoln* at 13 Marks, it was appropriated to that Convent about 1180, by *John* of *Oxford* Biſhop of *Norwich*, without any Vicar to be endowed, * they being obliged to find a Stipendary Chaplain only, who was to adminiſter the Sacrament, and perform all Duties to the Pariſhioners of that Portion only; this was confirmed by ſeveral Archbiſhops of *Canterbury*, and by *Tho. de Grey*, and *Tho. de Blundevile*, or *Blomevile*, Biſhops of *Norwich*, and thus it continued till 1454, when it was diſappropriated by Conſent of all Parties, and conſolidated to the other Portions, the Abbot of *Bury* giving the Prior ſecurity that the future Rectors ſhould ever pay to that Priory, a yearly Pention of 3 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year, clear of all ſervice due from the ſaid Portion. ** The Prior alſo had Lands in this Part of the Town, given by *Ranulf de Glanvil*, which were taxed at 1 *d. ob.* The fourth Portion was called § *Semere*, and contain'd the other Half of *Semere*, that lay in *Diſs* Hundred, and was ſometimes called, *Matthew's Portion*, from [*h*] *Matthew* who was Rector of it at the *Norwich* Taxation, when it was taxed at vj Marks, it was after named *Alexander's Portion*, but moſt commonly *John's Portion*, from *John de Hemenhale*, who was Rector of it at the *Lincoln* Taxation, in which it is valued at 6 Marks and an half, this Portion was of the ſmalleſt Value, becauſe it was chargeable with a Pention, (valued in the *Norwich* Taxation at 8 *s.* and in the *Lincoln* at x *s.*) payable every Year, to the Prior of St. *Faiths* at *Horſham*; [*i*] concerning this Pention, I find in a Regiſter formerly belonging to *Bury-Abbey*, a Grant made by *Reymund*, Prior of St. *Faiths*, to Sir *Ralph Hemenhale*, Parſon of the fourth Part of *Dickleburgh*, and his Succeſſors for ever, of two Parts of the Tythes of the Demeans, formerly of Sir *William de Cheyney*, of the Fee of his Barony of *Horsford* in this Town, by the Authority and Conſent of *Ralf de Walpole*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, and his Chapter, for the annual Payment of 10 *s. ſterl.* which Tythes were given by the ſaid *William* to that Monaſtry, all which Demeans, with their ſeveral Quantities, Names, and Tenants, are recited therein. The Deed was ſealed by the Biſhop, the Abbot, the Prior of St. *Faiths*, the Rector, and the Prior of *Norwich*, and for this Pention the Prior was to allow and pay || 12 *d.* Tenths. [*k*] The two Portions called, *Fouldon* and *Semere* were conſolidated in 1429, and in 1449, they were conſolidated to the Portion in the Fields, and in 1454, the Appropriation of *Lang-Mere* Portion, being reſigned it became one Rectory, chargeable with the annual Pentions of 3 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Prior of *Butley*, 10 *s.* to the Prior of St. *Faiths*, and 24 *s.* 1 *d. ob.* to the Abbot of [*l*] *Bury*, and hath ſo continued ever ſince.

This Advowſon with the Manor now called, *The* RECTORY MANOR, was procured by *Syward* a Monk of *Bury*, [*m*] at which Time it belonged to the Manor of *Titshall*, and with that was given to this Monaſtry, there being at that Time only one Chaplain or Pariſh Prieſt; [*n*] but before the Conqueſt, the Abbot had given the Manor to the Church, and infeoffed it in two Prieſts, who held it at the Survey, theſe with the Parochial Prieſt, made three Portions, all which were in the Preſentation of the Abbot of *Bury*, 'till the Diſſolution, [*o*] each Rector having a Houſe with a Carucate of Land, a third Part of the Manor, (which they divided) and the Tythes of their ſeperate Portions, at the Diſſolution the Advowſon went to the Crown, and was granted in 1536, to *Thomas* and

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* "Salva tantum portione ſufficienti portionis predicte, pro "ſuſtentatione unius Capellani parochianis eidem portioni per- "tinentibus Divina et Sacramenta Miniſtrare, Lib: Inſt: xi.

§ The Mere, from a large Mere in it.

[h] Mathew de Cantabrigia, or of Cambridge, A° 1231, he alſo made Agreement with the Abbot, for Releaſe of the ſame Services as Henry Freeman did, for which he was to pay ix s. per Ann. only; and this was the Original of the Pentions paid out of theſe Portions to the Abbot

[i] Regr. Nigr. Veſtiar, fol. 70, 71.

** Abſtract Cartar: Abbat: de Butley, fo. 5.

|| That is, not yearly Tenths, but to the Tenths and Fifteenths, which were never paid but when impoſed in Convocation.

[n] Terre abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo et Dice Dim Hund. Domeſd. fol. 182.)

Diccles-Burc, tenuit ſemper Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio & duobus carucatis terre, modo tenent duo Presbiteri de Abbate, ſemper: iiii. Villan: et xij Bordarij, et ii. car. in dnio. et iiii. car: Hominum Silva xvj porc. vj. acr: prati et iiii. Soc. xx. acr. ſemper i. car: i. acr. prati. val: xl. s. hab: v. quar. in Longo. et iiii. in Lat. et vj. d. de Gelto. Eccleſie xxx. acr: val: iij. s.

[o] Norwich Taxation. Portio Henrici x Marc: Portio *A*bbatis Sci: Edm: in ead: xv s. portio Johannis de Sancto Edmundo C s. habet *A*bbas de dca: portione ix s.

Portio Mathei vj Marc: Portio Sancte Fidis de dominico de Semere viij s. portio Prioris de Buttele in eadem x *M*arc.

Norwich Domeſday, which is according to the Lincoln Taxation, ſays thus, Prior de Buttele habet unam partem in proprios uſus. Abbas Sancti Edmundi eſt patronus trium partium, quilibet Rector habet manſum cum una Carucata terre. Tota villa eſt Regalis. Eſtimatio portionis Prioris de Buttele xiii *M*arc. Eſtimatio portionis Henrici, nunc Johannis de Culpho in eadem xvi Marc. Eſtimatio portionis Alexandri poſtea Johannis de Hemenhale in eadem viii Marc. et dim. Eſtimatio portionis Richardi poſtea Johannis de Melford in eadem vj marc. et dim. Eſtimatio portionis Prioris Sce. Fidis de Horſham in eadem x s.

[k] Regr. Curteys fol. 25.

[l] See Notes F. and H.

[m] See Titſhall Manor.

*James Bacon*, Eſq; and the Heirs of *Thomas*, in 1547, they alien'd it to *Nicholas Bacon*, Eſq; and his Heirs; and he in 1550, to *Thomas Godſalve* and his Heirs, who in 1557, ſold it to *William Mingay*, and he ſoon after to *Stephen Lacy*, Gent. and he to *John Whitman*, who in 1567, aliened it to *Charles Le Grice*, Eſq; and his Heirs, who kept it but a little while, for in 1570, it belonged to *John* and *Thomas Whipple*, and *John Whipple* of *Pulham-Market*, in which Family it continued ſome Time, for in 1603, *William* and *Tho. Whipple* were Patrons, who left it to their Daughters; the one married to *Robert Boiens*, the other to *George Gawdie*, [p] both which held it in their Wives right in 1632, from whom it came (I ſuppoſe by Sale) to *Thomas Buxton*, who at his Death left it to *Thomas* his Son, and he dying without Iſſue, left it to his Wiſe, and her Heirs, and ſoon after it belonged to one *Cengham* of *Wells*, of whom *George Chamberlain*, D. D. Fellow of *Trinity-College* in *Cambridge*, purchaſed it, and preſented his Nephew *Samuel Needham* to it, after whoſe Death he gave it to the Senior Fellow of *Trinity-College* for ever. The Rector hath a good Houſe and 80 Acres of Land adjoining to it, together with the RECTORY MANOR, the CUSTOM of which is, that the Copyhold deſcends to the youngeſt Son, and the Fine is at the Lord's Will. It is in the Deanry of *Redenhall*, and Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Liberty of his Grace the DUKE of NORFOLK, and is thus valued, the Pentions being bought off.

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## The RECTORS *of the ſeparate Portions here follow.*

### *The firſt Portion called* FOULDON, *or the Portion in the* Marſh.

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| 1256, | *Henry* was Rector. |
| | *Richard.* |
| 1291, | *John de Melford*, Prieſt. |
| 1334, | *Robert de Penteny*, Accolite. |
| 1376, 21 *March*, | *John de Watton*, Prieſt. |
| 1410, 28 *Sept.* | *Robert Serjeaunt*, Prieſt. |
| 1411, 27 *October*, | *John Tybbynham*, Prieſt, in whoſe Time *Semere* Portion was conſolidated to this, *viz. Octob.* 25, 1429. |
| 1446, 17 *Sept.* | *John Brigge* Chaplain, on *Tybbynham*'s Reſignation, at whoſe Death in 1454, they were conſolidated to the Portion in the Field, and *John Bulman* had Poſſeſſion of them *Dec.* 13, 1454. |

### *The ſecond Portion, or the Portion in the* Fields.

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| | *Roger* the Parſon. |
| 1231, | *Henry Freeman*, Rector. |
| 1276, | *John* of *St. Edmund*'s-*Bury*, Rector. |
| 1291, | *John de Culpho*, Rector. |
| 1316, 13 Kal: *Oct.* | *John de Culpho*, Sub-Deacon. |
| 1329, 7 Id: *Octob.* | *Andrew de Bynham*, Prieſt. |
| 1329, 6 Id: *March.* | *Robert de Norton*, Prieſt, on *Bynham*'s Reſignation. |
| 1349, 30 *October.* | *Robert de Fouldon.* |
| | *Godfrey de Snetiſham.* |
| 1391, | *Will. Cornewaille*, Prieſt, on *Snetiſham*'s Reſignation. |
| 1392, | *Richard Marwyk*, on *Cornewaille*'s Reſignation. |
| 1393, | *Thomas Elyott*, on *Marwyk*'s Reſignation. |
| 1394, | *Richard Aylweyn*, on *Elyott*'s Reſignation. |
| 1402, 25 *October*, | *William Bardoclyff*, on *Aylweyn*'s Reſignation. |
| | * *John Oſberne.* |
| 1417, 27 *Jan.* | *Tho. Wode*, a Shaveling, |
| | *John Knowlls*, on whoſe Reſignation |
| | *John Bulman* ſucceeded, in 1449. |

### *The fourth Portion, or the Portion of* Semere.

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| 1231, | *Matthew* of *Cambridge* Rector to 1256. |

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[p] MSS. Pen: A. Norris, Cl:

* 1487, John Oſberne, Rector of the ſecond Portion was buried here, he gave 6s. 8d. to repair the Church, 20s. to repair the Chancel, a Veſtment, two Napkins, a Portuſory, and Silver Cup, to St. Mary's Altar, before which he was buried, viz. in the Eaſt Chapel of the North Iſle, which Chapel now belongs to Langemere, and in which the Chaplain for that Portion officiated, before it was diſappropriated.

1256, *Jan.* 18. Maſter *Ruſtand* Sub-Deacon, Chaplain to the Pope, preſented by the KING during the Vacancy of the Abby.

*Alexander* the Prieſt.

1266, *Ivo* the Prieſt.

*William de Lopham.*

1288, *Ralph de Hemenhale*, on *Lopham*'s Death.

1291, *John de Hemenhale.*

1302, 10 Kal: *Apr.* *Robert de Gravenny*, or *Craneby*, Prieſt.

1322, 5 Id: *July*, *John de Hemenhale*, Prieſt.

1349, 4 *Nov.* *William de Melford.*

1357, *Henry*, Son of *John de Lydgate*, Prieſt, on *Melford*'s Reſignation.

1360, 22 *Decem.* *Peter de Hoo*, on *Lydgate*'s Reſignation.

1360, 6 *March*, *Thomas Osberne*, Prieſt, on *Hoo*'s Reſignation.

1361, 17 *Nov.* *John de Edlington*, Accolite.

1365, 27 *April*, *Gilbert de Wortham*, on *Edlington*'s Reſignation.

1399, *Richard Fyſch*, Prieſt.

1400, 8 *Octob.* *Thomas Page*, Prieſt.

1402, 5 *Auguſt*, *Simon Smith*, on *Page*'s Reſignation.

1402, 9 *Auguſt*, *Thomas Faldyngworth*, on *Smith*'s Reſignation.

*Thomas Wylomond*, at whoſe Reſignation in

1417, 3 *Sept.* *Thomas Kynthorp* was inſtituted.

1421, *Thomas Savage*, Prieſt

*William Brixey*, on *Savage*'s Reſignation. He died 1429, and in that Year,

*October* 5, It was conſolidated to *Fouldon*, or the Portion in the *Marſh*.

1449, [q] *John Bulman* was inſtituted to the Portion in the *Fields*, on the Reſignation of *Thomas Wode*, and in 1454, 13 *Dec.* the conſolidated Portions of *Fouldon* and *Semere* were conſolidated to this, and Poſſeſſion given to *John Bulman* aforeſaid, who held the whole Benefice 'till 1497, and then reſigned it, upon which, in

1497, 6 *June*, [r] *John Aleyn*, A.M. was inſtituted to *Dekylburg*, with all the Portions annexed.

1531, 24 *Dec.* *Rich. Eden*, Dr. of the Decrees. The KING by Grant from the Abbot.

1551, 4 *Auguſt*, *Tho. Cardon*, A. M. on *Eden*'s Death. THO. GODSALVE of *Norwich*, Eſq;

1554, 23 *Dec.* *William Stockwith*, Prieſt. *ditto.*

1557, 30 *October*, *Richard Luſſer*, A. M. on *Stockwith*'s Reſignation.

1558, 2 *Sept.* *James Green.* WILL. MINGAYE, Alderman of *Norwich.*

1561, *Tho. Roberts*, A. M. on *Green*'s Reſignation. Lapſe.

1576, 28 *June*, *Robert Sayer*, D. D. on *Roberts*'s Death. HENRY and THO. WHIPPLE of *Dickleburgh*, Gent.

1622, *Chriſtopher Barnard*, diſpoſſed by the Earl of *Mancheſter* in 1643.

1643, *Elias Crabtree* had it, at the Diſpoſſeſſion of Mr. *Barnard*; [s] he ſigned the Atteſtation of the Miniſters of this County, A°. 1648.

1662, Mr. *Barnard* was reſtored, and the 22 *Sept.* in [t] this Year, he ſubſcribed the Articles, being at that Time Maſter of Arts.

1680, 11 *October*, *John Richar*, A.M. on *Barnard*'s Death. JOHN RICHAR, and NICH. his Son for this Turn.

1684, 19 *April*, *Samuel Needham*, on *Richar*'s Death. GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN, S. T. P. Fellow of *Trinity-College* in *Cambridge*, perpetual Patron.

He was ſucceeded by *John Whitfield*, D. D. of *Trinity-College*, *Cambridge.*

The Rev. *John Baker*, D. D. the preſent Rector ſucceeded, at the Death of Dr. *Whitfield*. *Trinity-College*, *Cambridge*, Patrons.

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[q] He was Secretary to Biſhop Walter Lyhert, Rector of Hevingham, and Prebendary of the College of Stoke-Clare, Rector of Rollesby (for which Church he reſigned this) he willed to be buried in this Chancel, under a black Marble Stone prepared, with an Inſcription thereon put, with mention of John Bulman his Father and Beatrix his Mother who are there buried: He gave divers Veſtments to keep his and their Obits, and a pair of Silver Candleſticks, weighing 60 Ounces, a little Silver Croſs gilt, a gilt Silver Cup, two Oſculatories of Silver, two Crewets of Silver, his beſt Miſſal, Altar-Clothes, &c. and order'd a Prieſt to officiate five Years after his Death, for his and his Father's and Mother's Souls, and his good Lords, Thomas Browne, and Walter Lyghert, formerly Biſhops of Norwich, Richard Hedge, William Ivot, and Margaret his Wife, and Stephen Braſier, and all his Benefactors.

[r] MSS. Coll: Caj. D. 23. p. 76. where there is much to be ſeen concerning this Rectory.

[s] Calamy 1. Vol. Supl. printed at London 1727, p. 628.

[t] Conſignation Book.

In 1643, *Chriſtopher Bernard*, [a] "was diſpoſſeſſed by the Earl of *Mancheſter*, who tender'd him the Covenant, and offer'd him to keep his Place if he would take it, both which he generouſly refuſed, and by neceſſary Conſequence brought on himſelf the common Calamities and Fate, which then attended Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majeſty, for his Houſe was plunder'd and rifled of a great deal of Plate, Linnen, and other Goods, he was alſo ſeized and dragged away towards *Norwich* Caſtle, but by his excellent Life and Doctrine, he had ſo much recommended himſelf to his Pariſhioners, that they thought a greater Judgment could not befall them, than to looſe him, and ſo by Conſent they followed the Party that had him in Cuſtody, and reſcued him: They alſo gave this further Teſtimony of their Affection towards him, that when the Villains had deſigned to plunder his Houſe a ſecond Time, unknown to him, they voluntarily went, and by force ſecured the Remainder of his Goods in their own Houſes, and even the very Women and Children aſſiſted in this perilous Undertaking, to the manifeſt Hazard of their Safety, perhaps of their Lives, if it had been diſcovered. He had at the Time of his Sufferings, a Wife, and at leaſt, nine young Children, which helped to compleat his Miſery, and ſufficiently aggravated the Barbarities which were exerciſed upon him; 'tis remarkable he had always a firm Perſwaſion of his Majeſty's Reſtauration, which he afterwards lived to ſee, and was himſelf one of the firſt Miniſters reſtored in this County, after which he enjoy'd his Rectory 20 Years, and having been admitted about the Year 1620, and not dying 'till 1680, (in the 84th Year of his Age) he muſt in all have been Rector of it, near 60 Years."

Thus far Mr. *Walker*, in which Account there are ſome ſmall Errors, all which may be corrected by this Inſcription on his Stone in the Chancel, *viz.*

D. S.
*Chriſtopherus Barnard* Filius ſecundus *Roberti*
*Barnard* de Langham, juxta Wells in Comitatu
*Norf:* Gen: hujus Eccleſiæ per quinquaginta,
Et octo annos Rector, et *Alicia* uxor ejus, *Henrici*
*Congham* de Wells, Gen: et *Annæ* uxoris, filia primogenita, ex
Quâ decem ſuſcepit Liberos, Filios ſilicet, quatuor, *Henricum*,
*Edwardum*, *Robertum*, et *Chriſtophorum*, Filiaſq; Sex,
Sc. *Ceciliam*, *Annam*, *Mariam*, *Aliciam*, *Brigettam*,
Et *Sarah*, E quibus altera Obijt xxi° Die Menſis Octobris A°
Dom: MDCLX. Ætat: Suæ LXII. alter quinto die Menſis Octob:
A° Dom: MDCLXXX. Ætat. Suæ LXXXIII. contumulantur
Heic, in quorum Memoriam, *Alicia* Filia *Humphredi Rant*,
Gen: uxor, hoc Marmor L. M. P. P.
Iſti ſunt Liberi Edwardi Bernard, Rectoris de Dyſs,
Anna, ſepulta 11 Febr. 1662.
Edwardus ſepult. 16 Sept. 1665.
Sarah ſepult. 16 Jan: 1668.
Dorothea ſepulta. 16 May 1670.
Quorum Exuviæ
ad Caput hujus Marmoris
Sunt Depoſitæ.

The CHURCH is a regular Building, having it's Nave, two Iſles, with a Chapel at the Eaſt End of each of them; the Chancel, Veſtry, and South Porch, all cover'd with Lead, a ſquare Tower and five Bells at it's Weſt End, on the 2d, 3d, and 4th Bells, are theſe Verſes,

2. **Sonitus Egidii accendit ad Culmina Celi.**
3. **Dulcis Siſto melis, Campana vocor Michaelis.**
4. **Sum Roſa pulſata mundi, Maria vocata.**

It is dedicated to the Honour of all the *Saints*, and had a *Gild* held in the South Iſle Chapel, which acknowledged St. *Peter* and *Paul* for their Patrons, the Guild-Hall now ſtands on the Weſt Side of the Church-yard, and is uſed as a Town-Houſe.

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[a] Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy. Part 2. fol. 204.

The following Arms were in this Chancel as Mr. *Anſtis*'s MSS. tells us,

*Biſhop* LYHART, *Ar.* a Bull Paſſant in a Bordure *Sab.* Bezanté.

*England* with a Labell of 5 *Az.*

*Wakering*, *Ar.* 3 Falcons Leures, *Sab.*

And in the upper Windows of the Church, there ſtill remain the Croſs-Swords, and Croſs-Keys, the Emblem of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, the Patrons of the *Gild*, the Emblems of the *Trinity* and of the Sacrament; the Inſtruments of the Paſſion; the Arms of *Bury-Abby*; of the *Eaſt-Angles*; and of St. *George*, and alſo an imperfect Coat of 3 Eſcalops, the Arms of the Biſhoprick. *Erm.* a Feſs Lozenge, *Gul.* *Gul.* a Feſs *Ar.* *Az.* a Croſs Floree between 5 Martlets, *Or.*

Round the Step of the Font is this,

**Orate pro anima Roberti Buring, et pro animabus quibus tenetur, qui iſtum Fontem in Honore Dei fecit.**

On a Stone in the Middle Alley near the Pulpit.

*Jarnegan*'s Arms, with a Creſcent for difference. Creſt from a Coronet, a demi-Eagle diſplay'd.

[x] Here reſteth in the Lord Mrs. Elizabeth Whipple, Wife unto Thomas Whipple, Gent: and Daughter of Mr. John Jarnegan of Belton in Somerlee, Eſq; Sonne unto Sir John Jarnegan, Kt. which ſaid Eliz: departed this Life the 4th Day of Sept: 1617. Aged 65.

What worth in Woman, or a Wife could be,
What Goodneſs vailed in fraile Mortalitie,
A godly Mind, a goodly Shape in Youth,
A bounteous Hand, wiſe Heart, unſpotted Truth.
Theſe Jewells ceaſed to'th High King's Uſe, by Death,
Lo heere laid up, their Owner, Elſabeth.
Veni citô Jeſu.

On a Stone in the Chancel,

Dorothea Maſon, Relicta Thomæ Maſon, Vicarij de Aſhly-Magna, in agro Leiceſtriæ, Obijt Maij 7mo. 1690.

Anne the Wife of William Owls, Miniſter of Billingford, Daughter of Tho. Sayer was buried here in 1620, as appears by a Circumſcription on a Stone in the Altar Rails.

On a Black Marble in the Chancel.

*H. S. E. Maria*, *Johannis Whitfield*, S. T. P. hujus Eccleſiæ Rectoris Uxor, Filia *Gulielmi Palgrave* nuper de *Pulham*, Gen: Quæ dum in Connubio vitam ageret, per Quadrennium cum dimidio, Conjugis optimæ et amantiſſimæ Vices præſtitit, Pietate in ſuos, Benignitate in propinquos, amabilem ſine obtrectandi Uſu, præbere ſe voluit, et quidem Egenis ſublevandis Operam dare, ei maximam erat in delicijs, occubuit Fato, Chriſti Meritis fidens, Julij 21mo. die, Anno MDCCXXX. Ætatis ſuæ triceſimo tertio, Hunc Lapidem Conjugij eorum memor, Maritus poſuit Mærens, Ipſe etiam, apud *Wem* in Agro Salop: Natus, Coll: S. S. Trin: Cant: aliquando Socius, vir, bonis Literis, Eloqûio, & Humanitate, ſi quis alius, inſignis, ſub eadem hoc Lapide requieſcit, 16 Octob: 1731, Ætat: 50.

Arms are, a Bend between 2 Cottiſes ingrailed, impaling a Lyon Rampant.

On the North Side of the Chancel is a noble Mural Monument, of various Sorts of Marble, with a Lady holding a Book, and under her the following Inſcription,

[y] Here under lyeth buried, the Body of Dame Frances Platers, the Daughter and Heir of Charles Le Grys, of Billingford in Norff. Eſq; ſhe marryed Sir William Playters of Satterley in Suff. Knt. & Bart. ſometimes one of the deputie Lieuetenants, and Vice Admir: of the ſaid County, and Juſtice of the Peace & Coram, and Coll. of a Regiment of Foot, 'till turn'd out of all, by the then Rebellious Parliament, and in fine out of that Hous of Parliament, whereof he had the Miſfortune to be a Member. She had Iſſue by him only Tho: who married with Rebecka, the Daughter and Coheir of Tho: Chapman, of Woormly in the County of Hartford, Eſq; which ſaid Sir Tho: was a great Traveller, before and after Marriage, his Ladie ſometimes beyond

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[x] Le-Neve's Monuments, vol. 2. p. 42. [y] Ibid.

the Seas with him, a learned Scholler, an exact Linguiſt, expert in all Arts and Knowledge, of rare Temper and Courage, and of great Eſteem in moſt Courts in Chriſtendom, High Sheriff for the Countie of Suff: by Commiſſion from his Majeſtie of Bleſſed Memorie, A° 1646, 'till forced by that fatal Parliament, to flee to the King at Oxford, where by Commiſſion from his Majeſtie, he raiſed a Regiment of Hors, wherewith he performed remarkable Service, 'till his Majeſties Forces were totally ruin'd, and then he departed the Kingdome, arriving in Cicilia, where by Commiſſion from that Viceroy, he had Command of a Squadron of Six Shipps, againſt all Enemies to the Crown of Spain, which being prepared, he put to Sea, and performed many gallant Services, much to the Honour of the Spaniſh Flagg. In July 1651, he put into the Port of Meſſina with a very rich Prize, and poſted to the Court at Palermo, where he met with an Hon$^{ble}$ Reception, for the ſeveral good Services he had performed, but at 4 Days End, he there fell ill of a violent Fever, whereof within 8 Dayes he died, aged about 35 Years, & by the Princes Ordir, had an honourable Interm$^{t}$. & much lamented there, but much greater Cauſe at home, leaving no Iſſue, but a ſorrowful Wid$^{w}$ & ſad Childleſs Parents; the ſaid Dame Frances dyed at Billingford-Hall the 9th of Sept. 1659, from whence by her own deſire ſhe was brought, and interred in this Pariſh, to which ſhe often manifeſted a Charitable Affection.

On the Top are the Arms of *Platers*, Bendy Wavy of 6, *Ar.* & *Az.* impaling, *Le-Grice*, Quarterly *Az.* & *Gul.* on a Bend *Ar.* 3 Boars *Sab.*

*Platers*'s Creſt on a Wreath *Ar.* & *Az.* a Lyon Ramp. *Ar.* crowned *Or.*

*Le-Grice*'s Creſt on a Wreath *Ar.* & *Gul.* a Boar *Sab.* armed *Or.*

*Platers* with *Ulſter* Arms, and his Quarterings, *viz.* 1. *Ar.* a Chev. *Sab.* between 3 Eſtoils *Gul.* 2. *Vert*, a Lyon Ramp. *Ar.* 3. *Sab.* a Chev. *Erm.* between 3 Catherine-Wheels *Ar.* 4. *Ar.* a Chev. between 3 Nagg's Heads, cooped *Sab.* bridled *Or.* 5. *Sab.* a Feſs between 2 Chev. *Or.* 6. *Ar.* on a Feſs *Az.* 2 Crowns *Or.* 7. *Az.* 3 Cinquefoils *Or.* 8. *Erm.* on a Chief *Gul.* 3 Lozenges *Or.* 9. *Ar.* on a Chief *Gul.* 3 Delis's *Or.*

*Le-Grice* and his Quarterings, *viz.* 1. *Gul.* 3 Creſcents *Or*, a Feſs *Ar.* 2. *Sab.* on a Chev. *Ar.* 3 Holly Leaves *Vert.* 3. Barry of 10 *Ar.* & *Az.* on a Canton *Gul.* a Lyon Paſſant *Or.* 4. *Ar.* on a Chev. ingrailed *Sab.* 3 Mullets of the Field. 5. Quarterly *Or.* & *Az.* 6. *Az.* a Feſs indented between 3 Martlets *Or.* 7. *Sab.* a Chev. between 3 Cinquefoils *Or.* 8. *Er.* a Croſs Chequy *Or* & *Gul.* 9. *Sab.* 2 Lyons Paſſant Guardant *Ar.* 10. *Ar.* 2 Chev. *Gul.* 11. *Az.* a Feſs between 2 Chev. *Ar.* 12. *Vert*, 3 round Buckles *Or.* 13. *Or*, a Raven aſcending proper. 14. *Ar.* a Croſs ingrailed *Sab.* 15. Barry of 10 *Gul.* & *Az.*

On the Eaſt Side of this Monument, is an antient Painting on the Wall, half of which hath been lately renewed, *viz.* CHRIST bearing his Croſs; the other Part that is ſtill obſcure, I take to be CHRIST riſing from his Sepulchre.

The Plate belonging to the Altar is very fine; the Flaggon holds about two Quarts, on which is this,

*A Gift to the Church of* Dickleburgh, A° 1715.

The Cup is a very good one, and was purchaſed by the Pariſh in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, together with a neat ſmall Salver for it's Cover, on it is this,

*DYCKELBOURGH. T.F. W.A. REMEMBER GOD.*

There is alſo a good Salver, on which,

*Tho. Buxton, Gent. et Eliz: uxor, de Dickleburgh, Norf:* 1697.

An Offering Plate of Silver, on which,

*Ex Dono Aliciæ Rant.*

[b] Here is a Graveſtone which was laid over *Robert Frenſe*, in the *Middle Alley*, tho' the Braſs is now gone.

*The* TOWNLANDS *and* GIFTS *are*,

A Meſſuage called *Clerks*, and a Cloſe adjoining, lying in *Thorp Abbots*, abutting on the Highway, South, and the Common called *Thorp-Green*, and a Cloſe called *Langlond*, North, and abutts Weſt, on *Thorp-Green*, and alſo 1 Acre in *Thorp*, the Weſt Head abutts on *Thorp* Glebe; and alſo a Piece of Meadow in *Thorp*, together with 14 Acres in *Titſhall*, all being

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[b] 1451. Rob. Frenſe of Dickleburg, buried in All-Hallowes Church there, order'd a Grave-ſtone to be laid over him, without the Pewe, on the South Side of the North Pewe, with his Name graved thereon, "He order'd a Prieſt to ſyng for " him three Yeares, and gave 10*l.* to the begynnyng of a Rewell in this Church. In 1504, Roſe Becket was buried in the Church, " She gave a Monſtre of Silver Gilte, to be made by " the Executors Advice, to ſerve in the Chirche for the Sacrament to be borne in, to be miniſtred to the Pariſhioners for " ever, and a Veſtment of white Baudkyn, a pair of Latin Candleſticks to ſtand in the Chancel, and a Veſtment of Red and " Blew to Shymplyng Churche.

Freehold, the *Thorp* Lands were given by *John Billorne*, Chaplain, A° 1483, and the *Titſhall* Lands by *William Hyll* of *Dickleburgh*, A° 1484, and were all ſettled by Deed of Feoffment, dated *Febr.* 10, 1500, [c] to the Uſe of all the Inhabitants of the Town, and Pariſh of *Dickleburgh*, as well thoſe that inhabit in the greater Part of it, which is in the Hundred of *Dyſſe*, as thoſe that inhabit in the Hamlets of *Langmere* and *Lincroft*, which lye in the Hundred of *Herſham*, towards the Payment of the *Tallages* and Fifteenths, of our Sovereign Lord the King, on this Condition, that the Sixth Part of the Profits ſhall go towards diſcharging the Hamlets aforeſaid; this Land now belongs to the Pariſh.

They have alſo a Pightle of one Acre, called *Dove-houſe Pightle*, and a Cloſe of two Acres, called the *Town-Cloſe*, both which belonged to the *Gild*, and were purchaſed by the Pariſh with the *Guild-Hall*.

There is a Gift alſo of 20*s.* a Year, called *Chapman*'s-*Dole*, paid out of Lands in *Burſton*, which was given by *Ralph Chapman*, A° 1618. [See *Diſs*, fol, 24.]

## *The* EARL'S *or* DICKLEBURGH-HALL MANOR,

Was the moſt Conſiderable in this Town (except that which was granted by the Abbot to the Rectory) tho' it's beginning was very ſmall, as we learn from † *Domeſday.* but ſoon after the Conqueſt it was inlarged, by the Abbot's infeoffing the Earl of *Norfolk*, in this Part, and all thoſe Lands, Services, *&c.* which belonged to the Abbot's Capital Manor, and were not granted with the Rectory Manor, and in this Family it continued, 'till the Death of *Roger Bygod*, the laſt Earl of that Line, who held it jointly with *Alice* his Wife in the Year 1306, at which Time it contain'd 180 Acres of Land in Demean, 7 of Meadow, 7 of Paſture, 40 Acres Wood, 2 Windmills, *&c.* and was held of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, Lord of *Diſs* Hundred, at 2*s. per Ann.* Rent, paid to his Hundred of *Diſs*, to which the *Lete* of this Part always did, and now doth belong. This *Roger* died in the 35th of *Edward* I. without Iſſue, upon which it came to the Crown, and was granted *Anno 6 Edward* II. to *Thomas de Brotherton*, Earl Marſhal, with the Barony of the *Bygod*'s; in 1315, the Counteſs Marſhal had it; In 1351, *John*, Lord *Segrave* of *Fulkeſtone* in *Kent* had it, in right of *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter of *Tho. de Brotherton.* In 1360, * *Edward Mountague* (or *de Monte Acuto)* and *Alice* his Wife, one of the Daughters and Heirs of *Tho. de Brotherton*, held one Moiety as part of the Barony of that Earl, and *Joan* their Daughter, then Wife of *William Ufford*, was their Heir; in 1371, *Walter Manney*, Knt. held the other Moiety in right of *Margaret* his Wife, late Wife of *John* Lord *Segrave*, and one of the Heireſſes of *Tho. de Brotherton.* In 1381, *Will. de Ufford*, Earl of *Suffolk* died ſeized of one Part; and in 1399, ** *Tho. de Mowbray*, Duke of *Norfolk*, who had been baniſhed for ſpeaking diſgracefully of King *Richard* II. died in Baniſhment at *Venice*, of the Plague, in his Return from *Jeruſalem*, ſeized of this among other Manors in 1406, and it was after held by *Elizabeth* his Widow, who after married to Sir *Gerard de Uſflete*, and died *July* 8, in the 3d Year of King *Henry* VI. leaving it to *John Mowbray*, Duke of *Norfolk*, who in 1432, held it as of *Forncet* Manor, and in this Family it continued 'till the Male Iſſue failed, and then it deſcended to the *Howard* Family, and continued in it, 'till ſeized by Queen *Elizabeth* in 1572, upon the Duke of *Norfolk*'s Attainder; notwithſtanding which, in 1576, *Nov.* 17, *Will. Dyx* of *Wickmere*, Eſq; and *Will. Canterell* of *Norwich*, Gent. (as Truſtees to the *Norfolk* Family) Lett to *Tho. Whipple* of *Dickleburgh*, Gent. the Liberty of Fiſhing and Fowling in *Semer-Moor*, and the *Damm*'s-*Dyche* in *Dickleburgh*, that is as much as to that Manor belonged, for 21 Years, at 3*s.* 4*d.* a Year. In 1602, *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, and *Henry Howard* held it; In 1604, *John Holland*, and *Tho. Holland* kept their firſt Court, as Truſtees to that Family, and ſome time after ſold it, with their Conſents, and by their Order. || In 1641, *John Tindall*, Gent was Lord; and in 1649, *Aſtake Lawrence*, Eſq; kept Court here, in 1654, *John Tindall* kept his firſt Court, after it was convey'd to him by *Aſtake Lawrence*; In 1656, *Mary Tindall*, Widow, kept her firſt Court, and in 1657, *Robert Congham*, Clerk, had his firſt Court, in 1658, he leaſed it to *Tho. Buxton*, Gent. and *Anne Congham*, in 1665, *Anne Congham*, Widow, was Lady of it, in 1667, *Tho. Buxton*, and *Robert Howard*, Gent. kept Court; and in 1669, *John Noblet*, Clerk, was Lord. In 1672, *Anne Noblet*, Widow; in 1678, *Thomas Buxton*, Eſq; in 1681, *Thomas Buxton*, Gent.

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[c] Feoffments in the Church Cheſt.

† Terre Abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo. Dice Dim. Hundr. fol. 182.

In eadem (Sc. Semere) tenet Fulcherus 1 Socman: Sancti Edmundi de xx. acr. et ii. bord: et dim: car: et i. acr. prati val: v. s.

* Eſc: 25. E. 1.

* Eſc. 35. E 3. 2. p.

** The Atlas Norf. p. 335 Errs in ſaying King Edward II. inſtead of King Richard II. Vincent againſt Brook, 246. Dug. Bar. vol. 1. fol. 130.

|| For the following Account I own myſelf much obliged to Mr. Francis Nedham of Northwalſham, Steward of the Court.

held his firſt Court; in 1698, *Elizabeth Buxton*, Widow; in 1700, *John Michael*, Clerk, in right of his Wife: In 1716, *Elizabeth Michael*, Widow, who during her Widowhood, granted it to *Samuel Nedham*, Clerk, Rector of *Dickleburgh*, and his Heirs, after her Deceaſe; who at his Death gave it to *Lydia Nedham*, his Wife, who kept Court in 1724, and ſhe jointly with Mr. *William Nedham*, late Rector of *Moulton Magna*, her eldeſt Son, ſold it in the Year 1733, to

His Excellency HORATIO WALPOLE, Eſq; who is the preſent Lord.

### *The* CUSTOMS *of this* MANOR *are theſe*,

The eldeſt Son is Heir, the Fine is at the Lord's Will, it gives a third Dower, the Tenants can not waſte their Copyhold Houſes, nor fell Timber upon the Copyhold, or Waſte, without Licence.

There were formerly three other Manors, all which belonged to *Semere*, and are now fallen into *Dichleburgh-Hall* Manor, of which I meet with the following Accounts.

The Chief of * *Semere* was at the Conqueſt in the Abbot of *Bury*, who held it as a Manor, worth at that Time 40*s.* it being a Mile and Quarter long, and as much broad, and paid 6 *d.* Geld.

This was ſoon after the Conqueſt, divided into three Parts, the firſt of which belonged to the *Glanvills*, and was given by *Ranulph de Glanvill*, with *Maud* his Daughter, to *William de Aubervil*, who married her, and was one Part of that Land which belonged to *Thomas Noell*, of whom it was then held; it was after changed with *Cecily Carbonel*, for other Lands which ſhe had in *Wauteſhall*; In 1249, *Ralph Carbonel* was Lord of it, and had the Aſſize of *Bread* and *Beer* of all his Tenants, as the Inquiſition at that Time ſhews us. From him it went to *Hugh de Semere*, who held it of the Abbot, and in the latter End of *Henry* IIId's Reign, § *John de Somery* held in *Semer* the fourth Part of a Fee, it continued in this Family 'till 1401, and then was alien'd by *John de Somery*, to *John de Boune*, and not long after ſeems to be join'd to the Earl's Manor.

** The ſecond Part of *Semere*, was in the Conqueror's Time held by *Walter*, under *Robert Malet*, Lord of *Eye*, to which Honour it was appendant for ſome Time; and about the Year [*d*] 1200, Sir *William Cheyny* had it, as part of his Barony of *Horsford*, from which Time I meet with no Accounts of it, 'till [*e*] 1370, when it belonged to *Robert Bacon*, who was Out-lawed for Felony; he is ſaid to hold it of *Edmund Ufford le Couſyn*, by Knights Service, as of his Barony of *Horsford*. [*f*] It then contained two Meſſuages, 120 Acres of Land, &c. and *Joan* was Wife of the ſaid *Robert*, who in 1391, ſued the King for it as her Right, at her Huſband's Death, [*g*] in 1414, ſhe had Licence granted her by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, to have Maſs ſaid to her in any decent Place. Theſe Licences were then uſually granted to aged People that could not come to Church, or to People of Diſtinction that lived at a Diſtance, in which Caſe, the Prieſt always had a conſecrated Portable Altar to officiate at: In 1455, *Richard Bacon* had it, in 1538, *John Shelton* and *Anne* his Wife convey'd it by Fine to *Henry Whipple*, in whom it was join'd to the Earls Manor.

### MANTELAKE'S, *or* MANCLERKS MANOR,

Was the third Manor in *Semere*, and had it's Name from ſome of it's former Lords, tho' I meet with none of them of that Name, [*h*] in 1191, a Fine was levied of it, *Alan* and *William Walter* (two Brothers) being Petents, and *Roger de Dicclesburc* Tenant, whereby they releaſed it to *Roger* and his Sons, *Ivo*, *Thomas*, and *John*; this *Robert* inlarged it by purchaſing many Lands of *Robert de Kokefield* and *Poſtalina* his Wife, in *Titſhall*, *Diclesburc*, and *Riveſhall*, in 1267. I know nothing more of it 'till the 15th Century, and then *Thomas Abbes* held it of the Duke of *Norfolk*, as of his Manor of *Forncet*, [*i*] in 1514, *Ric. Spooner* held it of the King, by the Service of 12 *s. per Ann.* and it was then valued at 10 Marks; in 1544, *Thomas* Son and Heir of *John Cornwaleis*, Knt. died ſeized, in 1556, *Tho. Gawdye* had it, and *Thomas* his Son the Year following, who ſeem to be Truſtees only, for in

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* Terre Abbatis de Sco. Eadmundo Dice Dim: Hund: (Domeſd. fol. 182.)

Semere tenuit ſemper Sanctus Edmundus pro manerio de duobus Carucatis terre, ſemper xii. bord: et ii. car: in dnio: et ii. car: homin: ſilv: xii. porc: iij. acr: prati. et i. ſoc de x. acr: ſemper arant cum duobus Bovibus, valet. xl.s. habet v. quart: in Longo. et v. in Lato. et vj.d. de Gelto.

** (fol. 76.) Terr: Rob. Malet. Dice dim. Hundr.

In Semere tenet (Galterus) i. Liber Homo ſub Edrico commend: tantum xl. acr: et ſub eo. iii. bord: ſemper i. car: inter homines ſilva. iiij. porc. et ii. acr. prati. val: viij. s.

§ The Family of the Semeres, or Somerys are very ancient, beſides thoſe mentioned as Lords, I find Jordan de Semere lived in Ed. I. Time.

*d* Regr. Nigr. veſt: ab: Bury fol. 23.

*e* Eſcaet: 45. E. 3.

*f* The Ufford's had both Eye, and Horsford.

*g* Lib. 7 Inſtit.

*h* Reg. Nig: veſtiar: 174. Fin: Norf: H. 3. Lig. 9. No. 83.

*i* Ex bundello 2 virtute officij, &c. H. 8.

1598, *Thomas Spooner*, Gent. ſold it to *Will. Holmes* and *Thomas Edwards*, and then it extended into *Sethyng*, *Mundham*, and *Loddon*; and in 1683, there were divers Lands in *Sethyng* held of this Manor, and ſoon after it was loſt in the Earl's Manor, to which it had ſome time been joined.

*Diccles-Burc*, or *Burgh*, may take it's Name from ſome Remarkable *Saxon* that ſettled here, and raiſed a Fortification, of ſome ſort or other, [illegible] defend himſelf and his Adherents againſt the Inſults of the *Danes*, for ‖ Buꞃᵹ, origin[illegible]gnifies a Fortify'd Place, or a Place of Defence, and is pronounced differently in divers Parts; in the South Parts, *Bury*, in others *Burgh* and *Brough*, and often *Berry* and *Barrow*; the Reaſon we meet with ſo many Places thus called, in all Parts, may be this, becauſe the *Saxons* were obliged to get together in Bodies under their Leaders, and to for[illegible] themſelves in the beſt Manner they could, againſt the continual Incurſions of the *Dan*[illegible] and therefore in thoſe Times, whereever the head Fortification of every Diſtrict was (i[illegible] may be allowed to call it by that Name) there, they aſſembled in great Numbers, and fixed their Habitations, as well to guard their Perſons and Goods, as their dead Bodies, from the Inſults of theſe Pagans, and in Honour of their firſt Leaders, that raiſed theſe Fortifications, they generally called them after their Names; thus *Attleburgh*, *Dickleburgh*, *&c.* ſeem to have had their Names, tho' in ſome Caſes the Name of *Burgh* only continues, without the perſonal Addition, but in ſuch I believe, often the Name of it's Founder may be omitted, long ſince it's Foundation, *Burgh* in *Lothingland*, is an Inſtance of this kind, it being antiently called *Cnober's-Burgh*, from *Cnoberus*, and thus it is very plain, that all Places that retain this Name, have without doubt been Places of more than common Note in early Ages, and the great Number of them that ſtill retain this Name, made me inlarge thus much upon it, that it may ſuffice for them all.

In 1603, here were 224 Communicants, and now there are about 80 Houſes, and 400 Inhabitants; It paid 3*l.* 16*s.* Tenths; the Parliament Valuation was 1032*l.* and the preſent one is for *Langmere* Part 335*l.* and for *Dickleburgh* Part 668*l.*

In 1428, the Abbot of *Bury* was taxed at 31*s.* 2*d.* *ob.* for his Temporals in this Town, it being part of the Land belonging to his Manor of *Titſhall*, that extended hither, together with a Tenement, given to the Abbey, in 1120, ¶ by *Thomas Noell*, the Cuſtoms and Services remitted by the Abbot, to *Henry Freeman*, and *Matthew de Cambridge*, are ſaid to be theſe, *viz.* that the Tenants of the Rector's Manor, were before obliged to do ſuit of Court every 15 Days, at *Titteshale* Court, and to pay *Aid* and *Tallage* whenever it was laid on the Town of *Tifteshale*, and to carry part of the Abbot's Wine and Bord from *Norwich*, or *Yarmouth*, to *Palgrave Bridge*, and to Hedge and Ditch round *Tifteshale Stack-yards*, and to plow one Day, and reap another, the Abbot finding them *Diet*. In 1274, the Rectors had Aſſize of *Bread* and *Beer* of all their Tenants allowed them upon a *Quo Warranto*. §

§‖ HUMPHRY RANT, Eſq; of *Dickleburgh* beareth, *Erm.* on a Feſs *Sab.* 3 Lyons Ramp. *Or.* Creſt, out of a Coronet *Ar.* a Lyon Seiant *Or.* Granted by *Cook*, *Clarencieux*, Ao 1574.

## *The* COMMONS *are*,

*Semere-Green* which contains about 60 Acres, on this *Pulham-Market* inter-commons, as far as *Pulham Bridge*; *Dickleburgh-Moor* contains about 80 Acres, and *Pound* or *High-Green* about 50 Acres, on both which *Dickleburgh* Commons ſolely. And whereas 'tis ſaid in *Norwich Domeſday*, that all this Town † is the King's, [*Tota Villa eſt Regalis.*] when the Crown was never concern'd in the Manors; it will be proper to obſerve, that it is mean't of the Juriſdiction and ſpecial Priviledges which the Crown had in this and many other Towns, all which were granted by *Edward* IV. to JOHN Duke of *Norfolk*, and is now in the preſent DUKE, whoſe Liberty extends all over this Town, as before obſerved, and will be treated of at large * under *Lopham*.

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‖ Cambden's Remains, p. 95.

¶ The White Regr.

§ Regr: Pinchbek, fol. 187, ſee Notes (F)&(H) fo. 196, 127.

† See 127, Note (O)

* See Lopham for the Grant of the Duke of Norfolk's Liberty.

§‖ Humphry Rant of Dickleburgh, Eſq; by Will dated May 13, 1726, proved in the Archdeacon's Office in 1722, gave 35s, a Year to the Poor, as long as William his Son lived, in theſe Words, "Item, I give to the Poore of Dickleburgh and Langmere, the Sum of 1*l*, 15*s*, to be paid Yearly, and upon New-Year's Day, as Chapman's Dole is, by my Son William, during his Life, He was Grandfather to the preſent *Mr.* Rant.

The Houſe called Dickleburgh-Hall, is a good old Seat, having about 230 Acres Land belonging to it, and is owned by Henry Harold, Eſq; of Crowfield-Hall in Suffolk,

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# *TITSHALL*

IS variouſly written in different Ages, firſt *Toteſſala*, or *Tiveteſhall*, after *Tifteshale*, now *Tiſhall*; [*a*] theſe Churches and Manor, were begged of his Parents, by [*b*] *Syward* a Monk of *Bury*, whom *Leofſtan* the Abbot had made Dean, who at his Requeſt gave it to that Monaſtry: [*c*] And by an Inquiſition taken in 1274, it appears, that he was Son of * *Oſulph (Le-Sire)* and *Leverun* his Wife, who held it of the Crown in Capite, by the annual Rent of 20*s.* which the Abbot paid Quarterly at *Norwich Caſtle*, by the Name of *Waytefee*, and held it as part of his Barony, having *Court Lete*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale*, and Liberty of *Freewarren*, the whole was allotted by the Convent to the Abbot's own Uſe, who was taxed for his Temporalities here, at 30 *l.* 12 *s.* 4 *d.* and paid Yearly 5 *s.* 10 *d.* to the Lord of the Hundred, to excuſe him and his Tenants, from all Suit to his Hundred Court. § In the Confeſſor's Time, there were two Churches, with 40 Acres Land, and the Manor extended into *Giſſing* and *Shimpling*, and was then valued at 7*l.* and in the Conqueror's Time at 9*l.* 15*s.* it being then a League and 4 Furlongs long, and half a League broad, and paid 17 *d. Geld*; and from this Time it continued in the Abbot's, 'till the Diſſolution of their Monaſtry, when it was ſeized by the Crown, and was granted by King *Henry* VIII. in the Year 1542, to

¶ JOHN CORNWALEYS, [*d*] and the Heirs of his Body, who for his ſingular Courage and Conduct, under THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*, at the taking of *Marlaix* in *Britany*, had the Honour of Knighthood then conferred on him, and ſoon after his Return from thoſe Wars, was made Steward of the Houſhold to Prince *Edward*, he died ſeized in 1549, at *Aſherugge*, (or *Aſhridge*) in *Buckinghamſhire*, and is buried under a noble Monument [*e*] in *Berkhamſted* Church, in that County, leaving it to Sir THO. CORNWALEYS, Knt. his Son and Heir, who had then Livery of it, he being Sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the laſt Year of *Edward* VIth's Reign, raiſed great Forces againſt the Oppoſers of Queen *Mary*'s Title, for which Services, he was firſt ſworn one of the Privy-Council, then made Treaſurer of *Calais*, and after Comptroller of her Houſhold; at his Death in 1604, it went to Sir WILLIAM CORNWALEYS, Knt. of *Brome* in *Suffolk*, who died ſeized *Nov.* 13, 1610, leaving it to [*f*] FREDERICK CORNWALEYS his Son and Heir, who was created Baronet by King *Charles* I. by Letters Patent dated *May* 4, 1627, and "having ſerved that Prince "both in Court and Camp with great Fidelity, for which he ſuffered in thoſe Unhappy "Times, both Impriſonment, Exile, and the loſs of his Eſtate; in Teſtimony of which, to "reward his great Merits and Accompliſhments", he was by King *Charles* II. in 1661, made a Baron of the Realm, by the Title of LORD CORNWALLIS, Baron of *Eye* in *Suffolk*, with Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body, at his Death it went to CHARLES Lord CORNWALEIS his Son and Heir, who is buried at *Culford* in *Suffolk*, he left it to CHARLES Lord CORNWALEIS his Son and Heir, who was one of the Lords of the Admiralty, in the Reign of King *William* III. and Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Suffolk*, he left it to CHARLES Lord CORNWALEIS his Son and Heir, at whoſe Death it deſcended to the preſent CHARLES Lord CORNWALEIS, his Son and Heir, who ſold it to

His Excellency HORATIO WALPOLE, Eſq; who is now Lord and Patron.

Another part of this Town belonged to *Winfarthing* Manor, for which ſee *Winfarthing*, fol. 122, Note ‖.

*§ Another part belonged to the Abbot of *Ely*'s Manor of *Pulham*.

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[*a*] Regr: Alb: fol. 24. b.

[*b*] Monaſt: Tom: 1. 294.

[c] Rot. Inquiſ: in Baga de quo War: in Curia Recept Scacij 3. E. 1.

§ Terre Abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo, Dice. dim Hund: (Domeſd. fol. 180, 1.)

Tiveteſhala tenet ſemper Sanctus Edmundus pro iii. car. terre ſemper xviii. Villan: et xv. bordar. et ii. ſerv. et iii. car. in dominio et xii car. homin: ſilv. lxxx porc. x acr' prati ſemper v. tunc xxiii. animalia xxxv. porc. xl. ov. xxiii capr. et v. Soc. in eadem de xl: acr. ſemper ii: car. In eadem i. liber homo Sci. Edmundi. dim: car: terre j. vill: et dim: ii. bord: ſemp. i. car: ſilva xv. porc. Due Eccleſie de xl. acr. val. vij s. & vijd. Iſti manerio adjacet j. berevita Geſſingam de j. car: et ii. villan: et ii. bor: ſemp. i. car: in dnio et ij. car: hom: ſilva. xv. porc et xviii. Soc: de viij acr. Fulcherus tenet xxii acr. ſemper iii. bor: et v. car: et ii, acr prati tunc (ſc. in the Confeſſor's Time) valuit. vij. lib. modo ix et x Sol: Tiveteſhala habet i. Leug. et iiii. quar. in Long. et dim Leug. in Lat. et de Gelto xvijd. In Simplinga vi. Soc: pertinent iſti manerio de xxxii acr: et i. bord: et ii. acr: prati ſemper inter omnes: i. car: appretiatur ſicut ſuperius. In eadem lib: homo xl: acr: quod tenet Fulc: et ii. bord: ſemp: i. car: et ii acr: prati ſilv: iiii porc: val: x s.

* See Briſingham, fol: 33:

[*d*] See Peerage, p: 100:

¶ Upon the Grant there was a Fee Farm Rent of 4*l*, 6*s*. 5*d*, *ob*: reſerved, which was paid to the Crown, 'till King William granted it to the Lord Oſſulſton, to whom it was paid in 1688, and belongs to his Excellency now, ſo that the Manor is diſcharged of it.

[*e*] There is a Monument for him at Brome, but it may be a Cenotaph:

[*f*] He is Buried at Brome:

*§ Terra Sce: Adeldrede, Dice dim: Hund: (Domeſd: fol: 190:) In Tiveteſhala duo Socm: dim: car: Terre, & ii acr: & ii villan: & dim: & ii bord: et i car: ſilva xv porc: i acr: & dim: prati val: x s.

§ Another to *William* Biſhop of *Thetford*, which was of his own Inheritance, and not in right of his Biſhoprick, of whom it was held at the Conqueſt by *Reinald de Perapund*, and was of 20*s*. Value; it was after held by the *Le-Neves*, from whom it was called, *Neve*'s Tenement, [*h*] *Robert Neve* one of the Owners, order'd to be buried in St. *Margaret*'s Church-Yard, he left it to *John Neve* his Son, in which Family it continued 'till the 16th Century.

For another part of this Manor that extended into *Giſſing*, ſee fol. 111 Note †.

Beſides theſe, there were ſeveral Tenements, or Manors as they are often called, all which had their Originals by the Abbot's Feofments, and are now included in the Great Manor.

In 1307, *William Bateman*, Bailiff of *Norwich*, a Man famous in his Time, from whom ſprung *William Bateman*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, purchaſed a free Tenement here.

It appears in the Regiſter, called *Pinchebek*; fol. 195. that *Walter*, the Son of *Norman* the Dean of *Norwich*, held a free Tenement, with 60 Acres of Land, and divers Rents and Services of the Abbots's Grant, he was ſucceeded by *Thomas* his Son: it belonged after to *Thomas de Pakenham*, then to *John de Ho*, who infeoffed ¶ Sir *Richard de Boyland* in it, who jointly with *Elen* his Wife held it in 1294.

### *The* MANOR *called* UPHALL,

Had it's firſt Riſe in the Time of *Samſon* Abbot of *Bury*, who firſt infeoffed *Thomas* Son of *John* of *Tifteſhall* in it, and ſoon after it came to *Adam* of *Tifteſhall*, Knt. from him to *John* his Son, and in 1266, *William* of *Uphall* of *Tifteſhall* was Lord, in 1285, it was in *Thomas* Son of *John* of *Tifteſhall* of *Uphall*, who left it about [*i*] 1290, to *Robert* of *Uphall* his Son, he quite left off the Sirname of *Tifteſhall*, in 1292, he gave it to *Iſabel de Bokland*, of *Heigham*, by the Name of UPHALL MANOR, and in that Year, the ſaid *Robert* and *Iſabel*, jointly with *Maud*, Widow of *Robert*, Son of *Thomas* of *Uphall*, Daughter of *Iſabel de Bokland*, releaſed all their Right to Sir *John Thorp*, and *William* their Son, in this Manor, in 1294, [*k*] *Robert*, Son of Sir *John de Ayſhewellethorp* and *Maud* his Wife, granted to *Robert Carleford* of *Shoteſham*, this Manor, in Exchange for the ſaid *Robert*'s Manor of *Nelonde*, and afterwards the ſaid *Robert de Carleford*, releaſed this Manor again to Sir *Robert de Thorp* aforeſaid, and *Maud* his Wife. In 1304, [*l*] 'twas ſettled on *John de Thorp*, and *Alice* his Wife, he died in 1323, and then held it of the Abbot at 5*s*. *per Ann.* it being then valued at 3*l*. 5*s*. 8*d*. It ſeems to continue in this Family, 'till 'twas ſold to Sir *Edward Jenney*'s Father, for ſo the ſaid *Edward* declares in his Will, [*m*] in 1522, when he gave it to his Brother, and the next Heir Male; from the *Jenney*'s it came to the Crown, and and was granted in the 24 *H.* VIII, to the DUKE of NORFOLK, who afterwards convey'd it to *Edward White* of *Totſall*, to be held of the Manor of *Forncet*, by Knight's Service, his Son *George White*, ſold it to JOHN CORNWALEYS, Eſq; and ſo it fell into the Great Manor; it extended at that Time into *Dickleburgh*, *Shimpling*, *Moulton*, *Pulham*, *Giſſing*, and *Watton*.

Several Lands ſettled for Obits, and other ſuperſtitious Uſes, were ſeized in 1547, and were granted to *Tho. Wodehouſe*, Gent. and his Heirs, to be held in *Soccage* of the King's Manor of *Broke*.

The CUSTOMS of the MANOR are theſe; the Fine is at the Lord's Will, the Copyhold deſcends to the eldeſt Son, they cannot waſte their Copyhold Houſes, nor fell Timber without Licence.

[*n*] In 1266, there was an Extent made of this Manor, at which Time the Copyholders of *Titſhall* and [*o*] *Shimpling*, if the Lord was at *Bury*, were obliged to carry two Parts of the Abbot's Proviſion, and the Men of [*p*] *Dickleburgh* and *Semere*, the other third Part; the Lord had then a large Park, and a *Sneid* or *Sneth* fenced round, which was repaired by the Tenants Yearly, *William de Uphall* held his Manor by the Payment of 4*s*. 2*d*. *per Ann.* and 8*d*. a Year to the Abbot, to be free from Suit of the Hundred Court, for which Freedom the Abbot paid 5*s*. a Year for the whole Town: *Galfry de Boſco* and his Parteners,

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§ Terre Willi Epi. Tedfordenſis de FEUDO, (Domſ.fo: 162. In Tiveteſſalla i Lib: Homo xl acr: terre T.R.E. xx acr: Teſte Hundredo, et pertinuit pars viri ad Sanctam Aldredam, et pars femine, 20 acr. ad Sanctum Edmundum, ſemp. dim: car: et ii bord: Ervaſtus invaſit modo tenet, W. Epiſcopus ab anteceſſore, & Reinaldus de Perapund ſub eo, tunc valuit v s. modo 20.

[*h*] Regr. Norman Part 1, fol: 12.

[*i*] Regr: Kemp fol 44.

¶ See Briſingham, fol: 39:

[k] Cartular Familiæ de Knevet. In Manu Epi (Moor) Norwic: 1668, fol. 127, &c. now in the Publick Library at Cambridge.

[*l*] Eſc: 17 E 2.

[*m*] Regr: Briggs fol, 109.

[*n*] In 1266, the Conſuetudinary, or Copyholders belonging to the Manor, were 30 in Number, and each had 12 Acres allotted them, for which they were to do all the Lord's Work, by whom they were to be maintained, and to have 8 d, a-piece every Summer, and a Perch of Graſs, and a Bundle of Hay, and 6 d. every Autumn, Lib, MSS, Conſuetud: Ab. Sci Edi pen, dnm Cornwaleis fo 127, 8,

[*o*] See Shimpling fol, 104, Note *

[*p*] See fol, 126, 7, Notes (F) and (H)

and *Walter Fitz-Roger* and the Homages of *John Fitz-Jeffery*, and of *John* of *Uphall*, and of *Hubert de Schimpling*, and the Homages of the Abbot in *Schimpling*, and *Ivo* the Chaplain and his Homagers, and the Homage of Maſter *Anſeline*, and *Hubert de Shimpling* and his Parceners (all which held Free Tenements or ſmall Manors under the Abbot) were to do ſuit to the Abbot's Court, and to plow and Cart with all the Cattle they had for the Lord, and were to pay a third Part of the Abbots general Aid, for *Titſhall* and *Shimpling*, and to find a third Part of the Lord's Wine, and carry it to *Palgrave* Bridge, and to fence in the Park, Sneid, and Stack-Yards, and repair them Yearly. Theſe Free Tenements being firſt granted by the Abbots, to be held of their chief Manor upon theſe Conditions.

Here are two Churches, about a Mile diſtant from each other; the Mother Church is dedicated to St. *Mary* the Virgin, the other is a Parochial Chapel, whoſe Patroneſs is St. *Margaret*, both of antient Foundation, even before the Conqueror, it was always a ſingle Inſtitution, appendant to the Manor, as it ſtill remains, tho' the Pariſhes are ſeperate, and hath now, and ever had diſtinct Officers.

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## *The* RECTORS.

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| 1301, Non: *May*, | *Andrew* of *Nortwall*, Rector, was collated to a Prebendary in the College of St. *Mary* in the Fields in *Norwich*, by the Biſhop; at his Death, in |
| 1307, 2 Non: *May*, | Sir *Tho. de Butteturte*, Sub-deacon, one of an antient and good Family in this County, was inſtituted, but upon his Inſtitution was obliged to ſwear to *William de Knapeton*, then Archdeacon of *Norwich*, that whereas he was then a Pluraliſt, and held *Euſtone* and *Troſtone* Livings in this Dioceſs, both which had Care of Souls, that he would immediately reſign one, unleſs he obtain'd a Diſpenſation from the Pope, as ſoon as he quietly receiv'd the Profits of *Titſhall*. |
| | *Richard de Dunmowe* reſigned this for *Palgrave* in *Suffolk*, and in |
| 1357, 3 *May*, | *Tho. de Calkhyl*, Prieſt ſucceeded, who reſigned *Palgrave*. |
| 1367, 7 *June*, | *Calkhyl* changed with *Tho. de Bloſield*, Prieſt, for *Mulkberton*, of which WILL. DE HOO, Knt. was Patron. |
| 1394, | Mr. *William Rolf*, a Shaveling. |
| 1398, 17 *Dec*, | He changed with *John Alleyn* for *Frekenham*. |
| 1400, 14 *April*, | *Will. Heyward*, Prieſt, on *Alleyn*'s Reſignation. |
| 1410, 27 *Jan*. | *John Lolleworth*, Prieſt, on *Heyward*'s Reſignation. |
| 1416, 27 *Dec*. | *Thomas Lank*, Prieſt. |
| 1418, 19 *Nov*. | § *Nicholas Derman*, Batchelor in the Decrees. |
| 1424, 24 *Dec*. | *Robert Clermont* of *Carleton Rode*, Prieſt. |
| 1431, 5 *Nov*. | [q] *Walter Martyn*, he changed *Intwood* for this, with *Robert Clements*. |
| 1434, 20 *Auguſt*, | *John Heyghundern*, on *Clement*'s Reſignation. |
| 1455, 17 *October*, | *Richard Tateſhale*, A. M. at *John Heighunder*'s Deprivation. |
| 1460, ult. *April*, | *John Fletcher*, on *Tateſhale*'s Reſignation. |
| 1487, 30 *June*, | *John Hughſon*, on *Fletcher*'s Reſignation. He died in 1490. |
| 1490, | *Tho. Aſty*. |
| 1533, 11 *Auguſt*, | *Robert Boſall*, on *Aſtys*'s Death, he was the laſt Rector preſented by the Abbot. |
| 1546, 27 *Octob*. | *Elias Lache*, on *Boſall*'s Reſignation JOHN CORNWALEIS, Eſq; |
| 1578, 16 *June*, | *John Crane*, S. T. B. THO. CORNWALEIS, Knt. |
| 1578, | *Tho. Crane*, A. B. on *John Crane*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |
| 1596, 16 *April*, | *Michael Denbigh*, A. M. *ditto.* |
| 1600, | *Paul Chapman*, who in 1603 anſwer'd, that he was a Batchelor in Divinity, and held theſe two Churches, being one Benefice, with the Benefice of *Heigham* by *Norwich*, he was inſtituted *June* 15, on *Denbigh*'s Death; preſented by THO. CORNWALEIS, Knt. |
| 1631, 21 *April*, | *Jeremiah Burrowes*, Clerk, A. M. on *Chapman*'s Death; JANE, Lady BACON, of *Brome* in *Suffolk*, Widow, late Wife of *Nat. Bacon*, Knt. of the *Bath*, before that, of *Wm. Cornwaleis*, Knt. he was deprived, and in |

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§ He was Official or Commiſſary of the peculiar Juriſdiction, of the Manors of the Biſhop of Norwich.

q Regr, Curteys fol, 72, 114.

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| 1638, | | *John Boys*, Clerk, was inſtituted. |
| 1661, | | * *George Kent*, at the Death of *John Boys*; HARBOTTLE GRIMSTONE, Bart. CHARLES CORNWALEIS, Knight of the *Bath*, and EDMUND HARVEY, Eſq; |
| 1668, | | *John Jenny*, A. M. on *Kent*'s Death. CHARLES Lord CORNWALEIS, Baron of *Eye*. |
| 1672, | 10 *January* | *Chriſtopher Burrell*, A. M. on *Jenny*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* He died in 1701, and is buried in St. *Margaret*'s Chancel. |
| 1701, | *March* 2, | *Charles Gibb*'s A. M. the preſent Rector. CHA. Lord CORNWALEIS. |

St. *Mary*'s is the ¶ Mother Church over which the Biſhop and Archdeacon's Viſitatorial Power extends, to whom it pays 1 *s.* Synodals, and 7 *s.* 7 *d. ob.* Procurations; it is an old Building having it's Nave, Chancel, and South Porch thatched, a ſquare Tower, and 5 Bells, on the biggeſt is this, **Petrus ad Eterne, ducat nos Paſcua Vite.**

The following Arms were formerly in the Windows of the Church, Steeple, and Chancel, but are all loſt, except theſe firſt Three, § *viz.*

*Boutetourt*, *Erm.* a Saltyr ingrail'd *Gul.* *Fitz-Otes*, Bendy of 6, *Or* & *Az.* a Canton *Er.* *Or*, a Saltyr ingrailed *Sab.* *England*, St. *Edward* the Confeſſor, the *Eaſt-Angles*, St. *Edmund*, *Boyland*, *Kerdeſton*, *Ufford* ſingle, and with all the following Differences, *viz.* a Label, a De-lis, a Baton, *Az.* a Baton *Erm.* a Baton Chequy *Az.* & *Gul.* an Annulet, *Lowdham*, *Norwich*. *Gul.* a Chev. between 3 Eſtoils *Sab.* *Or* & *Sab.* Maſcule *ſur tout*, *Lowdham* with a Labell *Gul.* impaling *Az.* on a Chief *Gul.* 3 Leopards *Or*, and again ſiding *Gul.* on a Chief *Or*, 2 Annulets *Sab.* *Bacon.* *Or* a Feſs *Gul.* impaling *Scales.* On the Rood-Loft, an Eſcutcheon of the Lady *Jarnegan*, *viz.* 1. *Jarnegan.* 2. *Ingaldeſthorp.* 3. *Fitzosbert.* 4. *Mortimer*, *Or* Semi-Delis's *Sab.* 5. *Ar.* on a Chev. *Sab.* 3 Eſcalops *Erm.* 6. *Pierpoint.* 7. *Or*, a Saltyr ingrailed in a Bordure *Sab.*

On a Graveſtone were *Aylmer*'s Arms, *viz.* *Ar.* on a Croſs ingrailed *Sab.* 5 Bezants, between 4 Magpies, proper; it lies in the Chancel, but the Effigies, Arms, and Inſcription are gone.

Here are two Black Marbles, one hath an Eſcutcheon of a Griffin and a Creſcent, for *John Boys*, Rector, who died *Dec.* 30, 1661; the other is for *Hellen* his Wife, who died *September* 1, 1661.

In the Church-Yard on the South Side is an Altar-Tomb, cover'd with a Black Marble, for, *Mary* Wife of *Robert Kettle*, Daughter and Heireſs of Mr. *William Fuller* of *Briſingham*, who had 4 Children, *Henry*, *Mary*, *John*, & *Grace*, all buried by her, obijt. *Feb.* 27, 1728, aged 63.

The Parochial Chapel of St. *Margaret*, acknowledges no Viſitatorial Power, but that of the Biſhop only, for it pays the Archdeacon no Procurations, but as much again as the Mother Church does, to the Biſhop for Synodals.

The Nave and South Porch are leaded, the Chancel thatched, the Tower is ſquare, and hath 5 Bells in it, on one of which is this,

SANCTE EDMUNDE ORA PRO NOBIS.

On the Screens are *Aylmer*'s Arms in proper Colours. In the Chancel, under an Arch in the North Wall, is an old Freeſtone Altar Monument, with a Croſs formy on it, but no Inſcription to diſcover who he was, tho' without doubt it was for ſome Religious Perſon that founded the Chancel. On a Braſs,

*Hic jacet Brigitta nuper uxor Antonij Barry, Generoſi que obijt* 4th *Die Maij* A° 1635, *Ætat:* 21.

Here are 3 Black Marbles, the firſt for *Chriſtopher Burrell*, late Rector, who died *Jan.* 6, 1701, The ſecond for, *Charles* Son of the Rev. Mr. *Charles Gibbs*, Rector, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, who died much lamented *April* 22, 1721, aged 16 Years.

*Quem Dij amant, Adoleſcens moritur.*

The third for, Mrs. *Margaret Stannard*, Relict of Mr. *John Stannard*, late of this Pariſh, firſt married to *Thomas Halls*, Gent. whoſe Character as a Wife, Mother, Miſtreſs, & Friend, needs no Encomium, ſhe died *Sept.* 1, 1735, in the 75th Year of her Age.

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* He was Prebendary of Norwich.

¶ In St Mary's Church was held a Gild, dedicated to her Honour, which was diſſolved in the 2d of Edward VI; In 1505, Margaret Cock, Widow of this Pariſh, gave by Will, "to paynt "the Tabernacle of our Ladi 10 s. to paynt the Trinitye Tabernacle 8s. 8d, to the Light afore St Nicholas and St John "Baptiſt a Kowe, to paynt a pane above our Ladi's Tabernacle 20 s, to the makyng of a Herſee 20 d, to the Bell Frame "12d, to a Torch 3s, 4d, to the High Altar 12d, for a Yereday for myſelf, Agnes and Margaret Cok my Daughters, the "Pightell called Derby's for ever, 4 Marks for a Preſt to ſyng "for me half a Yere in the Churche.

1514, 2 Sept. John Grice of Titſhall willed to be buried in this Church near Margaret his Wife, Regr, Briggs fol, 35.

§ MSS, E, 6, fol, 23, 4, penes J, Anſtis Gart,

I find in Regiſter Johnſon (fol 127) that Mrs Offka Storar, Gentlewoman of Tytyſhale was buried in this Church:

The CUSTOMS of this Rectory are theſe, they pay 6*d.* for every Calf under Seven, and 1*d. ob.* for every Cow inſtead of Tythe Milk, and 1*d.* every Houſe for *Harth-Silver*, for all Wood burnt in the Town, all Wood ſold out of Town pay Tythe according to it's Value, and all other Tythes belonging to this Rectory are paid in their proper Kinds.

The Pariſh of *Titſhall St. Mary*, hath a ſmall Cottage ſituate near the Church, a Piece of Land containing half an Acre, which abutts on *Mill-Green* North, South, and Eaſt, and on *Henry Goodwin*'s Lands Weſt, a ſmall Piece called *Sent*'s-*Yards*, about one Rood, Rented at 6*s. per Ann.* 10*l.* in Money, the Intereſt of which is given to the Poor Yearly upon *Eaſter Monday*, and the Poor receive Yearly 10*ſ.* from the Church Wardens of St. *Margarets.*

The Pariſh of St. *Margaret* in *Titſhall* hath 6 Acres of Land lying in *Moulton*, part is Copyhold, and part Free, which is Rented at 3*l.* 10*ſ.* a Year, and was given by *Jeffery Neeve*, it abutts on *Moulton-Common* on the Weſt, and Mr. *Fulcher*'s on the South, and on the Way leading to *Moulton High-Green* on the Eaſt, the Rent is received by the Church-Wardens, 16*s.* 8*d.* is paid every *Eaſter* to the Poor of St. *Margaret*'s, and 10*ſ.* to the Poor of St. *Mary*'s as aforeſaid, the reſt is given towards Repairing the Church.

The COMMONS are, *Titſhall-Green*, *Bateman*'s-*Green*, *Mill-Green*, *Pound-Green*, and *Beck-Green*, all of them containing about 100 Acres.

In 1603, there were 93 Communicants in St. *Mary*'s Pariſh, and 108 in St. *Margaret*'s, there are now about 35 Dwelling Houſes in St. *Mary*'s, and 150 Inhabitants, and 40 in St. *Margaret*'s, and 180 Inhabitants, they were valued at 3*l.* together to the Tenths, and 1394*l.* to the Parliament Valuation, but now they are aſſeſſed ſingle to the Land Tax, *viz.* St *Mary*'s at - - - *l.* and St. *Margaret*'s at 544*l.*

The whole Hundred is incloſed, and abounds much with Wood; it being reckoned as part of the Woodland Half of *Norfolk*: The Roads are very bad in Winter, eſpecially this part by *Giſſing*, and *Titſhall*; the Lands in general are moiſt, occaſioned by their being flat, and having a Blew Clay within a Foot or two of the Earth's Surface, thro' which the Water cannot pierce, it containing 20 or 30 Feet in depth in many Places; the Soil is in general Rich, and about one half of the Land is uſed for the Plow, the other for the Dairy, and Greaſing; it produces much Wheat, Turnips, Clover, and all other Grain in abundance, except Buck or Brank, and Cole-Seed, of which there is but little ſown.

# ERRATA.

The READER is deſired to correct the following Errors both of the Preſs and Author, who owns himſelf obliged to any that will be ſo good as to inform him of any Miſtakes, that they may be corrected at the End of each Hundred.

Fol. 20, line 18, for *Langton* read *Savage*; fol. 20, laſt line but one for *Domnicans*, read *Dominicans*; fol. 20 in the laſt line of the Notes for *Skelton*, read *Shelton*; fol. 22 line 30, for *John* read *Jonathan*; fol. 24 line 42, for *John* read *Robert*; fol. 31 line 33, for *Honour* read *Manor*; fol. 32 line 34 for, *Thomas* read *Robert*; fol. 96 line 44, whereas 'tis there ſaid Mrs. *Hill* is the laſt now living of this Branch of the *Bleverhaſſets*, it is a Miſtake, for *John Bleverhayſſett* who married the Siſter of the ſaid Mrs. *Hill*, and died in 1704, was the laſt of this Branch. At fol. 90, add to *Scole* that here is an Annual Fair kept on the *Tueſday* after *Eaſter-Day*; fol. 125 line 20, blot out, *and*

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# THE HUNDRED Of GILTCROSS.

TAKES it's Name from ſome remarkable Croſs that was gilt, which either ſtood in it, or was to be ſeen in great Part of it; tho' Mr. *Neve* obſerves it was ſpell'd antiently *Gydecroſs*, from ſome Croſs, that was a Guide to Travellers, and I am apt to think it might be *Rowdham Croſs*, which at that Time was ſeen in great Part of this Hundred, and was certainly a very remarkable one, that Town taking it's Name from it, *Rowdham*, or *Roodham*, as it is antiently written, ſignifies the Town of the Croſs; and thus alſo *Bridgeham* in this Hundred, was ſo called, from the Bridge, which was the Paſſage to this Croſs, which with the Road, became remarkable, from being the common Way, by which Pilgrims took their Journey out of *Suffolk*, and other Parts of the Country, to our Lady of *Walſingham*. This Hundred contains 13 Towns, all which are in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry; It was in the Confeſſor's Hands as belonging to the Manor of *Kenninghall*, and came to the Conqueror, who held it it at the Survey, as belonging to the ſame, it being then worth 20*s.* a Year, the *Soc* of the whole Hundred belonging thereto, all which was committed to Earl *Godric*'s Care, who had it but a little while, for the Conqueror gave it with *Kenninghall*, *Bokenham*, *Snetſham*, and *Wymondham* Manors, to *Wm. de Albaniaco*, or *Albany*, who came into *England* with him, all which were to be held by the Service of being the King's Butler on the Coronation-Day, *William de Albany*, or *D'Aughbiny* his Son ſucceeded; and in this Family it continued 'till *Hugh D'Aubigny* died ſeized in 1243, leaving it in Dower to *Iſabel* his Wife, Daughter of *William*, Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, and Foundreſs of *Marham* Abbey: But as this Hundred hath continually gone, and ſtill remains with the Manor of *Kenninghall*, I have no occaſion to trace it's Owners any further. [*a*] In 1236, it was found by a Jury, that the King had more Right of Pleading in his County Court, Pleas of [*b*] *Withernam*, and of taking Cattle, than the Hundreds of *Frethebridge*, *Smithdon*, *Gildcroſs*, and *Shropham*, had in their Hundred Courts; upon which *Hugh de Albany* being asked, Whether he had any Charters of Liberties? anſwer'd, That he knew not, his Deeds being depoſited in *Wimondham* Priory, for which reaſon he deſired Time to ſearch: The Court order'd him to find Security to anſwer the King, all Arrears, from the Time of his Coronation; upon which *Hugh* ſurrender'd Seizin of the Liberties to the King, and the King deferr'd amercing him for Damages, 'till he had ſpoken with the Earl *Warren*. This gives Opportunity to obſerve, that the King was then preſent in the Court, and Judgment was given by him, tho' in his own Cauſe, which is directly contrary to the Opinion of divers Great Men: And this Aſſertion may be further proved, by a Record in the 25th Year of this King, where in an Appeal for Felony, the Entry on the Roll is thus, "And becauſe our Sovereign Lord the King was abſent, and there being but "few of his Council there, they which were preſent, would not give Judgment for a "Duell, nor do any thing elſe in the Abſence of the King, or the major Part of his "Council"; ſo that we ſee generally the King was preſent, or if not, there was no Judgment paſſed, unleſs the greater Part of his Council were there. [*c*] In 1249, Return was made, that *Iſabel*, Counteſs of *Arundel*, held 40*l.* a Year in Land, in this Hundred, that her Marriage was in the King's Gift, and that the Hundred was worth 7 Marks a Year, and ¶ had not Liberty of Return of Writs, nor other Liberties as ſome Hundreds had, and that it paid Yearly 40 *d.* to the King's Uſe. In 1274, *Henry Le-Noble*, Sheriff of *Norfolk*, Lett *Gildcroſs* and *Brothercroſs* Hundreds for 42 *s.* a Year, which uſed to be Lett at 15 *l.* this was when the King had the Marriage of *Iſabel* aforeſaid, or when he ſeized ſome of her Eſtates, for her bold, but true Speech, that ſhe made unto him, which you may ſee in *Dughdale*'s *Baronage*, Vol. 1. fol. 121. In 1286, when *Roger de Montealt* held it, it was then valued at 13 *l. per Ann.* out of which he paid the King 40 *d.* Yearly, and the Liberties allowed to the Hundred in an Eire at *Norwich*, were theſe, *ſc.* View of *Frankpledge*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Beer*, a *Gallows*, and *Weyf*. In 1311, in an Inquiſition then taken, it was found, that *Roger de Montealt*, and *Emme* his Wife, held it as a Member of their Manor of *Kenninghall*; in 1537, it was worth 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year. In the Court Book of this Hundred, in 1578, which is among Mr. *Neve*'s Collections, I find the following Manors are held of it, by certain Yearly Payments, *viz.* the Manors of *Uphall* and *Bokenham*'s in *Garboldiſham*, of *Furneaux* in *Middle Herling*, of *Seckford*'s in *Weſt Herling*, *Mainwarring*'s, *Fawconer*'s, and *Felbrigg*'s in *Eaſt Herling*; *Bromehall* and *Semeres* in *Blownorton*, *Madekyns* Manor in *Quidenham.* and *Hockham*'s Manor there, *Marſhal*'s, *Grey*'s, and *Beckhall* in *Banham*; *Eſthawe*, or *College* Manor in *Ruſhworth*, and *Boldam*'s Manor there, which alſo belonged to the *College*; *Uphall* and *Wretham*'s in *Gaſthorp*; *Clarke*'s Tenement in *South Lopham*, and *Porter*'s in *Riddleſworth*; *Styward*'s and *Ruſſell*'s Tenements there; *Goodſon*'s Tenement in *North Lopham*, with divers other Lands; all which do Suit and Service to the Hundred Court at *Kenninghall*, every 3 Weeks, each Suit being valued at 2 *s.* The Tenement or Manor of *John Church* of *Garboldiſham*, and *Pakenham*'s Manor in *Garboldiſham*, owe Suit every 3 Weeks, or 2 *s.* each Suit; the Hundred Court was always kept at *Kenninghall* every three Weeks, but on Account of that Market's being diſuſed, it was removed, and kept at *Market-Herling*. It is bounded on the Eaſt by *Diſs* Hundred, on the South by the River *Ouſe*, that parts *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, on the Weſt by *Thetford*, and on the North by *Shropham* Hundred, which is divided from it by the River that runs from *Quidenham Mere* to *Thetford*; the ſuperior Liberty, as to the Game, and many other Privileges, belongs to his Grace the Duke of *Norfolk*, as Lord Paramount of the Hundred, all which is in his peculiar Liberty and Juriſdiction, called the DUKE OF NORFOLK's LIBERTY, the Original of which you ſhall have under *Lopham*; and as for the reſt of the Owners of it, I ſhall refer you to

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[*a*] Placita Coram Rege 21, H, 3, Rot. 4, in dorſo et 17° in dorſo.

[*b*] Withernam, is a Writ to impower a Sheriff to take any Goods, that are deſtrain'd and carried out of his County, and reſtore them to the Owner, he being not able to do it by a Replevin. Terms of the Law, p. 270.

[*c*] Placita Corone 34, H, 3,

¶ Becauſe all theſe Privileges belonged to the King's Liberty, which was after granted to the Duke of Norfolk:

## *KENNINGHALL*,

A Town of large Extent, and great Antiquity, ſo called from Cyning, which in *Saxon*, ſignifies a King, ſo that *Cyning* or *Kinninghall*, ſignifies the King's Houſe, and according to the Etymology, it hath been a Seat of the *Eaſt Anglian* Kings, who are ſaid to have had a Caſtle here, which indeed ſeems true, the Scite of it, is now called the * *Candle-Yards*, (becauſe the Offices for that Purpoſe were built in it, when *Thomas* the Great Duke of *Norfolk*, built the Palace; this Place being diſtant enough, to hinder the Smell reaching it.) It is South Weſt of the Palace about a Furlong, being a Square of four Acres, encompaſſed with a ſpacious Trench, at each Corner is a Mount, but that to the South Eaſt is much the largeſt; the Manor Houſe continued thro' all it's Changes in this Place, 'till the Duke pulled it down, and built that ſtately Houſe at the Diſtance before mentioned, which was after called, KENNINGHALL PALACE, *Or* PLACE, it fronted Eaſt and Weſt, and was built in form of an (H.) having a Porter's Lodge, and all things elſe in the grandeſt Manner: It was ſituated in the midſt of a large Park, which contained 700 Acres, well ſtocked with Deer, the North Side guarded with Woods and Groves, being diſtant at leaſt a Mile from the Town, which lies Weſtward; at the Duke's Attainder it was ſeized by the King, and ſettled on the then Lady *Mary*, who kept her Court here: [d] To this Caſtle (as *Stow* calls it) ſhe removed from *Hunſdon* in *Hertfordſhire*, and hither reſorted to her ſeveral Lords and Knights of this County, as Sir *John Shelton*, Sir *Henry Bedingfield*, Sir *Henry Jerningham*, and others, at the Death of *Edward* VI. from whence they went to *Framlingham* Caſtle; afterwards it was in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Hands, who was often here, ſhe it was that ordered her Tenant *Chapman*, who then lived in *Fersfield* Lodge, to lay out the Way now called *Chapman*'s *Entry*, out of her own Ground, the old Way being ſo ſtraight, that the Queen could not conveniently paſs through it; it is now diſuſed and is called, *Queen Beſs*'s *Lane*, from her being ſcratched with the Brambles in riding thro' it, as Tradition tells us. It continued in the *Norfolk* Family as their Capital Seat in this County, 'till about 90 Years ſince, when it was pulled down, and the Materials ſold for a Trifle, with which great Numbers of Chimneys and Walls in the Neighbourhood are built, as is evident from the *Mowbray*'s and *Aruudel*'s Arms which are upon the Bricks. [e] *Spelman* in his *Icenia*, hath nothing more of this Town, than that it was the Seat of ſome of the chiefeſt Barons: That it belonged to the Crown in the moſt early Times is plain, * for the Confeſſor had it in his own Hands, it being then worth 10*l.* a Year and 5 || Sextaries of Honey, but it was riſen by the Conqueror's Time, to 24*l.* of uncoined Money, to be paid by Weight, and 6*l.* of coined Money, which was paid by Tale, and a *Fine* at each King's Acceſſion; (for ſo I take Ᵹeꞃꞅuma in the *Saxon* to ſignifie.) It had a Freeman and 30 Acres belonging to it in *Gnateſhall*, and *Weſt Herling* alſo was a *Berewic* to it: It was then 3 Miles long, and one Mile broad, and paid 25*d.* *Danegeld.* It always was, and is now priviledged as antient Demean, the Inhabitants being excuſed from *Toll*, *Paſſage*, and *Stallage*, and from ſerving on any *Juries* out of the Lordſhip, and paying towards the Charges of the Knights of the Shire, upon renewing their Writ of Exemption on the Death of every King, and having it annually allowed by the Sheriff of the County.

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* Many Urns have been found in this Town, near the Candle-yards, which ſhews as if the Romans had been here.

[d] Baker's Chronicle, p. 314, Stow's Chron: 610, 40.

It remained but little while in the Crown, [*f*] being given by the Conqueror to *Wm. de Albini*, *Albiniaco*, or *Albany*, and his Heirs, together with the Lordſhip of *Bokenham*, *&c.* to be held by the Service of being chief Butler to the Kings of *England*, on the Day of their Coronation, upon which Account he was after called, *Pincerna Regis*; but as I muſt treat of this Family largly under *Bokenham*, the Priory there, as well as that at *Wimondham*, being founded by them, I ſhall ſay no more of them here, than what is neceſſary, as to the Hiſtory of this Manor, which is this, that it always went with *Bokenham*, 'till the Diviſion of the *Albany*'s Eſtate, between the four Siſters and Co-heirs of *Hugh de Albini*, who died without Iſſue, leaving this Manor in Dower to *Iſabel* his Wife, Daughter of *William* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, who in 1243, had it among others aſſigned to her by the King's Licence, at her Death it went to *Roger de Montealt*, or *De-Montealto*, who had married *Cecily* one of the Siſters, and Co-heirs of *Hugh de Albani*; [*g*] this *Robert* died ſeized in 1274, leaving it to *Robert de Montealt*, and *Emma* his Wife, who had it ſettled upon *Roger* of *Riſing*, Parſon of *Hawardyn*, her Truſtee, for her Uſe, upon a Writ of *ad quod Damnum* which was brought, the Manor being held in Capite of the King; the Writ is dated at *York*, *March* 6, 1276. and the Return thereof was the 5th Day of *April* following, when the Jury, *ſc.* *Roger del Hill* of *Harlyng*, *John* Son of *William* of *Garboldiſham*, *Richard* at *Quidenham-Bridge*, and others, found that it would be no Damage to the King, if the Manor was ſettled on *Emma* and her Truſtee, and they further ſay, that this Manor, with *Bokenham* and *Wymondham*, are held in chief of the King, by the Service of Butler, as aforeſaid, and that it hath a certain Capital Meſſuage, called [*h*] *Eaſthall*, and another called a *Grange*, with a ruinous Dove-houſe, and 400 Acres of Land, 100 of which are Arable, and Yearly worth 10*l.* beſides 18 Acres of Meadow worth 18*d.* each Acre, a Wind-Mill lett for 13*s.* 4*d.* a large Park, the Herbage of which is Yearly worth 5*l.* and the Under Wood 40*s.* a Year. There is a Market kept every *Monday*, which is lett at 20*s.* a Year, and alſo a Fair, lett at 2*s.* a Year; the Yearly Quit-Rents are 8*l.* payable by equal Portions, at St. *Martin*, *Chriſtmaſs*, *Eaſter*, and *Midſummer*; alſo 1200 Days Works in Autumn, worth 1*d.* each Day, alſo the Fiſhery, called the *Sewer*, worth 2*s.* a Year, the Pleas, Perquiſites of Courts, and Views of Frankpledge, and Letes belonging thereto, are Yearly worth 8*l.* To this Manor alſo belongs *Giltcroſs* Hundred, the Pleas and Perquiſites of the Hundred Court, with all

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* Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat. Gillecros Hund. (fo. 33.) CHENINKEHALA tenuit Rex EDWARDUS v carucat: Terre, ſemper xxiiii Villan: & xxiiii Bordar: & xii acr: Prati & i molendin: Silva ccc. Porc. tunc i car: in dnio: poſt & modo i. Tunc i car: in dnio: poſt & modo ii. Tunc xii car: homin: poſt & modo xi, & i Poſſet reſtaurari, ſemper i Runcin: & xii Socman: c. acr: Terre & xviii acr: prati, & ii mol: ſemper iii car: at i Liber Homo i car: Terre et ii Villan: et iii Bord. Silva xxiiii porc: ſemper i car: et dim: car: homin. Et HERLINGA i Berewita ſemper jacet huic manerio. i car: Terre et iii Villan: et iiii Bordarij et v acr: prati. Tunc i car: in dnio: et poſſet reſtaurari. Totum valebat T. R. E. x Libr: et v || Sextarios Mellis, poſt xxvi Libr: modo xxiiii Libr: blancas, & vi Libr: ad Numerum. & Gerſumam. Totum CHENIKEHALA habet i Leug: et dimid: in longo, & dimid: in Lato, et xxv *d.* de Gelto.

(fo. 21.) Sub Tit: predict. Gildecros Hund.

In Gnateſhala i Liber homo de xxx acr: Terre, et jacet in Keninchala, et ii Villan: et i acr: Prati ſemper dim: mol: et dim: car: et xxiiii acr: Terre Totum eſt in pretio de Cheninchala.

So that Knateſhale then extended over the County River, & the Part on Norfolk Side belonged to Kenninghall.

(fo. 206.) Terra Willi: de Schoies.

In Cheiunchala (ſc. Terr.) de vi Foriſfacturis.

|| The Sextary was a Roman Meaſure containing ſomething more than our Pint.

[*e*] fol. 158.

[*f*] Dugd. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 118. Vincent fo. 19.

[*g*] Eſc. 3. E. 1.

[*h*] This was the Name of the old Houſe, before the Duke built the Palace, and was ſo called becauſe it ſtood Eaſt of the Town.

the Views of Frankpledge and Letes belonging thereto, are worth 5*l.* a Year, the whole of the Value being 44*l.* 15*s.* and the Jury further ſay, that the ſaid *Robert* hath the Manors of *Riſing* and *Sneteſham*, and the Hundred of *Smithdon*, and the 4th Part of *Lyn Tolbooth* unſettled, all which are valued at 80*l.* *per Ann.* From this *Robert* it came to *Roger de Montealt*, [*i*] who in 1286, had the following Privileges allowed to this Manor, *viz. Freewarren*, View of *Frankpledge*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale*, a *Pillory*, *Cucking-ſtool*, *Gallows*, and *Weyf*, [*k*] with a Yearly-Fair, on the Day of the *Tranſlation* of St. *Thomas* [*Becket*] [*l*] and a Weekly Market on *Monday*. [*m*] In the 1st Year of *Edward* III. this *Robert* petitioned the Barons of the *Exchequer*, to be admitted chief Butler on the Coronation-Day, by Reaſon of his Manor of *Kenninghall*, which Office he recover'd againſt the Earl of *Arundell*, who claim'd it as belonging to his Earldom, and perform'd the Office accordingly, and obtained a Decree, that that Office henceforward, ſhould be performed by the ſeveral Lords of the Manors of *Kenninghall*, *Bokenham*, and *Wymondham*, or their Deputies, by Turns, upon proving that *Hugh D'Aubeney*, late Earl of *Arundell*, held theſe and *Sneteſham* Manors, of King *Henry* III. by the ſaid Office, which he performed at that King's Coronation, and died ſo ſeized, upon which *Bokenham*, and *Wymondham*, deſcended to Sir *Robert de Tateſhall*, whoſe Heir now holds them, and is under Age, and *Kenninghall*, and *Sneteſham*, came to the ſaid *Robert de Montealt* (or *Mohaut*) who now holds them; and at the Coronation of King *Edward* II. he claim'd and offer'd to perform his Part of the ſaid Service, in right of his ſaid Manors; but *Edmund* Earl of *Arundell* by his great Power (tho' he never had any of the ſaid Manors) performed the ſaid Service, to the Diſheriſon of him, and his Parcener, for which Reaſon now, at the Coronation of King *Edward* III. the ſaid *Robert* claimed and performed the whole Service, *Tateſhale*'s Heirs being under Age. The Return upon ſearch of the Records ſays, that as to *Sneteſham* having a Turn in the Office, they at preſent could find nothing of it, but that at the Coronation of *Eleanor*, Daughter of *Hugh* Earl of *Province*, Grand Mother to the preſent King, *Hugh de Albani*, then Earl of *Arundell*, in right of theſe Manors, and not of his Earldom, ſerved the ſaid Office by his Deputy, the Earl *Warren*, becauſe he was then excommunicated by the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, for taking away the Archbiſhop's Dogs from him, as he hunted in the ſaid Earl's Foreſt in *Suſſex*, the Archbiſhop alledging, that he had a right to hunt in any Foreſt in *England*, whenever he would. This Office ſtill continues by Turns to theſe Manors, tho' in a Petition directed to the Lords, commiſſioned to receive all Claims of Services, to be performed at the Coronation of Queen ANNE by reaſon of their Tenures, I find, that *Charles* Earl of *Carliſle*, Earl Marſhal of *England*, during the Minority of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and Earl of *Arundell*, who was then out of the Realm, claim'd to perform this Service, in a double Capacity, *viz.* in right of this Manor and of his Earldom, ſetting forth, that he held the Manor by this grand Serjeantry, which was performed in right of it at the Coronation of *Eleanor* aforeſaid, and at the Coronation of *Richard* II. by the Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, and of *Henry* IV. by *Thomas* then Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, and by *Henry* Earl of *Arundell*, at the Coronation of *Edward* VI. in right (as was ſaid) of the Earldom of *Arundell*, and by *Henry* Duke of *Norfolk*, and Earl of *Arundell*, by his Deputy at the Coronation of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, who then received all the Fees and Profits belonging to the Office, *viz.* the beſt Gold Cup that the King drank out of on the Coronation Day, with the Cloths, Napkins, and Linnen, then uſed, the Cups both of Gold and of Silver uſed that Day in the King's Wine-Cellar, with all Wine Veſſels, Pots, Cups, Glaſſes, &c. [*n*] In 1327, a Fine was levied between this *Robert*, who was then Steward of *Cheſter*, and *Emma* his Wife, by which this Manor was ſettled on themſelves, and their Heirs Male, Remainder to *Iſabel* Queen of *England* for Life, and then to *John* of *Eltham*, the King's Brother, in Tail, Remainder to *Edward* King of *England*, and his Heirs: *Robert* and *Emma* had no Male Heirs, and ſo it came to Queen *Iſabel*, and *John* of *Eltham* dying without Heirs, the Reverſion after the Queen's Death, was in the King, [*o*] who in 1336, gave it to Sir *William de Monteacuto*, or *Montague*, who upon paying the Queen 600 Marks, had a Releaſe from her, and immediate Poſſeſſion of it; he died ſeized in 1343, and was buried in the *White Friers*, *London*, [*p*] leaving the Manor to *William de Montague*, his Son and Heir, in whom it continued 'till 1377, and then he ſettled it upon Sir *William Montague*, Knt. his Son, upon his Marriage with *Elizabeth* Daughter to *Richard Fitz-Alan*, Earl of *Arundell*, and the Iſſue of their Bodies, [*q*] but he being unhappily ſlain in a Tilting at *Windſor*, by his own Father in 1382, he left no Iſſue, upon his Death [*r*] King *Richard* II. kept Court here, but ſoon after deliver'd it up to *Elizabeth*, Widow of the ſaid *William*, who according to the Settlement, enjoy'd it for Life, and at her Death it was to revert to her Father-in-Law, *William* Earl of *Salisbury*, and Lord of *Man*; this Earl it was [*ſ*] who in 1355, (before he had ſettled it on his Son) granted to *Albred de Pakenham* of *Garboldſham*, a Fold Courſe for 300 Sheep, and 30 Muttons, with Common of Paſture for his Cattle, thro' the whole Year, from a Place called *Howardſty*, Northward, partly to *Kenninghall-Gap*, and from thence Weſtward to *Ringmere*, and thence by the Way leading from *Kenninghall* to *Bury*, as the Way leads to *Garboldiſham Field*, paying him a Yearly Rent for it, which Right is now enjoy'd, as belonging to *Garboldiſham*, *Uphall*, or *Pakenham's*. This Lady held the Manor in 1388, at which time ſhe was married to *Thomas* Lord *Mowbray*, Earl Marſhal of *England*, who was to hold it for her Life in her Right, [*t*] and this Year *Richard Fitz-Alan*, Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, her Father, purchaſed the perpetual Inheritance of it, of *William* Earl of *Salisbury* aforeſaid, and had a Fine levied to ſettle it on him and his Heirs, Sir *Payne Tiptoft*, Knt. and others, being Truſtees, but upon his Attainder in 1397, the King granted the Reverſion of the Manor and Hundred, they being forfeited to the Crown, to *Thomas de Mowbray*, Duke of *Norfolk*, and he being baniſhed the Year following, the King granted it by Letters Patent, dated at *Leiceſter*, [*u*] to *John de Montague*, Earl of *Salisbury*, his great Favourite, to be held by him of the Crown, in as free Manner as *William de Montague* his Uncle, *Richard* Earl of *Arundell*, or *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk* ever held it, but he dying in 1399, never enjoyed it, it being then held by *Elizabeth* Dutcheſs of *Norfolk*, who was then married to Sir *Gerard Uſflet*, her 3d Husband. In 1411, *Edmund Blankpaine* is ſaid to hold the Manor and Hundred, as Truſtee only I ſuppoſe, for in 1422, it was ſettled by *Elizabeth*, Dutcheſs of *Norfolk*, late Wife of *Gerard Uſflet*, on divers Truſtees, to ſeveral Uſes; * this was upon her 4th Marriage with *Robert Gowſhall*, Knt. who in 1426, held the Manor and Hundred in her right; ſhe died ſoon after, for in 1428, *Tho. de Montague*, Earl of *Salisbury*, died ſeized, † leaving them to *Alice* his only Daughter by his 1ſt Wife, then married to *Richard Nevill*, Eldeſt Son to *Ralph Nevill*, Earl of *Weſtmorland*, which *Richard* on her Account, was made Earl of *Salisbury*, and had Livery of her Lands this very Year, but ſoon after, he gave this Manor and Hundred, in Marriage with *Joan* his Daughter, [*x*] to *William Fitz-Alan*, Earl of *Arundell*, who in the *Feodary* is ſaid then to hold it; he in all Likelihood, ſold it to *John* Duke of *Bedford*, who about 1435, ſold it again to the Prior of *Thetford*, in Truſt for *John Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, who ſettled it on *Elizabeth* his Wife for Life, and their Heirs; he died in 1475, and ſhe enjoyed it to her Death, when it deſcended to Sir *John Howard*, Knt. Son of Sir *Robert Howard*, Knt. by *Margaret* his Wife, who was one of the Co-heireſſes of *Thomas Mowbray*, Firſt Duke of *Norfolk*, it being aſſigned to him as part of the Half of the *Mowbray*'s Inheritance. This *John* was created Duke of *Norfolk* in 1483, by King *Richard* III. and was ſlain with him in *Boſworth-Field*, in 1485, at whoſe Death it went to his Eldeſt Son *Thomas*, then Earl of *Surrey*, and afterwards Duke of *Norfolk*, he being reſtored in 1488, to that Earldom and Eſtate; in 1506, he had ſpecial Livery of all the Lands his Father died ſeized of, was made Earl Marſhal of *England* by *Henry* VIII. in the 2d Year of his Reign, and afterwards Duke of *Norff.* he died in 1524, leaving *Thomas* his Son, Heir to his Eſtate and Honour: In 1537, the Quit-Rents were 33*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* a Year; the Farm of the Hundred 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the Agiſtments of the Park, and Perquiſites of the Fair, 5*l.* beſides the Warren, Wind-Mill, and Fiſhery. This *Thomas* being attainted, his Eſtate was ſeized, and ſettled on the Lady *Mary* who reſided here, but it was reſtored to him again, upon her coming to the Crown, and he came and died here in 1547, leaving *Thomas* his Grandchild his Heir, who reſided here with *Margaret*, Daughter of *Thomas Audeley*, Baron *Audeley*, his 2d Wife in 1560; ¶ he was beheaded in 1572, from which Time it paſſed as *Ferſfield* Manor, the DUKE of NORFOLK being now LORD.

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[*i*] Placita Corone, 15, E. 1.

[k] The Fair is ſtill kept on that Day viz. July the 7th.

[*l*] The *Market* hath been diſuſed about 90 Years.

[*m*] Lib. MSS, Nº 1931, in Bib. Pepyſiana Coll. *Magd.* Cant. fo. 43. De Serjantijs in Anglia.

[*n*] Fin: diverſ. com: E. 3. Lig. 1. Nº 4.

[*o*] Dug. Bar. Vol. . 646.

[*p*] Ibid. fo. 648.

[q] Vincent 449.

[*y*] In 1610, the Quit-Rents were 47*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* the Farm of the Hundred 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the Profits of the Fair 5*l.* the Keeper of the Palace's Wages *per Ann.* 3*l.* 10*d.* the Park Keeper's Wages 3*l.* 10*d.* the Gardiner 4*l.* *per Ann.* the whole Park within the Pale contain'd 700 Acres. There was a Rent paid out of the *New Park*, which was due to the late

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[*r*] Court Rolls 6. R. II.

[*ſ*] Carta inter Evid. ducis Norf. A° 1709.

[*t*] Fin: Norf. 12. R. 2. L. 2. N° 2.

[*u*] Dug: Bar. Vol. 1. p. 650.

* Ibid. 302.

† Dug: Bar. Vol. 1. p. 130. This is a Miſtake of Mr. Dughdale, for it appears ſhe was after married to Robert Gowſhall, and did not die in 1424.

¶ At his Tryal (the Heads of which may be ſeen in Baker's Chron: fol. 499.) he was proceeded againſt by the Name of Thomas Duke of Norfolk, late of Keningale, in the County of Norfolk. See Ferſfield, fol. 60.

[x] Vincent p, 32.

[*y*] Compot. Miniſtror: Tho. Com: Arundell inter Evidenc: Henr. Ducis Norf. A° 1699.

Priory of *Thetford*, with which it came to the Duke, and then ceaſed. In this Year the Townſmen purchaſed the Sheeps-Walk of the Lord, and ſo made their Lands whole Year Lands: at this Time alſo the Inhabitants paid a ſmall Sum to the Lord as an Acknowledgment, or *Free-Rent*, for their new entrenched Grounds, they having by Conſent incloſed their Common, called the *Park Common*, and appropriated the ſeveral Parts to divers Uſes; but this remained but a ſmall Time, for the Commoners diſagreeing among themſelves, they were all laid common as at firſt, tho' the Banks and Trenches are ſtill viſible.

The Customs of this MANOR and the RECTORY-MANOR are the ſame, *viz.* The Copyhold deſcends to the youngeſt Son, the Fine is certain, at 6*d.* an Acre, they give Dower, and the Tenants can waſte their Copyhold-Houſes, fell Timber, plant, and cut down Wood and Timber on the Waſte againſt their own Lands without Licence.

## *The* RECTORY MANOR

Went with the Rectory 'till it's Appropriation, and then became Part of the Poſſeſſions of *Bokenham* Priory, 'till it's Diſſolution, and was then granted with the Impropriation, to the *Norfolk* Family, forfeited at the Duke's Attainder in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time to the Crown, and by her, with the Impropriation, given to the Biſhoprick of *Ely*, from which it was ſeized in the Rebellion, and the Manor only in 1554, ſold by Sir *John Woolaſton*, and others, Truſtees for Sale of Biſhops Lands, according to an Ordinance of Parliament, to *Robert Benſon* and his Heirs, it extending then into *Quidenham* and *Herling*, the Church and Church-Yard being excepted out of the Conveyance, as alſo all Lands and Tythes, except a Meſſuage or Tenement with the Curtilages thereto belonging, called the * *Granary*, which belonged to the ſaid Rectory. In 1657, it was again ſold by *Robert Benſon*, Gent. for 149*l.* to *Tho. Kendall* of *Thetford*, and *Thomas Weſt*, from whom it was ſeized by the Biſhop of *Ely*, at the Reſtauration, and by him leaſed out, (the Advowſon of the Vicarage being excepted) and having paſſed thro' many Hands, is at this Time in Mr. *Phillips Gretton*, Clerk, who is now by Virtue of the Biſhop's Leaſe, both Lord and Impropriator. This Manor when the Rectory was appropriated had a *Lete*, and the Amerciaments of all it's own Tenants, with the Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale*, and Corrections of Weights and Meaſures, and alſo common of Paſture, on a Common called *Suchach*, (or *Southagh*, now *Southwell*) in the ſaid Town, this Common being appropriated to it. It was taxed in 1428, with the other Spirituals of that Priory in this Town, at xvi Marks.

## *This VICARAGE*

Is in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, valued at 5*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 40*l.* is diſcharged from Firſt Fruits and Tenths, tho' it ſtill anſwers 2*s.* for Synodals, and 7*s.* 7*d*, *ob.* for Procurations, there being a mean Vicarage Houſe, joining to the Eaſt End of the Church-Yard, and 5 Acres and a Half of Glebe.

It was Originally a Rectory, in the Gift of the Lord of the Manor, to which belonged a Manor, and a good Quantity of Demean Lands, and ſuch it continued, 'till *William de Albany*, the 2d Earl of *Arundell* of that Name, gave it to the Priory of St. *James* at *Old Bokenham*, which his Father had founded; this *William* died the 4th of the Ides of *October*, 1176, from which Time the Prior preſented to this Rectory, 'till about 1223, and then at the Petition of *Walter* the then Prior, and the Convent there, *Pandulff*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, appropriated it to that Convent, reſerving Power to ordain a Vicarage worth 8Marks a Year, to be ſettled upon the Vicar, which was accordingly done, and was to conſiſt, according to the Endowment (the Original of which Mr. *Le-Neve* ſays is in the Hands of the Dean of *Norwich*) in all the *Alterage*, and all other ſmall Tythes whatſoever, together with the ſmall Tythes of the Earl's Houſe, and all the Hay, and great and ſmall Tythes of 140 Acres of Free Land, which belonged to the Rectory, before the Appropriation, and in other Things particularly mentioned in the Endowment; by this Means the Convent got into their Hands all the Tythe Corn, and the Rectory Manor with all it's Rents and Profits, with moſt of the Glebe. [z] The Rents of Aſſize were 3*l.* 7*s.* a Year, as I learn from the Accompt Book of that Priory, fo. 2. but for this, they were obliged to give the Nomination of the Vicars for ever, to the See of *Norwich*, the Biſhops of which, ever after nominated to the Prior, ſuch Perſons as they pleaſed, and if they did not immediately preſent the Perſon nominated, the Biſhop collated him according to the Agreement; and leaſt there ſhould be any future Claim from the Lords of the Manor of *Kenninghall*, to which the Advowſon formerly belonged, [a] the Prior and Convent got *Roger de Montealt*, then Lord, to confirm to them the Advowſon, Manor, and Appropriation: I don't meet with any of the Rectors Names, but ——

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[z] MSS. penes Mieux Rant de Bokenham, Armig;

* This was the Old Gild-Hall that belonged to the Pariſh before the Diſſolution.

## *The* VICARS *here follow in their Order.*

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| 1304, 8 *Dec.* | *William* of *Iſelham*, collated by the Biſhop, at his own Nomination, the Prior refuſing to preſent him. | |
| 1313, 8 Kal: *June*, | *Walter* Son of *Robert Cook* of *Ely*, reſign'd, and in | |
| 1337, 29 *Octob.* | *Reginald de Wrthſtede*, Prieſt ſucceeded. | All theſe were nominated by the Biſhops of Norwich, and preſented by the Priors of Old Bokenham. |
| 1357, 9 *June* | *Galfrid* or *Jeffry Man* of *Talyngton*, Prieſt. | |
| 1361, 14 *Octob.* | *John de Bolton*, ſuper *Birne* Prieſt, of *York* Dioceſs. | |
| 1366, 26 *Jan.* | He changed with *Peter Stiward*, of *Great Creſſingham*, Prieſt, for *Ovington* Rectory; he reſign'd in | |
| 1386, 20 *June*, | To *Walter de Brunham*, Prieſt, who was buried in the Chancel in 1416, | |
| 1416, 7 *July*, | *John Aleyn*, Prieſt. | |
| 1485, 13 *March*, | *William Lynaker*, Prieſt. | |
| 1505, 29 *Nov.* | *Will. Clark*, on *Lynaker*'s Death. | |
| 1506, 3 *Dec.* | *Will. Bartram*, on *Clark*'s Death. | |
| 1540, 25 *Febr.* | *William Andrew*, Chaplain, to THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk* his Patron. | |
| 1549, 2 *April*, | Maſter *Thomas Briggs*, D. D. MARY Siſter to King *Edward* VI. | |
| 1557, 13 *Jan.* | *Robert Nuham.* THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*. | |
| 1571, 5 *May*, | *John Richardſon*, Clerk; on *Nuham*'s Reſignation. THO. Duke of *Norfolk*. | |
| 1603, | *John Wilde.* | Theſe were preſented by the Biſhops of Ely, who is now Patron. |
| 1634, 8 *June*, | *Tho. Davye*, A.M. buried here *July* 12, 1684, aged 83. | |
| 1684, 4 *July*, | *Tho. Davye* his Son, buried here *Aug.* 26, 1691. | |
| 1691, 8 *Octob.* | *Alex. Malcolm*, A. M. he reſigned, and was ſucceeded in | |
| 1692, 20 *Dec.* | By *William Raite*, A. M. who was buried *Apr.* 24, 1712 | |
| 1712, 17 *May*, | *Tho. Ibbot*; he reſign'd, and in | |
| 1717, 29 *Aug.* | The Rev. Mr. *Humphry Clayton*, the preſent Vicar was inſtituted, who now holds it united to *Briſingham*. | |

The CHURCH is ſituate on a Hill, having a large ſquare Tower at it's Weſt End, which was deſigned to be carried to a greater Height, but was never finiſhed, it's Head being ſhorten'd by the Miſfortunes of it's Founder, THOMAS DUKE of NORFOLK, whoſe Creſt remains on the Buttreſſes at this time; here are Five very large tuneable Bells, on the Three biggeſt are theſe Inſcriptions,

On the 3d. **Dona repende pia. Rogo Magdalena Maria,**

On the 4th. **Hac non vade via, niſi dicas Ave Maria**
**Sit ſemper ſine Ve, qui Michi dicat Ave.**

On the 5th. **Triplex Perſona, Trinitas, nunc gaudia dona,**
**Qui Regnas trinus Perſonis, et Deus unus.**

The Nave is 40 Yards long, and 7 broad, having a Porch join'd to it's South Side, and an Iſle to it's North, all which are cover'd with Lead, and ſeem to be much older than the Tower; the Chancel is alſo leaded, and was built by *John Milgate*, the laſt Prior of *Bokenham*, whoſe Monument remains in the South Wall, tho' it is robbed of it's Arms and Inſcription, which remained in Mr. *Weaver*'s Time, for he tells us, fo. 859, that it appeared by his Tomb, that he built the Chancel, tho' there are two grand Miſtakes in his Relation of it, for he is called there *Shildgate*, inſtead of *Milgate*, and ſaid to be Prior of *Windham*, inſtead of *Bokenham*; he bare for Arms 3 Eſcalops, which are to be ſeen on a

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[a] Mon: Ang: Vol. 2. p. 274.

Brick in the Chancel Wall, 2 Lyons being the Supporters, as alſo upon a Wall of a Houſe at *Thompſon*, in which *Roger Colman*, Clerk, lately dwelt, with this under them,

PERPETUIS ANNIS, MILGATE MEMENTO JOHANNIS.

And this Motto, —— HELP HANDIS.

By which it ſhould ſeem as if this Houſe alſo was built by him; whether theſe were his paternal Arms or no, I can't ſay, but rather think they were not, the Eſcalops might be aſſumed (for want of Arms) as the Badge of St. *James*, to whom his Priory was dedicated, and the Rampant Lyons might be placed ſignificantly enough, as Supporters, that Houſe being founded by *William de Albany*, Earl of *Arundell*, whoſe Arms were, *Gul.* a Lyon Rampant *Or*, In Digging a Grave for one Mr. *Watts*, near this Tomb, they happen'd on a Vault cloſe to the Wall, in which this Prior's Bones, 'till that Time laid undiſturbed. To the North Side of the Chancel, joins a Chapel or Chantry, now converted into a School-houſe, and Veſtry, it hath W. B. cut in Stone over the North Door; and in a Window is a broken Effigies Kneeling, and this,

DOMINUS MICHI GRACIA. IN DOMINO CONFIDO.

The Step up to the Altar ſtill remains, and the Altar Stone is taken down, and laid level with the Pavement, North and South, exactly as it ſtood, before which lies a large Stone which hath been taken up, and hath this lately cut on it,

Here lyeth the Body of Habbak. Layman, Surgeon, who departed this Life the 5th Day of April, An° Dom: 1699. Ætatis ſuæ 51.

This Stone is robbed of a large Braſs Effigies and 4 Shields, by which I learn, that it is the Graveſtone of *George Haſſet*, (or *Bleverhaſſet*) Eſq; who firſt married the Daughter of *Jarnegan*, and after the Daughter of *L'Eſtrange*, for I find in a MSS. of Mr. *Anſtis*'s, mark'd E. 26. fol. 29. that he is here buried under a fair Graveſtone, with his Arms quartered, and there is no Stone here that ever had any Arms, but this only, and the W. B. cut in Stone over the Door of this Chantry, might ſignifie *William Bleverhaſſet*, by whom it is very likely it might be founded.

The Screens between the Church and Chancel, and the Cover of the Font which is neatly carved, are old, and ſeem to be put up at the Expence of one *Oakelye*, for in the Arch, there is carved on a Stone, an Acorn on an Oaken Branch, and leye under it, as a Rebus or Device for that Name.

On an old Seat in the Nave are two Images, much defaced, under which with difficulty, this may be read,

Orate pro Animabus Roberti Wattys, et Elizabete uxoris eius.

Some of the *Watts*'s are ſtill Living here.

On another old Seat which ſeems to have been part of the Screens of the Chantry, at the Eaſt End of the North Iſle is this,

Orate pro anima Johannis Lynn ........

In the Nave are ſeveral Stones pillaged of their Braſſes, but on a very large one before the Desk, the Pourtraitures of a Woman and 5 Boys and 5 Girls, are ſtill left, the Inſcription and Man's Effigies being loſt; under this Stone 'tis probable *Roger Dennis* is interred, for whom in Mr. *Weaver*'s Time [b] this was remaining,

Orate pro anima Rogery Dennys, Seneſchalli Caſtal ........:

In the Chancel is a ſmall Altar Tomb againſt the North Wall, having had an Effigies, Inſcription, Circumſcription, and 4 Shields, which are all gone, *Weaver* ſays it was erected for *George*, Lord *Audeley*, and his Wife, the Daughter of the Earl of *Bath*, and indeed the Arms on the South Side of it, which are painted, and now whited over, did intimate, that it was erected for ſome of that Family, the firſt being

AUDELEY, *Gul.* a Fret *Or*, Quartering *Touchett*, *Erm.* a Chev. *Gul.*

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[b] Page, 839.

Tho. Howard, Duke of *Norfolk*, and [c] *Margaret Audeley* his 2d Wife, reſided here in 1560, about which Time he adorned the Windows of the Church [d] with the following Arms, ſome of which are now loſt.

*Audely* quartering *Touchet*, in a Garter.
*Audely* impaling *Bourchier*, *Ar.* a Croſs ingrailed *Gul.* between 4 Water-Boudgets *Sab.*
*Lovaine*, *Gul.* a Feſs between 6 Billets *Or.* Quarter'd with *Audely.*
*Fitz-Warren*, Quarterly *Gul.* and *Ar.* per Feſs indented.
*Audely*, impales *Gul.* 3 Bows *Ar.*
*Audely*, impales *Badeleſmere*, *Ar.* a Feſs between 2 Barrs Gemells *Gul.*
*Ar.* 2 Barrs Wavy *Gul.* Duke of *Buckingham* and *Mowbray*'s Arms.
*Howard*, impales *Az.* 6 Lions Rampant *Ar.*
*Howard*, quarters, *Az.* on a Bend *Sab.* 3 Annulets of the firſt.

In a Garter with a Ducal Caronet 4 Coats quarter'd, 1ſt. 2d. *Howard*, with the Augmentation, 3d. Earl *Warren.* 4th. *Mowbray.* And this Inſcription,

**IHC: ------- hys Mede, --- All helpys of this Dede.**

This Dukes Effigies in his Coat Armour, having his Hatchment in the Garter, was three Times in one Window, but all are now gone. In the Eaſt Chancel Window is a large White Roſe, the Badge of the Houſe of *York.* And,

*England* with a Labell of 3 Points. *Ar.*
Impaling Lord Talbot, *Gul.* a Lyon Ramp. in a Bordure ingrailed *Or*, Quartering *Ar.* 2 Lyons Paſſant *Gul.*
*Mowbray* ſingle, and *Brotherton* and *Mowbray.*

There are two Marbles in the Iſle for *John Bringloe*, who died *March* the 18th 1706, aged 58 Years; and *Hannah* his Wife who died the 15th of *Jan.* A° Dom. 1682.

Another Stone at the Weſt End, for Mary Daughter of Mr. James Watson, Surgeon, and Sarah his Wife, who died June 29, 1723, Aged 4 Years.

On an Altar Tomb on the North Side of this Stone,

*Here reſteth the Body of JOHN KETT, late of Diſs, Gentleman, who died Oct: the 1ſt 1728, Aged 76 Years: Alſo the Body of MARY his Wife, who died Augt. the 21ſt 1729.* To whoſe Memory their Kinſman Mr. JAMES WATSON of this Pariſh, Surgeon, erected this Tomb.

Tho' we did live ſo many Years,
Prepare O Youth for Death;
For if he ſhould at Noon appear,
You muſt give up your Breath.

On an Altar Tomb in the Nave under the Gallery,

Here reſteth in Hopes of a joyfull Reſurrection the Body of Elizabeth the Wife of *JOHN BURRISH* of Banham, who departed this Life the 25th of June 1728, in the 62d. Year of her Age, And alſo Eliz. Robt. and Ann Foſter her Grand-Children, Eliz. died Jan. 26 1724. Robt. died June 19th 1728, Ann died Apr. 21, 1732, all in their Infancy.

As in a Moment we are gone,
And as our Time do's fly,
Let us always prepared be
For bleſt Eternity.

There is a Stone in the Chancel for, Andrew Burlingham who died May the 24th 1735, Aged 55 Years.

All you that ſtop to read my Stone,
Conſider how ſoon I was gone,
Death ſometimes doth no Warning give,
Therefore be carefull how you live.

There are four old Stones in the Nave in ſhape of Coffins, but no Inſcriptions: And on a Stone in the Wall of the Porch, is a Horſe carved.

Tho' there are no Memorials of any kind, remaining over the Places of their Sepulture, [e] yet I find that on the 30th Day of *June* A° 1593, here was buried *Jane* Counteſs of *Weſtmoreland*, Wife to *Charles* Lord *Nevile* of *Weſtmoreland*, Lord of *Raby*, *Standrop*, *Branſpeth*, *Warkworth*, *Sheryhuton*, and *Midelham*, Daughter of *Henry Howard* Earl of *Surrey*, and Siſter of *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk.*

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[c] Vincent 557.

[d] MSS. Anſtis E. 26, fol. 29.

[e] The Pariſh Regr. Mills, p. 987.

[f] Here lyeth alſo, *Elizabeth* Dutcheſs of *Norfolk*, who was buried the 18th of *Sept.* 1567, She was 3d Wife to *Thomas Howard* 4th Duke of *Norfolk*, Daughter of Sir *Francis Leibourne*, Knt. and Widow of *Thomas* Lord *D'Acre* of *Gilleſland* and *Greyſtock*.

THOMAS Duke of NORFOLK, who died at his PALACE here in 1554, is not buried here, (as by ſome aſſerted) but at *Framlingham* in *Suff.*

On an Altar Tomb in the Church-yard, by the South Side of the Nave,

Here lyeth the Body of FRANCIS GROOME, who departed this Life, May the 5th 1711, Aged 83 Years. And alſo FRANCES his Wife who died *Sept.* 3, 1712, Aged 92 Years. Alſo the Body of NICHOLAS GROOME, Son of FRANCIS GROOME, and FRANCES his Wife, who departed this Life Octob: the 3d 1728, in the 67th Year of his Age.

On a Coffin Stone againſt the Chancel, tho' at ſome Diſtance.

[g] Here lyeth the Body of *Robart Button*, who died *June* the 29th betwixt 6 & 7 a Clock at Night, Aged 74 Yeares.

Tho' they were ſo punctual for the Hour they forgot to inſert the Year of his Death, which was in 1711.

Another Altar Tomb not far from the Porch, hath this,

In Hopes of a joyful Reſurrection, lyeth the Body of SUSAN, the Wife of WILLIAM SARE, who died Decr. the 9th 1727, Aged 67 Years. Alſo WILLIAM SARE, her Husband, died Jan. the 15 1727, Aged 74 Years.

† This CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, as appears from the Will of *Jaffry Elingham*, who gave 5 Marks towards Building the Bell Sollar.

[h] The moſt eminent Perſon that this Town hath produced among our Authors, was Brother *John* of *Kennynghale*, who became a Carmelite, or White Frier, in the Convent at *Norwich*, [k] and afterward was Provincial Prior of the whole Order throughout all *England*; he died *April* 28, 1451, and was buried in that Monaſtry. He wrote divers Treatiſes on ſeveral Pieces of *Ariſtotle*, and 12 Sermons upon CHRIST's Death and Reſurrection, with other Works that are now loſt. * *Bale* from *Leland*, gives us an Account of another, who from his Name ſeems to have belong'd to this Town, and that was *Peter Keningall*, a Carmelite Frier and noted Preacher, of a good Family, born indeed in *France*, but of *Engliſh* Parents; he ſtudied at *Oxford* for ſeveral Years, and died there, *Anno* 1494, and was buried in his Convent. He wrote certain Sermons, or Diſcourſes to the People, and ſome Diſputations.

## *The* COMMONS *belonging to this Town*

Are very large, containing more than all the encloſed Lands, and are thus called, the *Park Common*, becauſe it joined to the Park, *Southache*, or *Southagh*, now *Southwell Common*, the HEATH which is appropriated for Sheep (as the other are for great Beaſts) beſides other ſmall Greens which are Common, tho' of no great Extent.

The TOWN LANDS are, Three Pieces in *Quidenham-Fields*, lett to the Farmer at *Quidenham* for 10*s.* *per Ann.* One Acre in *Gobbit*'s-*Cloſe*, lett to the Vicar (the reſt of that Cloſe being Glebe) for 6 *s.* *per Ann.* *Barly-Clove*'s Hempland, lying againſt the Park Common, lett at 7 *s.* 6 *d.* *per Ann.* One Acre in *Mill-Cloſe*, lett at 6 *s.* *per Ann.* One Acre in *Camping-Cloſe* lett at 6*s.* *per Ann.* Five Roods in *Upper Furlong*, and one Acre in *Pollswill Furlong*, lett at 10*s.* *per Ann.* *Hilbridge-Cloſe* about 2 Acres, lying by *Harling Field*, lett at 10*s.* *per Ann.* Mrs. *Dorothy Gawdie* gave 20 *s.* a Year, to be paid out of Lands in *Garboldiſham*, to the Poor of *Kenninghall.*

In 1603, there were 370 Communicants, and now there are about 114 Houſes, 132 Families, and 700 Inhabitants. It paid to the Tenths 3 *l.* 10 *s.* and is now valued to the King's Tax at 1059 *l.* 15 *s.* It is a neat compact Village, ſtanding round the Market-Place, which muſt be a very convenient one, when the Market was kept there.

f Vincent 592.

h The Pariſh Regr. Mills. 527.

g Le-Neve's Monuments Vol. 2. p. 243.

† Regiſter Gelour in the Year 1478. Int: Archiv: Epi: Norwic. See Fersfield, fol 64.

i Weaver 807. Bale de Script. part 1. fol. 592.

k Poſſevin: Apparat: Sacr: 504.

* Bale de Script. Brit: part 2. Num: 81.

(*,*) I am lately informed that there is exactly Eleven Acres and One Rood of Glebe, that there is a Cup which weighs 6 Ounces, and a Cover of the ſame Weight; that the 1ſt Bell weighs 700 lb. the 2d 1000, the 3d 1200, the 4th 1400, and the 5th 2500.

# *LOPHAM*

JOINS to the South Part of *KENNINGHALL*, what this Town's Name ſignifies, I know not, and which is remarkable, it never alter'd it's Spelling from the Conqueror's Time to this Day, [l] for in *Domeſday* we find it the ſame. In the Confeſſor's Time * *Lopham* was two diſtinct Towns and different Manors, *Lopham-Magna*, now *North Lopham*, belonged to *Oſl* a Freeman, his Manor having three Carucates of Land, in Demean, and the other *Lopham*, called afterwards *Lopham-Parva*, and now *South Lopham*, belonged to *Alſius* a Freeman, whoſe Manor then contain'd two Carucates in Demean. This *Alſius* had a Manor in *Norton*, which in the Conqueror's Days he joined to this, making it a *Berewic* to it, after which it came into the Conqueror's Hands, who gave them to *Roger Bygot*, Earl of *Norfolk*, who joined the two *Lopham's*, [m] and granted off the *Norton* Part to *Alured* an *Engliſhman*; from this Time *Lopham* hath continued as one Manor to this Day, tho' they are two diſtinct Pariſhes, each having their ſeparate Bounds and Officers.

[n] **Roger Bygot** who was poſſeſſed of this Manor at the Survey, died in 1107, and was buried in the Abbey of *Thetford*, which he had built, leaving *William* his Son and Heir, [o] who gave the Church of *Lopham* to the Monks of *Thetford*, in the Time of *Henry* I. [p] which was appropriated and then confirmed to that Houſe, with all it's Appurtenances, by King *Henry* II. this was *South Lopham* Church, which by it's Conventual Form, and Gothic Tower, was in all likelihood built at this Time, and 'tis probable ſome of thoſe Monks had a Cell here, and ſerved it for ſome Time, and this is the Reaſon that this Church never had any Inſtitution, tho' the Monks quitted all their Right in it to the Lord, who had a Releaſe of it from the Abbey, and added it with the Appurtenances to the Rector of the other Church, who took the Cure upon him from that Time; this muſt be very Early, for before 1340, it was taxed at 26 Marks, a Value that muſt include the Whole. [q] This *William* being Steward of the Houſhold to King *Henry* I. periſhed with that King's Children, and divers other of the Nobility, by Shipwreck as they came from *Normandy* into *England*, in the Year 1119, leaving

**Hugh Bygod** his Brother his Heir, who by King *Stephen* was made Earl of the *East-Angles*, or *Norfolk*, which was again confirmed to him by King *Henry* II. together with the Stewardſhip of that King's Houſhold; yet notwithſtanding all theſe Favours, he took Part with the Earl of *Leiceſter*, in the Rebellion began by him, adhering to young *Henry* (whom King *Henry* his Father had crowned) in his Rebellious Practices, but meeting with no Succeſs, he was forced to make his Peace with the King, for a Fine of 1000 Marks, and not long after, he went into the Holy Land with the Earl of *Flanders*, and there died in 1177, upon which the King ſeized all his Treaſure and retain'd it in his Hands.

[r] **Roger Bygod** his Son inherited, who in 1189, was reſtored by King *Richard* I. to his Earldom, Stewardſhip, and Eſtate, upon paying a Fine of 1000 Marks for theſe Favours, he died about 1218, for then

**Hugh Bygod** his Son, had Livery of his Lands, performing his Homage; he died in 1225, and left

**Roger** his Son and Heir, who died without Iſſue in 1269, and his Inheritance went to

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[l] Domeſday fol. 117. Terra Rogeri Bigoti Gildecroſs Hund.
* Lopham tenuit Oſl.

Liber homo, Tempore Regis Edwardi iii car: terre, pro manerio, ſemper ii villan. et xiii bordarij et iiii ſervi. et xii acr. prati. tunc et poſt ii car: in dominio modo iii, ſemper ii car. hominum et ſilva. C. porc. et xix Socman: i car: terre cum omni Conſuetudine et xii acr. et ii car. tunc. i. Runc: modo i runc: modo ii tunc i anc: modo xiii m° xl porc. tunc C. oves modo lx tunc et poſt valuit lx Sol: m° C. Sol: et xij Sol:

In alio Lopham tenuit Alſius Liber homo, T.R.E. ii car. terre, ſemper ii villani et vii bordar: et iiii ſervi et xi acr. prati ſemper ii car: in dnio et dim: car: hominum et una car: poſſet Reſtaurari, ſilva lxxx porc. et iiii Soc: xiii acr. terre. et ii. bov: et i liber homo xl acr. terre i bord. et i acr. et dim. prati. ſemper dim: car. ſemper i Runc: tunc i an: m° iii ſemp: xl porc. tunc C. oves. m° lx et x vaſa apum. Soca de Libero homine in Kenichala.

In Nortuna i car: tre. tenuit idem pro manerio T.R.E. modo tenet Aluredus Anglus, ſemper iiii villani, et iiii bordarij et i acr. prati tunc ii car: in dnio. poſt et modo i et alia poſſet Reſtaurari, ſemp. dim: car: hominum et vii Soc: lx acr. terre et ii bord. et i acr prati ſemp. i car: Hanc Terram addidit Alſius in Lopham pro Berevita tempore Regis Willi: et eam habebat pro manerio T.R.E. et in ea. xx oves.

Lopham valuit T. R. E. lx Sol: et Nortuna xx Sol: modo Tot: valet Lopham lxx Sol: et Nortuna xxx Sol: Tot: Lopham habet i Leug. in longo et i Leug in lato et xxxiiii *d*. et i ob: (ſc. de Gelto.)

(fol. 128.) In Lopham v. Libi: homines i. car: terre et xx acr: et v bor. et v acr: prati ſemp. ii. car: et dim: ſilv: xl porc. totum val: xlviii Sol: et iiii *d*. Soca in Kenichala.

[m] See Norton.

[n] Dug. Bar. vol. 1. fol. 132.

[o] Mon: Angl: Tom. 1. 664.

[p] Ibidem 667.

[q] Dug. Bar. vol. 1. 132.

[r] Fin: divers. com. H. 3. L. 4. N° 23.

ROGER his Nephew, Son to his Brother *Hugh*, who had then Livery of that great Inheritance, being 25 Years old, but he alſo having no Iſſue, in 1301, ſettled all his Eſtate (except the Manors of *Acle* and *Caſtre*, and the Advowſon of *Geldeſton* Church in *Norfolk*, and others in *Yorkſhire*) upon King *Edward* I. after his and his Wife *Alice*'s Death, together with the Marſhal's Rod, upon Condition to be rendered back in caſe he ſhould have any Children; tho' at the ſame Time *John Bygod* his own Brother, and Heir apparent was living, who by this means was cut off from all, but the Manors that were excepted. [s] This *Roger* jointly with *Alice* his Wife, held this Manor of the King's Grant upon the Settlement, at which Time the Manor Houſe had a Demean of 335 Acres of Land, 15 of Meadow, and 20 Acres of Paſture, with a Park, 2 Wind-Mills, and the 4th Part of *Harling* Mill, [t] he died about 1305, [u] ſeized of this and many other Manors, leaving *John* his Brother 40 Years old, his next Heir, [x] who inherited nothing, but the Part excepted, the Eſtate going to King *Edward* I. From which Time it remained in the Crown 'till *Edward* II. [y] in the 9th Year of his Reign gave it with the reſt of the *Bygod*'s Eſtate, to

THOMAS DE BROTHERTON, his Brother, whom he this Year created Earl of *Norfolk*, and Marſhal of *England*, he died in 1338, leaving his two Daughters his Heirs, *Alice* married to *Edward de Monteacute*, and *Margaret* firſt married to *John* Lord *Segrave*, and after to Sir *Walter Manny*, Knt. of the Garter, to whoſe Share this among other Manors, was allotted: In her Right *John de Segrave* became Lord and Patron, upon *Thomas de Brotherton*'s Death, and held it 'till he died in 1351, leaving *Eliz.* his Daughter and Heir, then married to *John*, Son of *John* Lord *Mowbray*, tho' this Manor remained in the aforeſaid *Margaret*'s Hands, and came to her 2d Husband, *Walter de Manny*, Knt. who had it 'till he died in 1371, from which Time it continued in the ſaid *Margaret*, 'till the 24th of *March* 1399, when ſhe died. She was created Dutcheſs of *Norfolk* for Term of her Life, by *Richard* II. in 1397. [z] It appears that there were great Uneaſineſſes between her and the Lord *Segrave*, her firſt Husband, for ſhe went in Perſon to *Rome*, in order to obtain a Sentence of Divorce from him, of the Pope, having obtain'd Letters of ſafe Conduct for her and her Retinue, of the French King, notwithſtanding which ſhe and her Servants were all arreſted and taken in their Journey, at the Inſtigation as was thought of her Husband, who was then under Excommunication for not going to *Rome*, according to the Pope's Citation, tho' he had pleaded that being a Baron of *England*, he was not compellable to appear at that Court; by this Means he ſtopped her appearing againſt him at *Rome*, at the Day aſſigned, and the Matter afterwards was made up between them; at her Death it deſcended to

THOMAS Lord MOWBRAY, Duke of *Norfolk*, her Grandſon, who was Son of her Daughter *Elizabeth*, married as aforeſaid to *John*, Son of *John* Lord *Mowbray*, who died at *Venice* in 1399, leaving this *Thomas* his Son then 14 Years old, [a] who in 1401, had this Manor, tho' the * Advowſon and part of the Demeans belonged to *Elizabeth* his Mother, in right of her Dower, he never was Duke [b] being beheaded at *York*, with *Richard Scrope*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, in 1405.

JOHN his Brother then 17 Years old being his Heir, who was reſtored to the Title of Duke of *Norfolk*, in 1424, [c] and dying in 1432, *John* his Son, then 17 Years old ſucceeded him; [d] but this Manor was aſſigned in Dower, to *Catherine* his Mother, Daughter to *Ralph Nevil*, Earl of *Weſtmoreland*, who afterward married to *Thomas Strangewayes*, Eſq; after that to *John* Viſcount *Beaumont*, and laſtly to *John Widvile*, Brother to *Anthony* Earl *Rivers*, all which were Lords here, in her Right; at her Death *John* Duke of *Norfolk* her Son enjoy'd it, and died ſeized in 1461, and *John* his Son inherited, he died in 1474, leaving *Anne* his ſole Daughter, then two Years old, afterwards married to *Richard* Duke of *York*, 2d Son to King *Edward* IV. who was murdered in the Tower in 1483, and dying iſſueleſs, it fell to the Share of *John Howard*, Knt. Son of Sir *Robert Howard*, Knt. and *Margaret* his Wife, who was one of the two Daughters and Co-heirs of *Thomas Mowbray*, Firſt Duke of *Norfolk*, [e] from which Time it hath always attended the Fate of that Family, and is now the Eſtate of the preſent DUKE of NORFOLK.

This Manor was held as parcel of Earl *Roger*'s Barony, and in 1285, had View of *Frankpledge*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Ale*, and *Freewarren* belonging to it. In 1609, the Quit-Rents were above 21 *l. per Ann.* in 1641, the Park was farmed at 390 *l. per Ann.* The *Lete* belongs to the Manor.

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[s] Eſch: A° 35, E. 1.

[t] Vincent 342.

[u] Dugh. Bar: Vol: 1. 136.

[x] Notwithſtanding what Mr. Dughdale ſays, this John inherited the excepted Manors, Fin: diverſ. com: temp. E 1. Lig: 5. N 21.

[y] Dug: Bar: vol, 1. ſays A° Reg: 6. Vincent ſays 9, p: 343.

[z] E MSS: Bib: Col: Caj: I. 18, p 201, b.

* Lib: Inſt:

[a] Inquiſ: 3, H 4:

[b] Vincent 346:

[c] Ibid: 350:

[d] Dug: Bar: vol, 130, 131,

[e] See how it paſſed in that Family under Fersfield,

The Customs of which are, that the Fines are at the Lord's Will, the Copyhold deſcends to the Eldeſt Son, the Tenants can build, and pull down, fell Timber, and plant on the Waſte againſt their own Lands without Licence.

## Goodsons Manor *or Free-Tenement in* North Lopham,

Was held of the Hundred, by the Service of 1 *s.* a Year, [*f*] to which belonged many Copy and Freeholders, the whole at firſt contained a Carucate of Land, which was granted by Earl *Roger*, to *Richard* of *Lopham*, who died in 1194, in which Year *Ivo* of *Lopham* his Son, gave 20 *s.* to have a Recognition of the Death of his Anceſtor, for a Carucate of Land in *Lopham*, againſt *Gundred* the Counteſs, [*g*] and in 1198, the ſaid *Ivo*, granted half of the ſaid Carucate, with *Ivo* the Steward of *Lopham*, his Family, and Poſterity, to Earl *Roger*, and *Gundred* his Counteſs, and agreed to hold the other half of them, by the Rent of 5 *s.* a Year, and 20 *s.* 6 *d.* Scutage, ſo that now this Free Tenement, as it was then called, contained half a Carucate; the 5 *s.* Rent was afterwards releaſed, and it came to be held of the Hundred, and not of the Capital Manor, at 1 *s.* a Year Rent. In 1248, [*h*] *Henry* (of *Lopham*,) the Chirurgeon had it, and in 1335, *Henry* the Son of *Robert* (of *Lopham*,) afterwards it was owned by *John Goodſon*, Vicar of *Pakenham*, whoſe Name it ſtill retains: From this Family it went to *John Hawes*, and from him, to *Robert Leader*, then to *John Leader*, and from him to *Robert Warnes* the Elder, and then to *Robert Warnes* the Younger, who had it in 1635, by which Time the Copyhold was all manumiſed, and the Free Rents ſold off, all but 16 *s.* 10 *d.* 3 *q.* a Year. [*i*] In 1684, *Robert Warnes*, Son of the laſt *Robert* held it, by the Rent of 12 *d.* a Year, in lieu of all Suit of Court to the Hundred. It after belonged to *Francis Bogas*, Gent. who died in 1692, leaving it to his Widow, who afterwards married Mr. *Samuel Browning* of *Thetford*, and at her Death it went to Mr. *Sam. Browning* his Son, who ſold it to Mr. *John Saunders* of *Thetford*, the preſent Owner, but there are no Rents now remaining.

## *The* Rectory Manor

Always belonged to the Rector, as it now doth, it's Cuſtoms being the ſame as the Great Manor, there is a Rectory-Houſe, and 46 Acres and one Rood of Glebe in *South Lopham*, and 9 Acres, 2 Roods and an half in *North Lopham*.

This Rectory is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and *Rockland* Deanry, valued at 17 *l.* 5 *d.* and is ſtill charged with Firſt Fruits, and 1 *l.* 14 *s.* *ob.* yearly Tenths. The Synodals are 3 *s.* and the Procurations 7 *s.* 7 *d.* *ob.*

*South Lopham* Church is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, being built * in the Conventual Form, the Tower is ſquare, being a very large *Gothic* Building; in it are 6 good Bells, the Chancel is thatched, the Nave, South Iſle, and Porch are leaded; there are no Arms, nor Inſcriptions any where in it, except this on a Stone in the Chancel very obſolete,

**hic iacet Dominus Willus Litling.**

And on the Outſide between the South Windows, are the initial Letters for, JESUS MARIA, &c.

In Mr. *Anſtis*'s Book it appears the following Arms were formerly here, *viz.*

Segrave. Brotherton. Mowbray. Walter de Maney *Or*, 3 Chevrons *Sab.*
Vere. Ufford. And *Erm.* a Bend *Gul.* cotized *Or.*

Coote, *Ar.* a Chev. between 3 Coots *Sab.* } For *Chriſtopher Coote*, and
Harvey, *Ar.* on a Bend *Gul.* 3 Trefoils *Vert.* } *Barbara Harvey*, his Wife.

(Of this Family more will occur in *Blow-Norton*; this *Chriſtopher* had a Leaſe of this Manor.) [*l*] *Matthew* his Eldeſt Son was born in 1563, in 1546, *Leonard* Son of *Robert Coote* was buried, 1589, 15 *June*, *Francis Coote*, Gentleman-Uſher to Queen *Elizabeth* was buried in this Chancel,

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*f* Rot. Pip: 6, R 1, Norf. *g* Fines Ao 10 R 1 Norf.

*h* Of this Family was Symon de Lopham, Clerk, in 1334, and Dioniſe de Lopham his Son, who was a famous Notary Publick.

*i* Much of this Account is taken from the Original Rentals which were in my Cuſtody, but are now accidentally burn'd, tho' my Extracts were preſerved.

* The Tower as before obſerved, in all Liklihood, was built by Will. Bygod, about the Time he gave it to Thetford Monks, but the preſent Church was rebuilt long ſince, moſt likely by the Pariſh, when Nicholas de Horton, Rector here, rebuilt the Chancel, between the Years 1361, and 1380.

k E 26 fol 24, b. *l* Pariſh Regiſter.

In which the following Inſcriptions were formerly on Braſs Plates.

[m] **Orate pro Animabus Rolandi Arſick, Armigeri, Secundi Filii Eudonis Arſick, militis qui Rolandus obiit 17° Die Febr: 1497, et Margaretæ uxoris eius, filiæ Thomæ Huntingfield, de hac villa que quidem, Margareta obiit 25° die Octobris 1486, Quorum Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.**

**Orate pro Animabus Willi Hovell de Aſhfield, Armigeri, et Elizabethe uxoris eius, qui quidem Willus ob: 7° die Julii, 1534, Quor: aiabz propicietur Deus, Amen.**

In 1526, *Robert Saunder* was buried in this Church, who gave 20*s.* towards the Repairs of the Steeple.

*North Lopham* CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, the Tower is ſquare, having 5 Bells in it, it was begun to be Re-built about 1479, for then *Tho. Jente*, who was buried here, gave 4 Marks towards it's Building, but was not finiſhed [n] 'till about 1526, for 'till that Time moſt that died here left ſomething towards it; there were certainly a great Number of Benefactors, the initial Letters of the Names of the principal Ones being carved in the Stone Work on the South Side, *John Kailli* the principal Undertaker's Name being at length.

**Orate pro Animabus Johannis Kailli.**
**m. a. w. a. J. B. m. b. R. b. m. a.** &c.

The Nave and Chancel are thatched, the South Iſle leaded, and the South Porch tiled, in which there is a Stone fixed in the Wall, for *Simon Aldrich*, who died the 5th Day of *June*, 1715.

In the South Window of the Chancel, a Biſhop in his *Pontificalibus* is repreſented as dead, lying along.

In the Church is a Black Marble for *Francis Bogas*, Gent. who died the 6th Day of *July*, A° Dom: 1692. ARMS, 2 Feſſes and a Canton.

On one of the Bells.

**Filius Virginis Marie dat Nobis gaudia vite.**

[o] Here were 2 Gilds, one dedicated to St. *John*, the other to St. *Peter*, which were endowed with Lands, ſeized upon by the Crown, in the 1st Year of *Edward* VI. and ſo continued 'till King *Phillip* and Queen *Mary*, in the 3d and 4th Year of their Reign, gave them to *Tho. Reeve*, and *George Calton*, who ſold them the ſame Year to *Tho. Brooke*, and *Will. Woodferme*, who ſold them again immediately to the Inhabitants, who now enjoy them, *viz.* a Tenement and half an Acre at the Weſt End of the Church-Yard. 3 Acres of Land in *North Lopham*, the firſt is called St. *John*'s *Acre*, becauſe it belonged to that Gild, and lies in *Well*, or *Willbuſh Furlong*. The Second is St. *Peter's Acre*, ſo called for the ſame Reaſon, this abutts upon the Common towards the Weſt. The Third is called *Lamp Acre*, and abutts on the Glebe, and was given to maintain a Lamp Burning in the Church, all which are now held of the Manor of *Eaſt Greenwich*, by Fealty only, without any Payment, and were ſettled to the Uſe of the Poor.

In 1412, Sir *Edmund Noon*, Knt. Lord of *Shelfhanger*, granted a Tenement, called *Elwine*'s, and 13 Acres of Land, part of his Demeans to *Richard Boſſe*, to be held free by him and his Heirs for ever, by the Payment of a Red Roſe, every *Midſummer-Day* at *Shelfhanger* Manor, all which Lands, with others join'd to them, he gave to this Town to repair the Church for ever, ſettling them to that Uſe upon *William Tye*, Parſon of *Shelfhanger*, *John Pycot*, *John Clare*, and *John Gyles*, Clerks, who in 1454, conveyed them to *Henry Noon*, Eſq; *Edmund Bokenham*, Eſq; and *John Halle*, Parſon of *Garboldiſham*, from which Time it hath been held by Feoffees, as it now is, and the Profits applied to that Uſe, it being now lett at 8*l. per Ann-*

In 1500, *Robert Bolle* of *North Lopham*, gave a Rood and Half at *Willbuſh*, to repair the Church for ever.

In 1607, the Inhabitants held a piece of Land given by *Tho. Jente*,

A Tenement called the *Town-Houſe*, and a Croft of one Acre, given by *Catherine Turnor*,

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[m] Coll: P, L, N. [n] Regr: Briggs, fol 204. [o] Regr. Awbry, [p] From the Evidences in the Church Cheſt.

A Piece of Paſture in *Lyng Furlong* of 2 Acres, abutting on *Kenninghall Common* North.

The other Town Lands are lett at 12 *l. per Ann.* whereof 1 *l.* 10*s.* a Year lies in *Garboldiſham*, and 1 *l.* a Year in *South Lopham*.

Here is a Town-Houſe inhabited by 5 poor People.

In 1696, Mrs. *Mary Williamſon* of *Garboldiſham* gave a Meadow, called *Stulp Meadow*, in *Garboldiſham*, and another Meadow adjoining to it, to this Pariſh, the Church-Wardens of which are Annually to receive the Rent, and to bind out a poor Child every Year to a Trade, and if there be no poor Child in the Pariſh, then they are to lay it out, to cloath the poor People of the ſaid Pariſh.

In 1730, the Church-Wardens leaſed out a Cottage for 69 Years to come, to *Trophimus Shepperd*, at the annual Rent of 1 *l.* 2 *s.*

SOUTH LOPHAM hath an Eſtate of 30 *l.* a Year at *Wortham* in *Suffolk*, which was given by one *Purdy* for the Repairs of the Church, and if there were any Overplus, to charitable Uſes, ſuch as the Feoffees would apply it to, for the good of the Town, the Houſes and the greateſt Part of the Farm is Freehold.

Tradition has it, that *Purdy* was a *Wortham* Man, and a Leper, and gave his Eſtate to this Town, becauſe they were willing he ſhould be buried among them, which *Wortham* was not; but this being a common Story told in moſt Places where there are Gifts of this Nature, I look upon it as Tradition only.

Here are 3 ſmall Cottages for the Poor, by whom they are now inhabited.

This Town hath alſo 60 Acres, called the *Frith*, taken off the Common by the Lord's Conſent, of whom they now hold it, it is Marſh Ground, and lett at 8 *l. per Ann.* the Income of which is given to the Poor by the Feoffees every *Chriſtmaſs* and *Eaſter*.

And alſo a Meſſuage, Barn, and 16 Acres of Freehold Land, lying in the Pariſh, now rented at 15 *l. per Ann.* ſettled to repair and beautify the Church for ever, and before the Tenure of Knight's Service was aboliſhed, it paid *Scutage*, and a Relief of 2 *s.* 2 *d. ob.*

Not many Years ſince, the Inhabitants purchaſed a Freehold Eſtate in *Dickleburgh*, rented at 8 *l.* a Year.

## *The* COMMONS

Contain as much Land as the whole Towns beſide, on all which, *North* and *South Lopham* are joint Commoners, but no other Pariſhes Inter-common with them; they are called the *Great* or *Mill-Common*, *North-Green*, *North-Common* and the *Fenn Common*, [q] and the Inhabitants heretofore had all *Chimbrook-Meadow*, for Common, which they granted to the Lord to make his Fiſhery, agreeing to quit all right of Commonage in it, and on all other the Lord's Waſtes, on the Eaſt Side the Hundred Ditch, and Park Banks, for which the Lord agreed to lay them out an Equivalent of other Lands, upon their *Great Common*, which was done accordingly, reſerving the Trees, Furze, and Buſhes, growing, or which ſhould ever hereafter grow on the Lands, ſo laid out, which Privilege, the Lord ſtill enjoys, the Lands being then called the *Severals*, and now the *Allands*, or *Ollands*.

In former Times this Town was moſt Wood, tho' now it doth not more abound with it than it's Neighbours, for it appears from a Fine ſued in 1383, that there was then great Plenty, for in that Year, the Counteſs of *Norfolk* ſettled 60 Acres of Wood, and the *Pannage* and keeping one *Boar*, and 24 *Swine* in her Park here, with Liberty of gathering Acorns for 7 Days, with 25 Men, on herſelf for Life, remainder to the Counteſs of *Pembrook* for Life, after to Sir *John Haſtyngs*, Knt. Earl of *Pembrook* her Son, and the Heirs of his Body, remainder to the Heirs of the Counteſs.

The Honour of *Clare* extended into this Town, there being divers Lands here, formerly held of that Honour.

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[q] From divers Evidences of the Manor in my own Hands, and from others, in the Hands of Joseph Doe, Owner of Lands adjoining to Chimbrook Meadow, aforeſaid.

RECTORS

## RECTORS *of LOPHAM*,

*Robert de Cantuaria*, or *Canterbury*, reſigned in 1332, and *William Vygerous* was inſtituted on the Nones of *Sept.* preſented by THO. DE BROTHERTON, Son of the King, Earl of *Norfolk*, and Earl Marſhal of *England*; in 1335, on the Kal: of *March* he had a Diſpenſation for Non-reſidence, as Domeſtic Chaplain to *Stephen de Graveſend*, Biſhop of *London*. [r] This *William* the 13 of the Kal: of *April*, 1327, was preſented by the Biſhop of *London*, to *Thorley* Rectory, being then an Accolite only: [s] In 1329, he changed with *Stephen de Scaldeford* for *Finchley* Rectory in *Middleſex*, to which he was inſtituted the 6th of the Id: of *May*, and was then Prieſt, in 1332, on the Nones of *Sept.* he reſigned *Finchley* and took *Lopham*, for which he gave his Archdeaconry of *Eſſex* in Exchange, to *Rob. de Cantuatia*, [t] to which he was collated by the Biſhop of *London*, on the 4th of the Nones of *Dec.* Ao 1331, in 1336, he was collated to the Rectory of *Fulham* in *Middleſex*, which he held with *Lopham* to his Death, Ao 1341. [u] This *Robert de Cantuaria*, was Chaplain to King *Edward* II. Rector of *Lopham*, Archdeacon of *Eſſex*, Prebend of *Cumb* in the Church of *Wells*, and of *Mapesbury* in St. *Paul*'s Church, *London*, 1331, and died about 1333.

1342, 29 *March*, *Tho de Thurleſton*, Prieſt. Sir JOHN DE SEGRAVE, Knt.

1342, 7 *June*, *John de Loughton*, Accolite. *ditto.*

1346, 17 *July*, He changed with *Will. de Dunſtaple*, Rector of *Cheſtreford*, *London* Dioceſs. [x] *ditto.*

1349, 4 *July*, *Will. de Atterton*, Prieſt. *ditto.*

1351, 4 *March*, *Giles de Wyngreworth* a Shaveling. King EDWARD, on Account of the Lands late Sir *John Segrave*'s, having recover'd this Turn in his own Court, againſt *John de Segrave*, thoſe Lands being lately in the King's Hands.

1352, 27 *Aug.* *Giles* reſigned, and *Richard de Penreth*, Prieſt, was inſtituted. King EDWARD, on Account of Sir *John Segrave*'s Lands now in his Hands, at Sir *John*'s Death,

1361, 27 *July*, *Nicholas de Horton*, Prieſt. WALTER Lord MANNEY. [y] This *Nicholas* was a Monk of *Thetford*, and Founder of *South Lopham* Chancel, he had a long Suit with *Walter Pek*, Rector of *Garboldiſham St. John*, about 2 Pieces of the Demean Lands of the Rectory of *Lopham*, which laid in *Garboldiſham*, the Tythe of which the Rector of *Garboldiſham St. John* claim'd, but there paſſed a Decree againſt him, that neither the Rectors of *Lopham*, nor their Farmers, ſhould pay any Tythe to *Garboldiſham*, tho' the Lands laid in that Pariſh.

1380, 22 *Auguſt*, Sir *Giles de Wenlock*, Prieſt. MARGARET Mareſchal Counteſs of *Norfolk*, and Lady *Segrave*; he was her Chaplain, and Steward of her Houſhold.

1394, 3 *Sept.* Sir *Jeffry Symond* of *Derſham*, Prieſt. The Counteſs of *Norfolk*, (*ſc.* MARGARET) *John Grym* Rector of *Garboldiſham St. John*, renewed the Action againſt this *Jeffery* for Tythe of his Demeans, but was immediately Caſt.

1404, 25 *Febr.* *Jeffry* reſign'd, and *Adam Cokelot* Prieſt, ſucceeded. ELIZ. Dutcheſs of *Norfolk* in right of her Dower.

1423, 22 *Dec.* This *Adam* being grown old and blind, ſo that he could not ſerve the Cure, reſign'd in favour of *Edmund Coupere*, Prieſt, who was obliged by the Biſhop at his Inſtitution, to pay him a Penſion of 10*l.* a Year, during his Life. ELIZABETH Dutcheſs of *Norfolk*.

1431, 12 *May*, *Edmund Couper* reſigned, and *Henry Perbroun* was inſtituted. *Edmund Wynter*, *Roger Hunte*, and *Robert Southwell* Feoffees of JOHN MOWBRAY, Duke of *Norfolk*.

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[r] Newcourt Rep: Vol. 1. 897.
[s] Ibidem 605.
[t] Ibidem 702.
[u] Ibidem 72.
[x] Newcourt Vol. 2. 132.
[y] Col: P. L. N. MSS. pen: J. Anſtis Garter, E. 26, fol. 24, b.

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| 1438, 25 *Nov.* | *Perbroun* changed for *Heydon* with *Will. Brixey*, Prieſt. JOHN Duke of *Norfolk*. |
| 1446, 17 *Sept.* | *Tho. Wode*, Chaplain to JOHN Duke of *Norfolk*. [z] This *Thomas atte Wode*, was Warden of *Gonvile-Hall* in *Cambridge* in 1426, which he held to 1454. He was the firſt Benefactor towards Building the Hall of that College, and the Wardens old Room, Dr. *Caius* (by Miſtake) calls him *Cotwood*. |
| 1462, 8 *March*, | *Rich. Derby*. JOHN Duke of *Norfolk*; [a] he was after Chaplain to the Dutcheſs. |
| 1507, ult. *Jan*, | *John Gravely*, on the Death of the laſt Rector. |
| 1546, 2 *Febr.* | The Right Rev. *John Salisbury*, Suffragan Biſhop of *Thetford*, was preſented by the King. He reſigned in |
| 1554, | But on the 6th of *May* in the ſame Year, he took it again, and held it united to *Diſs*, being preſented by THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*. He reſigned in |
| 1560, | And *John Harriſon*, Prieſt, was inſtituted *June* 29. |
| 1576, 16 *Nov.* | *John Dovefield*, A. M. *Will. Dixe*, and *Will Canterell*, Eſqrs. Feoffees. |
| 1578, 22 *Sept.* | *Arthur Womack*, A. M. on *Dovefield*'s Reſignation. *ditto*. he was buried here the 18th of *June*, 1607. |
| 1607, 20 *June*, | *Laurence Womack*, A. M. *John Holland*, and *Edward Carrell*, Eſqrs. Feoffees to THO. Earl of *Arundell*; he died in the Rebellion, and one *Thomas Ellis* got Poſſeſſion of this Rectory, who held it by Uſurpation [b] 'till 1663, but was then deprived by Six Juſtices, upon the Act, for holding Anabaptiſtical Errors, and refuſing to baptize Infants. |
| 1663, *April* 24. | *Edmund Salmon*, D. D. of *Cambridge*, HENRY HOWARD Knt. WILL. PLAITERS, Bart. &c. Truſtees to the *Norfolk* Family. |
| 1681, 2 *May*, | *Samuel Slipper* A. M. Chaplain to the Duke of *Norfolk* on *Salmon*'s Death. *John Meek* and *John Jay*, Patrons for this Turn. |
| 1713, 11 *June*, | The Rev. Mr. *Robert Hall*, A. M. on *Slipper*'s Death, preſented by THO. Duke of NORFOLK, who ſome Time after ſold the Patronage to Dr. *Hill*, who hath obliged his Heirs for ever, to preſent a Fellow of St. *John*'s College in *Cambridge*. Sir ROWLAND HILL is now Patron, and Mr. *Hall* aforeſaid is Incumbent, who hath publiſhed a Volume of Sermons, and another of Catechiſtical Lectures, in 8*vo*. and a Sermon on the Peace. |

This Town is remarkable among the Country People for the three WONDERS, (as they call them) the Firſt is, the *Selfgrown Stile*, being a Tree grown in ſuch a Manner, that it forms a regular Stile, and ſerves for ſuch in a common Foot Path. The Second is, the *Ox-Foot Stone*, which lies in a Meadow ſo called; it is a large Stone of the Pebble kind, on which is the fair Impreſſion of an Oxe's Foot, which ſeems to be natural, the Fable of it is, that in a great Dearth (No-body knows when) there came a Cow conſtantly to that Place, which ſuffered herſelf to be milked (as long as the Dearth laſted) by the poor People, but when that decreaſed, ſhe ſtruck her Foot againſt that Stone, which made the Impreſſion, and immediately diſappeared. The Third is called *Lopham Ford*, at which Place the *Ouſe* and *Waveney* (thoſe diſagreeing Bretheren as [c] *Spelman* calls them) have their Riſe, and tho' there is no greater Diviſion than 9 Feet of Ground, yet the former goes Weſt by *Thetford* to *Lynn*, and the latter, in a direct contrary Courſe, by *Diſs*, and ſo to *Yarmouth*, including this whole County, *Leland* calls it *Lopham Market*, (without any Authority) and ſays that it belonged to *Richmond* Fee, being lead into that Error, I ſuppoſe, by it's being the Place where the Goal of the Duke of *Norfolk*'s Liberty was kept, of which *Swaffham* is the head Town in this County, where the Coroner for the Liberty generally reſided, and that Town belonging to *Richmond* Fee, might poſſibly lead him into this Miſtake; and as this Liberty is of large Extent in the County, it will not be amiſs to give you an Account of it's Riſe and Privileges in this Place, becauſe it hath been generally reputed to be, as it were annexed to this Manor.

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[z] Parker's Hiſt. of Camb: p. 80. [a] Regr. Sayne fo. 32. [b] Regr. Reynolds fol. 66. [c] Vol. 7, p. 45.

[d] King *EDWARD* IV. by Letters Patent under the Broad Seal of *England*, dated at *Weſtminſter* the 7th of *December*, in the 8th Year of his Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, 1468, granted to JOHN Duke of Norfolk, and ELIZABETH his Wife, and their Heirs for ever, the Return of all *Writs* whatſoever, and of all *Bills*, *Summons*, *Precepts*, and *Mandates* of the King, and of all acting under him, within the Liberty, Manors, and Hundreds following, *viz.* Within the Manors and Demeans of *Forncet*, *Framlingham parva*, *Ditchingham parva*, *Ditchingham*, *Loddon*, *Syſeland*, *Halvergate*, *Southwalſham*, *Cantley*, *Strumpſhaw*, *Caſtre*, *Winterton*, *Dickleburgh*, *Boyton*, and *Bayfield*, in the County of *Norfolk*, and alſo within the whole Hundred of *Earſham*, and the half Hundred of *Gildercroſſe* in the ſaid County, and alſo in the Towns, Pariſhes, and Demeans, of *Kelſale*, *Bonnagaie*, *Peaſenhall*, *Calcote*, *Stonham*, *Dennington*, *Brundiſh*, *Ilketſhalle*, and *Cratefield* in *Suffolk*; and in the Rapes of *Lewis*, and *Bramber*, and all the Parts and Parcels thereto belonging, and in the Hundred and Lordſhip of *Boſeham*, and the Town of *Stoughton* in *Suſſex*, in the Manor and Lordſhips of *Reygate* and *Barkyng* in *Surrey*; and the Town, Manor, and Lordſhips of *Harwich*, and *Dovercourt* in *Eſſex*, and in all Parcells, Precincts, and Juriſdictions of all the aforeſaid Rapes, Hundreds, Towns, Manors, and Lordſhips, ſo that no Sheriff, or any other Officer whatſoever, ſhould enter the ſaid Liberty, but that every Thing ſhould be tranſacted by the Officers of the ſaid Duke, appointed for that Purpoſe. Furthermore, the King granted to the Duke and his Heirs, all manner of Fines, Profits, Amerciaments, Penalties, &c. of all Reſidents in the ſaid Liberty, with all other Things that ſhould accrue to his Royal Crown and Dignity, with full Power for the Duke's Officers to ſeize for any of them, in as full a manner as the King's Officers ſhould have done, if this Grant had not been made. Further, the King granted to the ſaid Duke and his Heirs, all *Weyfs* and *Strays*, *Felons* Goods, and *Forfeitures*; and alſo, that the *Reſidents* in this Liberty, ſhall not be ſued or forced to anſwer in any other Court, than that of the Liberty, for any Sum under 40*s.* And further, the King granted to the ſaid Duke, full Power and Authority, to have his own *Coroners* and *Clerks* of the Markets in his Liberty, with the ſame Power that thoſe Officers of the King have in any other Place; together with a *Steward* of the Liberty, who ſhall have Power to determine all Actions under 40*s.* ſo that they ariſe within the Liberty; all which Privileges the King confirmed to him, in Exchange for the Caſtle, Manor, Lordſhip and Burgh of *Chepſtowe*, the Manor of *Barton*, and the Manor and Lordſhip of *Tuddenham*, in the *Welſh* Marſhes, to which, all the aforeſaid Privileges (and much greater) belonged, and had been enjoyed by the Duke and his Anceſtors, Time out of Mind, but were now by the Duke, at the King's earneſt Requeſt, convey'd to *Wm.* Earl of *Pembrook*, and his Heirs, and a Fine levied accordingly: All theſe Liberties and Privileges, were enjoyed by the ſaid Duke, and his Succeſſors, 'till Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, and then were exemplified under Seal, at *Weſtminſter*, the 4th of *July*, 1558, at the Requeſt of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, who was then ſeized in Fee, and ſo continued 'till 1568, when he ſettled this, among other large Eſtates, on *Tho. Cornwallis*, Knt. *Nich. L'Eſtrange*, Knt. *Tho. Timperly*, *Will. Barker*, *Rob. Higford*, and *Edw. Peacock*, and their Heirs, to his own Uſe for Life, and to whatever other Uſes he ſhould declare, by any Will or Deed, that he ſhould make, and ſoon after he declared by Deed, that they ſtood ſeized to the Uſe of the faithfull and beloved Servants of the late Duke, *John Bleverhaſſet*, *W. Dixe*, *William Cantrell*, and *Laurence Banneſter*, in Truſt, that they ſhould truly pay the Debts and Legacies of the ſaid Duke, and the Overplus to remain to *Phillip* Earl of *Surrey*, and his Heirs, Remainder to *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, and *William* Lord *Howard*, and their Heirs; but upon the Attainder of the Duke, and *Phillip* Earl of *Surrey*, it was ſeized by the Crown, where it continued 'till *James* I. by Letters Patent, dated at *Weſtminſter* in the Year 1602, being the 1ſt Year of his Reign, gave and granted to his faithful Counſellors, *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, Baron of *Walden*, and *Henry Howard*, Brother of *Thomas* late Duke of *Norfolk*, and Son of *Henry* late Earl of *Surrey*, and their Heirs, this Liberty, with the Honour, Lordſhip, and Manor of *Forncet*, and the Manors of *Earl's*, or *Little Framlingham*, *Halvergate*, *Ditchingham*, *Siſeland*, *Dickleburgh*, *Loddon*, and *Laundich* Hundred in *Norfolk*, the Caſtle, Soke, and Manor of *Bongeye*, and Manor of *Cratfield* in *Suffolk*, (all being part of the Poſſeſſions of the late attainted Duke) together with all *Lawdays*, *Amerciaments*, Views of *Frankpledge*, &c. the one Moiety to *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, and his Heirs, the other to *Hen. Howard* and his Heirs, and the Year following, on the

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[d] This Account is taken from a MSS. containing an Exemplification of all the Grants of the Privileges of the Liberty, which is now in the Hands of the Steward,

3d Day of *April*, the King by other Letters Patent, granted to *Thomas* Earl of *Suff.* Lord Chamberlain of his Houſhold, and to *Henry* Earl of *Northampton*, Guardian of the Cinque Ports, (thoſe Titles being conferred on them in the Mean-time) and their Heirs, the Manors and Advowſons of *Ditchingham*, and *South Walſham*, late the attainted Duke's, and by other Letters Patent, dated at *Weſtminſter*, *Nov.* 22, in the 6th Year of his Reign he gave them the half Hundred of *Gyltcroſs* in *Norfolk*, and *Cratfield* and *Kelſale* Manors in *Suffolk*, late the ſaid Dukes, with all their Liberties, *&c.* together with the Barony, Burgh, and Manor of *Lewes* in *Suſſex*, and the Barony and Manor of *Bramber*, with the Office of Itinerant Bailiff, and of Clerks of the Markets within the ſaid Baronies in *Suſſex*, together with *Darkyng cum Capell* Manor in *Surrey*, with all the Liberties of the late Duke of *Norfolk*, as *Letes*, Views of *Frankpledge*, *Lawdays*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Beer*, *Pleas*, *Weyfs*, *Streys*, Forfeitures of *Felons*, *Fugitives*, *Deodands*, *Knight*'s *Fees*, *Eſcheats*, *Heriots*, *Freewarten*, Return of all *Writs*, *Precepts*, &c. in as full and ample a Manner, as ever *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk* enjoyed his Liberty, before his Attainder; by means of which Grant, each of them was ſeized of a Moiety, all which Premiſſes they divided by Indenture, dated the 13th Day of *May* following: The Manors of *Forncet*, *Ditchingham*, *Loddon*, *Syſeland*, *Halvergate*, *South Walſham*, *Laundich* Hundred, and the half Hundred of *Earſham*, with the Manor of *Bongey*, were aſſigned to *Henry* Earl of *Northampton*, and his Heirs, of which he died ſeized in 1613, and they deſcended to *Thomas* Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey* (who was reſtored in Blood in a Parliament at *Weſtminſter*, *March* 19, 1602,) [e] as Couſin and next Heir, then aged 25 Years, he being Son of *Phillip* late Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, deceas'd, Son and Heir of *Thomas* late Duke of *Norff.* and Elder Brother of the ſaid *Henry*, late Earl of *Northampton*: And after this, *Henry* Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey* by Indenture dated *March* 1, 1617, purchaſed to him and his Heirs, of *Thomas* Earl of *Suff.* all his Part, Right, and Eſtate, in the Hundred of *Gyltcroſs*; *Kelſale* and *Cratfield* Manors in *Suff.* the Rapes of *Lewes*, and *Bramber* and *Nomans-Land* in *Suſſex*, *Darkyng* and *Capell* Manors in *Surrey*, the Barony, Manor, and Burgh of *Lewes*, with the Office of Bailiff Itinerant, the Manors of *Lewisburgh*, *Rymer*, *Ilford*, *Seaford*, *Meching*, *Middleton*, *Brithelmeſton*, the Free-chaſe called *Clers*, Liberty of the Sheriff's Turn of *Nomans Lands*, *Sheffield*, and *Grimſtead* Manors, the Barony and Manor of *Bramber*, with the Itinerant Bailiff there, the Burgh of *Horſham*, Burgh of *Shorambury* and *Beding New-Park*, the Burgh of *Steyning*, and the Manor of *Sompting-Albots*, the Office of Clerks of the Markets in *Lewes* and *Bramber* Baronies, *Sheffield* and *Lyngfield* Manor, the fourth Part of *Barkyng* and *Capell* Manors, the Tollbooth of *Southwark*, and *Guilford* in *Surrey*, and all Privileges that *Thomas* late Duke of *Norff.* had, in the Letters Patent of Queen *Elizabeth*; and particularly all thoſe Liberties, commonly called the Duke of *Norfolk*'s LIBERTY, by Vertue of which, *Thomas* Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey* aforeſaid, was ſeized of the whole in Fee, and ſo continued 'till the 12th of *Auguſt* 1641, and then he and the Lady *Alathea* Counteſs of *Arundell*, his Wife, and *Henry* Lord *Mowbray* and *Maltravers*, their Eldeſt Son, and Heir Apparent, *Henry Bedingfield*, Knt. and *John Cornwaleis* of *Earl-Soham*, their Truſtees, ſettled it (among many other Eſtates) on *Lionel* Earl of *Middleſex*, *Henry* Lord *Pierpoint*, *Edw.* Lord *Newburgh*, *Will. Playters*, Knt. and Bart. and *Richard Onſlow*, Knt. in Truſt, to whatever Uſes the Earl, his Lady, and their Son, ſhould declare by Deed, and on the 16th of *Auguſt* in the ſame Year, they declared it was abſolutely to the Uſe of their Truſtees, and their Heirs, in order that they ſhould make Sale of all, or any Parcels of the ſaid Baronies, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Liberties, Advowſons, *&c.* aforeſaid, and that the Money from thence raiſed, ſhould be by them applied to pay the Debts of *Thomas*, late Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, and the Overplus to remain to the Lord *Maltravers* or his Heirs, and whatever remained unſold, after the Debts paid, they were to ſtand ſeized of, to the Uſe of the Lord *Maltravers* and his Heirs, (and that the Title might be perfect, *Will. Howard* of *Maynward* in *Cumberland*, Knt. join'd in the Indentures) and thus they ſtood ſeized 'till *Henry* Lord *Pierpoint*, by the Name of *Henry* Earl of *Kingſton* upon *Hull*, Marqueſs of *Dorſet*, by Deed dated the 6th of *Feb.* 1656, at the Requeſt of *Henry Howard*, Son of *Henry* late Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, releaſed to *Will. Playters*, and *Rich. Onſlow* aforeſaid, and their Heirs, all his Right in the Premiſes, by Virtue of which they were ſolely ſeized, and being ſo, by Indenture, dated the 30th of *July*, 1659, they conveyed them to *Arthur Onſlowe*, Knt. and *William Turner*, Citizen and Draper of *London*, and their Heirs, (*Forncet*, *Marſhal*'s, and *Grey*'s Manors in *Banham*, being particularly named) and the ſaid *Arthur* and *William*, by Indenture dated the 4th of *Nov.* 1660, jointly with, and at the Requeſt of *Hen. Howard*, Eſq; ſecond Son of *Henry* Earl of *Arundell*, deceas'd, and *Rich. Onſlow* of *Weſt Clandon*, Knt. *Arth. Onſlow* his Son and Heir, *John Fowell* of *Fowellscom* in *Devonſhire*, Eſq; and *Rich. Marriot*, of *Clements Danes* in *Middleſex*, Knt. convey'd the Whole abſolutely to *John Taſeburgh*, of *Bodney* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; and his Heirs, in Truſt, and to the Uſe of *Rich. Onſlowe*, *Arth. Onſlowe*, *John Taſeburgh*, and *Will. Turner*, and their Heirs, to the Intention that they ſhould ſell the Whole, or any part of the Premiſes, with the Woods or Timber, to raiſe Money to pay all the Debts of the aforeſaid *Hen. Howard*, with all their own Expences in the Affair, and the remaining Overplus whether in Money, or Eſtates unſold, was to be to the ſole Uſe of the ſaid *Hen. Howard*, and his Heirs, and of whomſoever he ſhould Aſſign it to, upon which the ſaid *Rich. Onſlowe*, *Arth. Onſlowe*, *Will. Turner*, and *John Taſeburgh* being ſolely ſeized of the Liberty, *&c.* begg that the Liberties, *&c.* might be allowed and confirmed to them, which was done, upon their producing the Charters and Grants, all which were allowed by *Jeffry Palmer*, Bart. Attorney-General, and at the Requeſt of *Henry* Lord *Howard*, were exemplified under Seal at *Weſtminſter*, the 2d of *April* 1669, and ſoon after (the Debts being paid) it was again veſted in the HOWARD Family, the DUKE of NORFOLK being now LORD, who nominates a *Steward* and *Coroner*, and keeps a *Goal* for Debtors, either here, or elſewhere, as he pleaſes.

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[e] Inquiſ. capt. apud Harleſton, 9 Apr. 18 Jac: I.

In 1603, there were in both *Lophams* 351 Communicants, and now there are 76 Dwelling-Houſes, 95 Families, and 470 Inhabitants in *South Lopham*; and 74 Dwelling-Houſes, 92 Families, and 460 Inhabitants in *North Lopham*. They paid 5*l.* 12*s.* to the old Tenths, being valued together, but now they are aſſeſſed ſingle to the King's Tax, *viz. South Lopham* at 785*l. per Ann.* and *North Lopham* at 772*l.* 10*s.* each of them paying a *Lete Fee* of 18*d.*

The Rev. Mr. ROBERT HALL, bears *Arg.* on a Chev'ron ingrailed between 3 Talbots Heads eraſed *Gul.* a Mullet of the Field, in Chief a Creſcent for difference. CREST, on a Torce *Arg.* & *Gul.* a Talbot's Head eraſed *Gul.*

Mr. WADE KETT of *South Lopham* bears, as in fol. 25, a Creſcent for difference.

Mr. HENRY BRANCH of *South Lopham* bears, *Arg.* a Lyon Ramp. *Gul.* over all a Bendlet. *Sab.*

Mr. RICHARD FLOWERDEW of *South Lopham* bears per Chev'ron ingrailed *Arg.* & *Sab.* 3 Water Boudgets counter-changed, a Mullet for difference.

# NORTON,

NOW called *Blow-Norton*, corruptly for *Norton Bel'eau*, as it is antiently ſpelled, which ſignifies the North Town upon the Fair Water, or River, on which it is ſituated, and by which it is divided on it's South Part, from *Suffolk*.

It had four diſtinct Manors in the Conqueror's Time,

The firſt of which belonged to * *William* Earl *Warren*, and was held by *Fulcher* under him, of his Caſtle of *Lewes*, and laid in *Kenninghall Soken*, before the Earl had it. This was afterwards called *Brome-Hall* Manor, and was held of the Earl *Warren*'s Caſtle at *Acre*, by the Service of the fourth Part of a Fee, which Service deſcended with that Caſtle and Honour, it was after held of *Tateſhale* Barony.

** The ſecond was held as a diſtinct Manor in the Confeſſor's Days, and in the Conqueror's, belonged to *Alſius*, who then added it to his Manor of *Lopham*, as a *Berewic*;

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* Terre Willi de Warrenna, Hundr. de Gildecroſ. (Domſd: fol. 91.)
In Nortuna tenet Fulcherus i car: terre quam tenuit. i Lib. Homo, T.R.E. ſemper vi Villan: et ii bord· et i acr. prati: tunc et poſt. i car. in dnio. m° i car. et dim. et dim. car. hominum. dim. Mol· et i Soc. i acr. terre tunc et poſt valuit xx Sol. m° xxx hoc eſt de Caſtello de Laqueis. Soca in Chenighehala Regis ſemper. donec Wills: habuit.

** See Lopham fol. 151. Note *

from him, it became part of the Eſtate of *Roger Bygod*, under whom at the Survey, *Alured* an *Engliſhman* held it. It was given very early by the *Bygods* to the *Bromes*, and ſo became part of *Brome-Hall* Manor, being always held of the Earls and Dukes of *Norfolk*, by the Service of a Quarter of a Fee.

The Third Part belonged to the Abbot of *Bury*, and was held by a [*] *Socman* of his in the Confeſſor's Days, and by [f] *Joceline* in the Conqueror's, the whole Town being then a League long, and half a League broad, and paid 8*d. ob.* 1*q. Danegeld*, there were then 5 Acres of Land belonging to the Church: this was called *Semere*'s Manor, from the *Seymors*, or *St. Maur*'s Lords thereof, and was held of the Abbey, by the Service of a whole Knight's Fee.

The fourth Part belonged to [§] *Ely* Abby, but I don't find who gave it, tho' imagine it was given with *Garboldiſham*, to which it might then belong, it is plain it was ſeized as that was, and recover'd from *Roger Bigot* in the Conqueror's Days, after which the Abbat held it but a little while, for it came to the Earl *Warren*, whither by Feofment, or Purchaſe I can't ſay, one of thoſe Earls granted it to *William de la Snore*, to be held of the Caſtle at *Acre*, by the Service of a quarter of a Fee, from which Time I find nothing of it 'till 1288, and then *William de Blow-Norton* held it by that Service, in 1345, *Adam de Norton* was Lord, in 1401, *John Armiger* had it, in 1570, one *Chittock* had it, but 'twas ſoon after purchaſed and join'd to *Semere* Manor: it is now called, *Brent-Hall*, or *Burnt-Hall*, becauſe the Manſion Houſe was burn't down, it ſtill retains a Place in the Stile of the Court, which runs thus.

*Brome-Hall* and *Semeres*, with *Brent-Hall* in *Blow-Norton*.

## *Brome-Hall* MANOR

Was ſo called from the Family of the *Bromes*, who had one part of it, of the Grant of the *Bygot's*, in very early Days, the other Part coming to them from *Roger de Somery*, whoſe Anceſtors had it of the Earl *Warren*'s Gift; it ſeems that *Roger* Son of *William de Brom*, married [g] *Petronilla*, one of the Heireſſes of *Roger de Somery*; for in an Inquiſition taken in the Time of *Henry* III. it is ſaid, that he held it jointly with her, as part of the Inheritance of *Roger de Somery*, of the Earl of *Arundell*, this was about 1280; in 1302, they ſettled the Manor and Advowſon on themſelves for Life, then on *William de Brom* their Son and Heir, remainder to *Robert* their other Son, *Henry de Brom* [Brother to *Roger*] being Truſtee. In the next Year *Roger* died, and left *William* his Son and Heir, who died before his Mother ſo that *Robert de Brom* his Brother, at his Mother *Petronell*'s Death, which was before 1443, inherited the Whole, it being ſettled by her, on him and *Joan* his Wife in Tail, in the Year 1336, by a Fine then levied between them and *Edmund Bacon*, Parſon of *Corton* in *Suffolk*, and *Robert de Jernemuth*, or *Yarmouth*, in an Inquiſition in 1345, it is ſaid, that he held both the Parts of this Manor, and paid a Relief of x*s.* to the Earl of *Arundell*, for the half Part held of him, at a quarter of a Fee, and x*s.* to the Earl *Warren*, as a Relief for the other Half, that being held of him at a quarter of a Fee: In 1363, he held it jointly with *Roger Brom* his Eldeſt Son. In 1401, *Robert Brome*, Eſq; Son of the laſt *Roger* had it, who died inteſtate in 1453, leaving *Olive* his Widow, who adminiſtred, *John Broome*, Eſq; his Son, being very young, he afterwards was Lord, and left it at his Death to *Henry Brome* his Son and Heir, who left it to *James Brome* his Son and Heir, who died without Iſſue, about 1510, and it deſcended to his two Siſters, *viz. Mary Jenney*, and *Anne*, firſt married to *Rob. Stede*, Eſq; after to *John Brampton*, and then to *Rob. Rookwood*, Gent. at her Death the Whole went to *Thomas Brampton* her Son and Heir, who had purchaſed the other Moiety, in 1533, of *Edward Jenney*, Son and Heir of *Mary Broome*, by *Jenney* her firſt Huſband, ſhe and *Ralph Shelton*, Eſq; Son of Sir *John Shelton*, Knt. her ſecond Huſband, joining, to make a compleat Title, and thus it was join'd to

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[*] Terre Abbatis de Sco Eadmundo. Gildecroſ. Hundr. (Domeſd. fol. 177.)

In Nortuna tenet idem (ſc. Goſcelinus, de Abbate,) i car. terre quod tenuit i Socman: Sci. Edmi. ſemper v Villani. et tunc iiii bord: mo v. i acr. prati. ſemper ii car: in dnio. et dim. car: hom: Silva x. porc: i mol. et i Soc. dim acr. mo: iii runc: xii an: x porc· xlv ov: vi. vaſa apum. val. xxx Sol:

Habet i Leug: in longo, et dim: in Lato, quicunque ibi teneat et viii d. et obol: de Gelto, et i Ferding.

[f] This Joceline was Brother to Abbat Baldwin, who inſeoffed him in the Conqueror's Time, in many great Poſſeſſions here, at Quidenham, and elſewhere, as I learn from the White Regiſter of that Abbey, (fol. 97.) from which, it will not be amiſs to obſerve, that Abbat Baldwin about that Time inſeoffed almoſt all the Knights that held of the Abbey. This Joceline was not the Author of the Chronicle in the Cotton Library, ſo called, the Author of that, being Chaplain to Abbat Sampſon.

[§] Terra Sanćte Adeldrede Gildecroſ. H. (Domeſd. fol. 188.) In Nortuna i Soc: lxxx acr. et i acr. prati et i acr. & i vil. et vii bord: et i car: val: xv Sol: Iſte fuit de Liberis hominibus Rogeri Bigot, ſed Abbas derationavit.

## *Semere-Hall* MANOR,

Which was Part of the Revenues of *Bury* Abby, and belonged to *Joceline*, Brother to Abbot *Baldwin*, who infeoffed him in it in the Conqueror's Time, it after came to the *Bygod*'s of whom it was held in the 11th Century, by the Family Sir-named *de Cadomo*, or *Caam*; *Rich. de Caam*, was Lord and Patron of St. *Andrew*'s in 1280, and in 1285, *Olive* his Widow, who held it in Dower, remitted all her Claim and Right to Sir *John de Dykele*, Knt. who ſeems to be Heir General to *Rich. de Caam*, and in the ſame Year Sir *John* granted it to [h] *Ralf de Sancto Mauro*, [or *Seymore*] and *Alice* his Wife, and their Heirs, and the ſaid *Olive* and *William de Turri* her ſecond Husband confirmed the Grant, for which *Ralf* and *Alice*, gave them an Annuity of 7 Marks, and a Gown every Year worth one Mark, during the Life of the ſaid *Olive*; in 1311, *Ralf* being dead, *Alice* his Widow ſettled the Manor and Advowſon, after her own Death, on *Edmund* their Son, and *Joan* his Wife, who was Lady in 1315, and in 1345, *John de Seymor* was Lord, Son I ſuppoſe of *Edmund*, he held it of *John de Segrave*, as of his Manor of *Forncet*, he of the Abbot, and the Abbot of the King, at half a Fee, and paid 20*s.* Relief. In 1423, *John de Seymor* had it, in 1435, a Fine was levied between *Ralph Gunton*, and *Walter Walton* of *London*, Maſon, and *Joan* his Wife by which it was ſettled on *Ralph* and his Heirs, about 1510, it is ſaid to be in the Heirs of *John Boteram*, of whom in all probability it was purchaſed, [i] by *Chriſtopher Coote*, Eſq; who had it ſettled on him and his Truſtees by Fine, in 1521, [k] he died *Sept.* 17, 1563, ſeized of *Seymor*'s Manor here, *Rich. Coote* his Son and Heir being 34 Years old, who had immediate Livery, he was afterwards Knighted, and lived to the Age of 124 Years, Sir *Charles Coote* Knt. and Bart. who tranſlated himſelf and Family into *Ireland*, where he was Lieutenant in King *Charles* I. Time, and was killed in 1642, was the laſt of the Family that had this Manor, it being join'd to *Brome-Hall* Manor by the *Brampton*'s, who purchaſed it, and ſo had all the Manors and the whole Advowſon; the Pedigree of which Family, as far as it concerns this Town, here follows.

John Stede, Eſq; S. Iſſue, he is buried here. — Anne dr. of Hen. Brome, Eſq; — John Brampton of Brome-Hall, in Blonorton, Eſq; from whom deſcended the Eldeſt Branch of the Brampton's, of Brampton, by his firſt Wife Thomazine, dr. of Sir John Jenney of Metfield, Suffolk. — Robert Rookwood, Gent.

William Brampton who was Ld. of Eccles by the Sea for Life, he kept his 1ſt Court there in 1545, and died without Iſſue.

Thomas Brampton, Eſq; Lord in 1570, buried in Norton Chancell. — Eliz. dr. of Rookwood of Langham in Norf. ob: 1603, buried by him.

1. Anne dr. of Vincent of Marlingford, Norf. — Gaudy Brampton, Lord of Norton, 1660. — 2. Dorothy dr. of John Briſcoe, of Hackney in Middleſ. purchaſed the Eſtate of Mr. Watts, jointly with her ſecond Huſband 3 Sons ſ. p. — Mr. John Beſt. who purchas'd the Eſtate of Mr. W. Watts and gave it to

1. H. Brampton, Gent. he & his Wife ſold Eccles & had no Iſſue. — Katherine Everard, married at Weſt - Herling, Febr. 19, 1537.

Hen. Brampton, & his Father ſold the Eſtate to Mr. Watts, an Attorney in Norwich of whom Mrs. Dorothy his Mother-in-Law and her ſecond Huſband purchaſed it. ſ. p. — Catherine only dr. of Sir Drue Drury of Ridleſworth-Hall.

Dorothy marry'd to Jetter, beſides other Daughters.

Nathaniel Beſt who was his Son by a former Wife; he is buried in Norton Chancel; at his Death he gave it to

Mr. ROBERT BROWN of Blow-Norton, who is now Lord & Patron.

The LETE belongs to the Hundred, the *Lete-fee* being 14 *d.* The Lord of the Hundred is *Lord Paramount*, having *Weyf* and *Strey*, Veiw of *Frankpledge* and *Free-warren*, Aſſize of *Bread* and *Beer &c.* for when the LORDS of the ſeveral Manors were forced by *Quo Waranto*'s, to produce their Charters, and plead what Liberties had been immemorially uſed, the Lords here, did not claim any.

The CUSTOMS of the Manors are theſe, The *Fines* are at the Lord's Will. The Copy-hold deſcends to the Youngeſt Son, It gives no Dower. The Tenants cannot fell Timber nor waſte their Copy-hold Houſes, without Licence. In *Bromehall* Manor, every Free Tenant upon purchaſe of any Freehold, pays a Years Free Rent to the Lord, a sa Cuſtomary Relief.

I don't find the Religious were much concern'd here.

[*l*] The Monks of *Thetford*'s Portion of Tithes out of St. *Andrew*'s, was taxed at 10 *s.*
The Prior of the Canons of *Thetford* in 1428, was taxed 12 *d.* for his Temporals here.
The Prior of *Ixworth* was taxed 2 *s.* 6 *d.* for his Temporals here, and
The Prior of *Bokenham* 14 *s.* for his Temporals in this Town.

## *The Church of St.* Margaret *had the following* RECTORS.

1300, Kal: *May*, *Henry de Brom.* Sir ROGER DE BROM, Knt.
1313, 12 Kal: *Oct.* *Nicolas de Blonorton*, Prieſt. PETRONELL, Widow of Sir ROGER DE BROM, Knt. he reſign'd to *John de Hykelynge*, and he reſign'd in
1328, To *Clement de Cnapetone*, Prieſt, who was inſtituted 8 Kal: *May. ditto.*
1343, 7 *April*, *Galfr. de Dychyngham*, Prieſt. ROBERT DE BROM.

After his Death it laid without any Inſtitution 'till 1394, when ROB. DE BROM the Patron, obtained a perpetual Union of it to the Church of St. *Andrew*, upon proving to the Biſhop, that the Revenues were ſo ſmall, that No-body would accept it; and it appearing that the Church was much decayed, both in it's Roof, and Walls, and the Pariſhioners very poor, and unable to repair it, and that St. *Andrew*'s Church ſtanding cloſe by it, in the ſame Church-Yard, was bigg enough to hold all the Pariſhioners of both, he licenced them to pull down St. *Margaret*'s Church, *May* 13, 1394, upon which it was levelled to the Ground, in ſuch a Manner, that at this Day, there appear no remains of ſuch a Place. When Sir ROGER DE BROM was Patron, *Norwich Domeſday* ſaith, that it had a Houſe and 10 Acres of Glebe, it then paid 12 *d.* Synodals, and 2 *s.* 2 *d.* Procurations; from this Time each Manor had an alternate Preſentation, to

## *St.* ANDREWS, *in* Blow-Norton.

Which before, belonged ſolely to *Semere* Manor, when Sir JOHN DYKELE was Patron, the Rector had 11 Acres of Glebe, but no Houſe, and paid 12 *d.* Synodals, and 4 *s.* Procurations: The firſt Rector I meet with is,

*Edmund de Brundyſſch*, who reſigned in
1329, 6 Kal: *May*, And *Peter*, called, *Le-Munk*, Prieſt, ſucceeded. EDMUND DE SCO: MAURO, [or SEYMOR,] Knt.
1331, 15 Kal: *Nov.* *John de Mellis de Brampton. ditto.*

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*g* This Petronell was certainly Daughter of Sir Rob. de *M*alteby Knt. and Olive his Wife, as appears from many Deeds in my Collections, to one of which her Seal is fixed when ſhe was a Widow, on which ſhe places *M*autby's arms before her Huſbands. How ſhe came to be one of Somery's Heireſſes I can't ſay.

*h* This Ralph was attached to anſwer the King, that whereas he had commanded him to attend him perſonally at Carliſle, with his whole Service, in his Army againſt the Scotts, 15 Days after Eaſter, or before that Time to appear at the Exchequer and fine for that Service, he diſpiſing the *M*andate neither came to do the Service, nor appeared to fine for it, He pleaded that the Precept was not delivered, & that he held nothing of the King for which he ought to do that Service. Upon which he was diſmiſſed. *M*adox Hiſt. Excheq. 461

*i* *Mr. M*artin of Palgrave, hath the moſt beautifull Pedigree of this Family that I ever ſaw. *Mr.* Neve's Collections relating to it are very large, it is ſaid that Sir Nicholas Coote Kt. who lived in Queen Eliz: Time, was a Retainer of the Duke of Norfolk's, & upon his Cauſe, happened to ſtrike the Attorney General, for which he was fined 20,000 l. & laid in Priſon for it a long Time, & at laſt was forced to ſell his Eſtate to pay the Fine, with the Conſent of Sir Charles his Son, who was created Aº 1660, Earl of Montrath. See Lopham fol. 153.

k When Chriſtopher Coote bought it, it contain'd 60 acres of Land, 120 acres of Paſture, 3 acres of Wood, a Fold-courſe for 300 Sheep, and an Advowſon.

*l* This Portion was given to Thetford monks, by Richard de Caam Lord of Semere-hall, and conſiſted of two Parts of the Tythes of all his Demean Lands belonging to that manor. mon: ang: vol. 1. fol. 665.

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| 1337, | *Edmund* Son of *Edm. de Burnedyſſch*, Sub-deacon. |
| 1350, 12 *April*, | *Hen. Lewyn*, Prieſt. WILL. DE MIDELTON. |
| 1355, 27 *July*, | *Rob. Agaz* (or *Agar*) *de Briſingham*, Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1358, 2 *July*, | *Rich. Munch*, Prieſt, changed with *Agaz* for *Ferſfield*. *ditto.* |
| 1365, 8 *Oct.* | *Will. Bonyng*, Prieſt, changed with *Munche*, for *Brundale*. * JOHN ERMUNDGERE, DE STRATFORD, Patron. |
| 1368, 24 *March*, | *John de Binham* a Shaveling. JOHN DE PYSSALE. Rector of *Alderton*, true Patron; in 1385, when the Union of the Livings was firſt attempted, he obtained a Grant of a Meſſuage to enlarge his Parſonage, of JOHN DE PYSSALE his Patron, (who alſo ſeems Lord of *Semere*,) and in 1384, it was confirmed him by the King's Licence. |
| 1414, 25 *Nov.* | *Peter Ingland*, Prieſt, on *Binham*'s Death. THO. GRYM, and RICH. BOLLE, Patrons of this Turn, by Virtue of a Feoffment in a Piece of Land, called *Pottage Land* in *Blow-Norton*, made by *John Binham* before his Death. |
| 1415, 9 *Aug.* | *John Moddyng* Prieſt, at *Ingland*'s Death. MARGARET, late Wife of ROB. DE BROOME, Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber, Patroneſs of this Turn, in right of *Brome-Hall* Manor. |
| 1430, 3 *July*, | Sir *Stephen Smith*, Prieſt. JOHN ALMOT of *Melles*, and JOHN BERTRAM of *Hepworth*. |
| | From the Evidences and Annals of *Caius* College in *Cambridge*, I learn, that this Sir *Stephen* gave all his Lands and Tenements in *Barningham*, in *Suff.* for the Maintenance of a Fellow to be a Prieſt, to perform Divine Offices for the Dead, in that Coll: and to preach thrice every Year at *Barningham*, *viz.* on St. *Margaret*'s-*Day*, in *Advent*, and in *Lent*, and in his Sermons to make mention of him, his Benefactor, and that he ſhould be called *Stephen Smith*'s Prieſt; the Lands given were then 4*l.* *per Ann.* and in Dr. *Caius*'s Time 5*l.* he is the 5th Senior Fellow on the Foundation: The Eſtate now conſiſts of a convenient Farm-Houſe, and 70 Acres of Paſture, 24 Acres 3 Roods of Arable, all well Wooded, the Money-Rent being 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* the Corn-Rent 2 Quarters and an half of Wheat, and 3 Quarters and 3 Buſhels of Malt. |
| 1474, | *Smith* reſigned, and *Rob. Woodward* ſucceeded. JAMES BLUNDELL, and OLIVE his Wife. |
| 1487, 7 *March*, | *Rich. Davy* on *Woodward*'s Reſignation. JAMES BLONDELL of *Mellys*, Eſq; and OLIVE his Wife, who was Widow of *Rob. Broom*, Eſq; |
| 1536, 6 *Feb.* | *Tho. Lyn* Prieſt, on *Davy*'s Death. RALPH SHELBURNE, Eſq; and MARY his Wife, and ANNE BRAMPTON, Widow, for this Turn. |
| 1573, 28 *March*, | *Tho. Billingford*, Clerk. THO. BRAMPTONE, Eſq; |
| 1605, 24 *Nov.* | *Edw. Wright* to *Blonorton Utraque*. HENRY BRAMPTONE, Gent. |
| 1641, | *Rob. Ray*, Rector. |
| 1660, | *Nathaniel Vincent*, D. D. ſubſcribed for *Norton*, but no Inſtitution regiſter'd. |
| 1722, | The Rev. Mr. *Nathaniel Rye*, on *Vincent*'s Death, who is the preſent Incumbent, and holds it united to *Hepworth*, being preſented by Mr. R. BROWNE, the preſent Patron. |

This Rectory is valued at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 38*l.* 5*s.* is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths. There is a Rectory Houſe, and 25 Acres of Glebe. Here was a *Gild* dedicated to St. *Peter*.

The Church is a mean Fabrick, of one Iſle only, which is thatched, as is the Chancel, the North Porch is tiled, the Tower is ſquare and hath in it 3 Bells, on which are the following Inſcriptions,

1. Sancte Johannes, ora pro nobis.
2. Sancta Caterina, ora pro nobis.
3. O Martir Barbara, pro me Deum exora.

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* N. B. Whether Will. de Midleton, John Ermundegere &c. were Lords of Semere-hall, or only Truſtees I can't ſay, tho' all of them except Grym and Bolle, preſented in Right of that manor.

There is no Inſcription in the Nave, this being now loſt.

Orate pro Anima Margarete Coote Generoſe que ob: x° die menſ: Sept. A° Dni. 1521.

At the Entrance of the Chancel lies a Stone robbed of it's Braſſes, which had this, *viz*.

Of your Charitie pray for the Soules of Thomas Garneys Eſqz: & Alice his Wife, the which Thomas deceaſed the firſt Day of Auguſt in the Year of our Lord God 1544, on whoſe Soules Jeſu have Mercy.

GARNEYS with a Mullet on the Chev. impaling a Feſs dancette between 3 Creſcents.

Another hath *Stede* impaling *Brome*. It is robbed of this Inſcription.

Of your Charitie pray for the Soul of John Stede Eſqz. the which deceaſed the 20 Day of Dec. in the Year of our Lord God 1540, on whoſe Soul Jeſu have Mercy.

Another Stone was laid over a Prieſt, the Cup and Wafer, the Emblems of the Prieſthood, ſtill remaining.

On 3 Braſs Plates upon a Stone at the North Eaſt Corner of the Chancel.

BRAMPTON, quartering BROME, impaling ROOKWOOD.

Here lieth intered Thomas Brampton Eſquier who deceaſſed the ix
Daye of November in the Yere of our God MCCCCClxxvi.

No brave attyer nor worldly Pompe,
But Deathe in tyme wille quelle,
Yet Bramptones Soule by virtues * Lore,
I hope in Heven dothe dwelle.

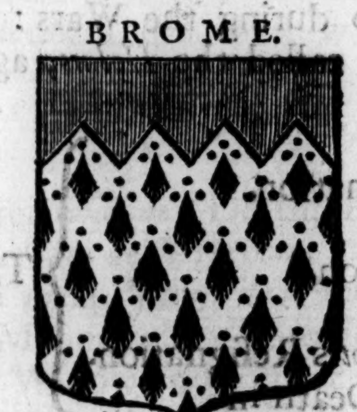
* Guide.

At the Upper End of the Chancel on the South Side, was a raiſed Tomb, cover'd with a Marble, under which Mr. *Chriſtopher Coote*, who died in 1563, was interred; this is now taken down, and the Stone laid on the Pavement.

The Houſe Right over-againſt the Church, is called the PLACE, which Name it aſſumed, when it was Re-built by *John Brampton*, it's old Name being *Brome-Hall*.

In the Kitchen Window (before it was repaired) I ſaw theſe Arms.

BROME.



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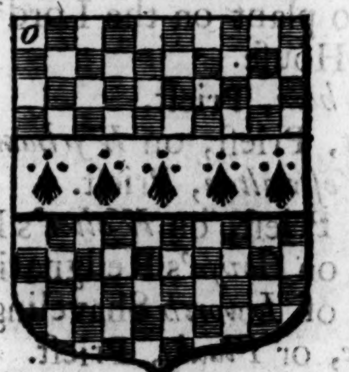

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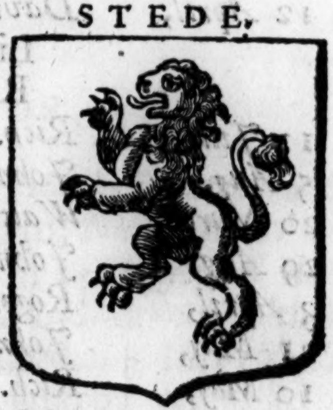

LOUE AND GRACE, DWELLE IN THYS PLACE.

*William Calthorp* married *Cecily Broome*, and was Owner of an Eſtate here, in 1536.

The Arms of *Stede* were imperfect, and ſeem'd to have been parted *per Pale*, and there was an imperfect Coat of *Brampton*.

In 1603, there were 110 Communicants, and now there are 32 Houſes, and 160 Inhabitants. It paid 50*s*. to the old Tenth, and now is aſſeſſed at 660 *l*. to the Land Tax.

Here is about 1 Rood of Land, which lies at *Furze-Common*, a Houſe being lately pulled down there, and another re-built more convenient, for two Dwellers, on the Waſte, which hath about a Rood of Land laid to it.

The COMMONS are called, *New-Croſs*, which contains about 10 Acres, *Furze Common* about 30 Acres, *South Fenn* about 30 Acres, and there are about 80 Acres of Common Carr and Fenn, on all which they Common ſolely.

ROBERT BROWNE, Gent. bears *Ar.* on a Bend *Sab.* 3 Eagles diſplay'd *Or.*

CREST on a Torce *Ar.* & *Sab.* a Goſhawk Riſing, *Or.*

# GATESTHORP

IS a ſmall Village, known by Travellers by the Name of *Gaſthorp-Gate*, which is a Publick-Houſe, that hath a Gate for it's Sign, contriv'd at firſt (I ſuppoſe) from the Name of the Town, it ſtands on a great Road which croſſes the River here: It ſeems to take it's Name from ſome Owner of it, Ᵹaꝺe'ꞅ Ðoꞃp, or *Gateſthorp*, ſignifying the Village or Manſion, of ſome one of that Name.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, and is a Rectory, diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths. It hath no Parſonage Houſe, but there are 30 Acres of Glebe.

| *King*'s *Book*'s | Annual Value with Riddleſworth is, | *Procurations.* | *Synodals.* | *Lincoln Taxat:* |
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| 06 09 04 *ob.* | 48 09 01 3 q. | 00 03 00 | 00 01 00 | vj. Marks. |

The Advowſon belonged to the Prior of the Monks at *Thetford*, who always preſented 'till the Diſſolution, unleſs in caſes of Lapſe, or when that Priory was in the King's Hands as an Alien.

## *The* RECTORS.

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| 1289, | | Sir *William*, Rector of *Gateſthorp*. Sir *Adam de Levermere* then Pariſh Chaplain. | |
| 1314, | Kal: *Jan.* | *Walter de Fakenham*, Prieſt. Lapſe. | |
| 1327, | 3 Non: *Oct.* | *John de Boys*, Accolite. The Prior of *Thetford*. | |
| 1349, | 16 *March*, | *John de Melles* of *Brampton*, Prieſt. MARY Counteſs of *Norff.* by Grant from the King, who holds the Advowſon, the Temporals of *Thetford* Priory, which is an Alien, being in his Hands, during the Wars. | |
| 1358, | 16 *March*, | *John de Berkyng* a Shaveling, inſtituted in the Perſon of Sir *Nic. de Wrotham*, Rector of *Langford*, his Proxy. MARY Counteſs of *Norff.* | |
| 1369, | 19 *Aug.* | *Stephen de Rydon*, Prieſt. The Prior of St. *Mary* at *Thetford*. | |
| 1375, | 12 *April*, | *David Bonegent*, Prieſt. King EDWARD during the Wars: He had Licence to plant on the Lord's Waſte, called the *Holms*, againſt his Rectory-Houſe. | |
| 1404, | 13 *July*, | *Rich. de Wyrham*, Prieſt. | The Prior. |
| 1409, | 5 *Aug.* | *John Skarlet*, Prieſt, on *Wyrham*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1410, | 20 March, | *Walter de Weſtwalton*, Prieſt. | |
| 1412, | 29 *Aug.* | *John Covyn*, Prieſt, on *Walter*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1413, | 3 *April*, | *Roger Sekot*, on *Covyn*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1414, | 21 *May*, | *John Blome* of *Ixworth* Shaveling, on *Sekot*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1417, | 10 *May*, | *Rich. Flaxere*, or *Flaxby*, Prieſt. At his Death in | |
| 1438, | 18 *June*, | *John-Walter de Elveden*, Prieſt. WILL. DE ELVEDEN, Sub-Prior, the Priory being void. | |
| 1459, | 13 *Dec.* | *Tho. Hunt*, Chaplain. | The Prior. |
| 1482, | 29 *April*, | *Rich. Cokke.* | |
| 1496, | 21 *Febr.* | *Will. de Oſtelyn.* ROBERT Prior of *Thetford*. | |
| 1510, | 28 *Jan.* | *Will. Cramforde*, on *Oſtelyn*'s Death, | |
| 1514, | 27 *March*, | *John Baron.* | |
| 1525, | 4 *May*, | *Tho. Jamys*, on *Baron*'s Death, united to *Gnateſhall*. | |
| 1559, | --- *Dec.* | *Thomas Pike*, Prieſt. THOMAS Duke of *Norff.* | |
| 1571, | 25 *June*, | *Francis Clark*, on *Pike*'s Reſignation. He was buried here *Feb.* 8, 1616, *Tho. Bleverhaſſet*, *Will. Dixe*, and *Will. Cantrell*, Feoffees for the DUKE. | |
| 1617, | 25 *March*, | *Gaudy Bolton*, S. T. B. ROBERT BOLTON this Turn; he had *Garboldiſham*. | |
| 1634, | 22 *Dec.* | *Robert Wotton*, A. M. ANNE, Relict of Sir *Drue Drury*, Knt. and *Drue Drury* her Son. | |

1661,

1661, 25 *Oct.* *Thomas Newcome*, A. M. on *Wotton*'s Death. Sir *Drue Drury*, Bart. united to *Gnateſhall.*

1675, 8 *June*, *George Rayner* on *Newcourt*'s Death, united to *Ridleſworth* : ROBERT DRURY, Bart.

1681, 30 *June*, *Thomas Barnes*, A. M. on *Rayner*'s Death, Sir ROBERT DRURY, Bart. He was inſtituted to *Ridleſworth* the ſame Day, and held them by Union 'till the 19th of *December* following, and then he obtained a perpetual Conſolidation.* See *Ridleſworth.*

The Church ſtands alone on a Hill, It is a very mean Building of one Iſle only, and a Chancel, both which are thatched, the Tower is ſquare, having only 2 Bells, a third being ſold in 1607, to repair the Church; There is not one Inſcription, nor any Thing elſe remarkable, except ſeveral very ancient Coffin Stones with Croſſes upon them, which were laid over ſome of the Rectors, or other Religious Perſons that were interr'd here. Since the Conſolidation, Service is performed here but once in a Fortnight.

* This Village was always ſmall, being but half a League long, and half a League broad and paid but 7 *d.* *Dane-Geld.* It belonged to the Conqueror, who committed it to Earl *Godric*'s Care, it had then one Carucate in Demean, and was held by a Freeman in King *Edward*'s Time, and was in *Kenninghall* Soken.

† The Abbot of *Bury* had a Part here worth 5 *s.* in the Confeſſor's Time, and 10 *s.* in the Conqueror's, when it was held of him by an *Engliſhman.*

The whole Town, except the Abbot's Part, remained in the Crown, 'till King *Henry* II. gave it to *William de Albany* Earl of *Arundel*, before 1198, and the Year following at his Death, it went to *William* his Son and Heir, who made a Feofment of the Whole, to

WARINE DE GATESTHORP, and his Heirs, who were to hold it of him and his Heirs, by the Service of 2 Knights Fees, and this is the Reaſon that all the Manors here were afterwards held of *Tateſhale* Barony : Soon after this, it was divided, for the PRIOR of *Thetford*, had the Advowſon and half a Fee, and JOHN DE BERDEWELL, and his Partteners had another half Fee, each of which conſtituted a Manor: *Gateſthorp*'s whole Fee was afterward called, *Weſthall* or *Wrotham*'s; The *Prior*'s half Fee, *Eaſt-hall* or *Garlek*'s; and *Berdewell*'s half Fee, was called *Up-hall.*

## *Weſt-Hall*, or *Wrothams* MANOR,

Was after *Warine*'s Death, in Sir *Adam de Gateſthorp*, then in *Galfrid de Stanton*, and ſoon after in *Adam de Wrotham*, in 1346, in *James* his Son, and in 1350, *Nic. de Wrotham* was Lord, in 1364, *James de Wrotham* aud *Alice* his Wife, owned it, in 1366, *James* was dead, and the Manor belonged to *Roger de Felbrigge*, *John Seckford* Knts. and others, Truſtees of *Alice* his Widow, who after married to *John Cocket*, who was Lord. || In 1398, *Tho. de Redeleſworth* was Lord, who left it to *Jeffry de Redeleſworth* his Son, who by Will dated 1415, ordered to be buried at *Gaſthorp*, and gave his Manor there to *Thomas* his Son in Tail, Remainder to Sir *William Berdewell*, and *Robert* his Son, who was Executor, and inherited, about 1450, *Thomas Redeleſworth*, Son of *John*, dying ſoon after without Heirs, as did his two Siſters, *Agnes* and *Margaret*, upon which,

ROBERT Son of Sir *William Berdewell*, Knt. did Homage for it, to *Ralf*, Lord *Cromwell*, as belonging to *Tateſhale* Barony, of which it was held by one Fee; and thus it was joined to the other Manor, and hath continued ſo ever ſince.

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* Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat, Gillecroſ Hundr. In Gateſthorp i Liber Homo T. R. E. i Car: Terre, tunc vi Vill: m° viii. ſemper v Bord: & ii Serv. & viii acr. Prati, ſemper i car: in dnio. & ii car: homin: & v Socm: xx acr. terre, ſemper i car: Silva xii Porc: Tunc val: xx *s.* m° xl. Tot: Hundr. reddit xx. & Tota Soca in Keninghehala. Tot: Gateſthor. habet dim: Leug: in Long: & dim: in Lat: & vii *d.* de Gelto. (fo. 34.)

† Terre *A*bbatis de Sancto Eadmundo, Gildecros Hundr. In Gadeſthorp tenuit Liber Homo T. R. E. xxx acr: Terre modo Quidam Anglicus, de Abbate. m° i Bord: iii acr: Prati, tunc dim: car: m° i. Tunc val: v *s.* modo x. De hoc habuit Abbas Commendat: T. R. E. Soca in Cheninghala Regis- (fo. 177.)

|| For this Family, ſee Ridleſworth.

## *Eaſt-Hall*, or *Garleks* MANOR,

Came ſome way or other, very ſoon, from *Thetford* Prior, (who kept the Advowſon to himſelf and part of the Demeans, valued in 1302, at a quarter of a Fee) to

JOHN DE FURNEAUX, *Will.* and *Roger de Maynwaryn*, *Hugh de Snitterton*, and *Nick. de Beaufeau*, who were Lords in 1280, being *Furneaux*'s Truſtees, after this it belonged to

JEFFRY BAINARD, whoſe Son *Roger* was Lord in 1294, and lived at *Wramplingham*, he ſettled it on *Will. de la Menewaryn*, Rector of *Eaſt-Herling*, who in 1336, convey'd it to Sir *Walter de Fakenham*, Rector of *Gaſthorp*, together with the Reverſion of the Dower of *Marion*, late Wife of *Jeffry Banyard*, who was ſtill Living.

In 1346, *Aveline*, late Wife of *Roger le Meynewaryn* was Lady.

In 1349, *Alice*, late Wife of *Hugh de Bokenham*, had it, and the ſame Year *Roger Baniard* became Lord, who was ſucceeded by *Robert Baniard* and *Maud* his Wife, who left a Daughter named *Margery*, ſhe and *John*, Son of Sir *John Furneaux*, Knt. and *Alice Avenaunt*, Daughter of *Roſe atte Wyk* of *Fakenham Parva* Neice to *Rob. Baniard*, releaſed all their Rights to

*John Garlek*, of *Gateſthorp*, before 1361, and he in 1381, ſetled it on *Nic. de Whichingham* and others, who in 1388. releaſed their Rights, to *Walter Garlek* of *Sporle*, his Son, and *Adam Monk* of *Lerling*, who convey'd it to *Tho. Jenney* Knt. *Henry* and *Edmund de Pakenham* in Truſt, and ſo it continued 'till about 1398, and then it was purchaſed of the ſaid *Walter* by

Sir WILL. BERDEWELL of *Weſt-Herling*, Knt. and join'd to his Manor of *Uphall*, both which, by Will dated in 1391, he ſettled on *Margaret* his Wife and *Robert* his Son in Tail, naming *Tho. Jenney*, *Tho. Hemgrave*, Knts. *Henry* and *Edmund de Pakenham*, his Truſtees.

## *Up-Hall*, or *Berdevvells* MANOR,

Was granted to *John de Berdewell*, who was Lord in 1285, at his Death *Sara* his Wife had it, She was Daughter to Sir *John de Furneaux*, and Lady in 1290, In 1330, *Thomas* her Son was Lord, In 1342. *Ric. Rob.* and *Thomas*, Sons of *John* and *Sara de Berdewelle*, were Lords. In 1348, *John de Berdewelle*, and in 1375, *James de Wrotham* had it, during the Life of *Alice* his Wife, by Grant from *Tho. Berdewelle*. In 1399, Sir *William Berdewelle* Knt. was Lord, whoſe Truſtees, *John Cokayn Tho. Derham* and *Ric. Alfred*, in 1403, ſetled it, on *Rob.* Son of Sir *Will. Berdewelle* and *Eliz.* his Wife, after the Death of the ſaid Sir *Will.* and *Margaret* his Wife, and in 1433, Sir *William* releaſed *Up-hall* and *Garlek*'s, to his Son *Robert*, in whom all the 3 Manors became united, and have paſſed as *Weſt Herling* to this Time; For which Reaſon I ſhall refer you thither.

In the Cuſtom Roll of WESTHALL MANOR, made in Sir *John de Gateſthorp*'s Time, this peculiar Cuſtom is enter'd, That every Tenant of that Manor, that marries out of the Homage, is obliged to pay the Lord, a Bed, Bolſter, Sheet, and Pillow; This was conſtantly obſerved, and there are Abundance of Entries in the Rolls of ſuch Payments; But in *Rich.* II. Time, the Bed was omitted, by the Lord's ‖ Kindneſs, tho' the Reſt were paid in Q. *Eliz.* Time, or a Compoſition for them. Every Woman that had a Baſtard paid 2 *s.* 8 *d.* *Leyrwite*, but the Widows did not ſo. The Dower of this Manor, was a third Part of all Free and Copyhold Lands, and a Moiety of all Lands held in *Soccage*.

It was Fine certain, and the Copyhold deſcended to the Youngeſt Son; The Tenants could not plant, nor fell Timber, nor waſte their Copyhold Houſes without Licence. The greateſt Part, (if not the Whole) is purchaſed by the preſent Lord, ſo that there are but few, if any Tenants, at this Time.

In 1419, the Town of *Gateſthorp* held a Peice of Paſture called the *Rodys*, and then the § *Cullet* that went in the Lords Flock, and laid in his Fold, paid as many ſmall Rents as amounted to 4 *s.* *per Ann.*

In 1390, *Richard de Boyland*'s Tenants in *Wilby*, were attached to do Fealty and Homage to *Eaſt-Hall* Manor, and alſo the Tenants of † *Wynneferthyng* for the ſame, and for 1 lb. Pepper Annual Rent, iſſuing out of the Tenement, and 50 Acres of Land, which lies between the Way called *Bokenham Gate*, and the Tenement of Sir *Hugh Le-Vere*, and abutts on *Wynneferthing* Town, the Tythes of which belong two Garbs to *Thetford* Monks, and one Garb to *Shelſhanger* Rector; this laid in *Winfarthing* and *Shelſhanger*, on the Road that leads from *Shelſhanger* to *Winfarthing*. The Rector of *Winfarthing* paid 20 *s.* to the Monks of *Thetford* for his Portion, and *Shelſhanger* Rector 18 *d.*

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‖ Per miſerecordiam Domini.

§ Hence it appears that a Cullet (Collecta) or Collect of Sheep, was a Collection of different Men's Sheep, that had a right to go in the Lord's Flock, paying the uſual yearly Rents, and in ſuch Places where theſe Cullets were, the Office called the Cullyorſhip was to collect thoſe Rents, for thus ſaith another old Roll; Memorandum, "That Tenant that beryth Colyourſhipp oone Yer, beryth the Reveſhypp the next Yer.

† See fol. 77, 82, 120.

## KEMPES MANOR

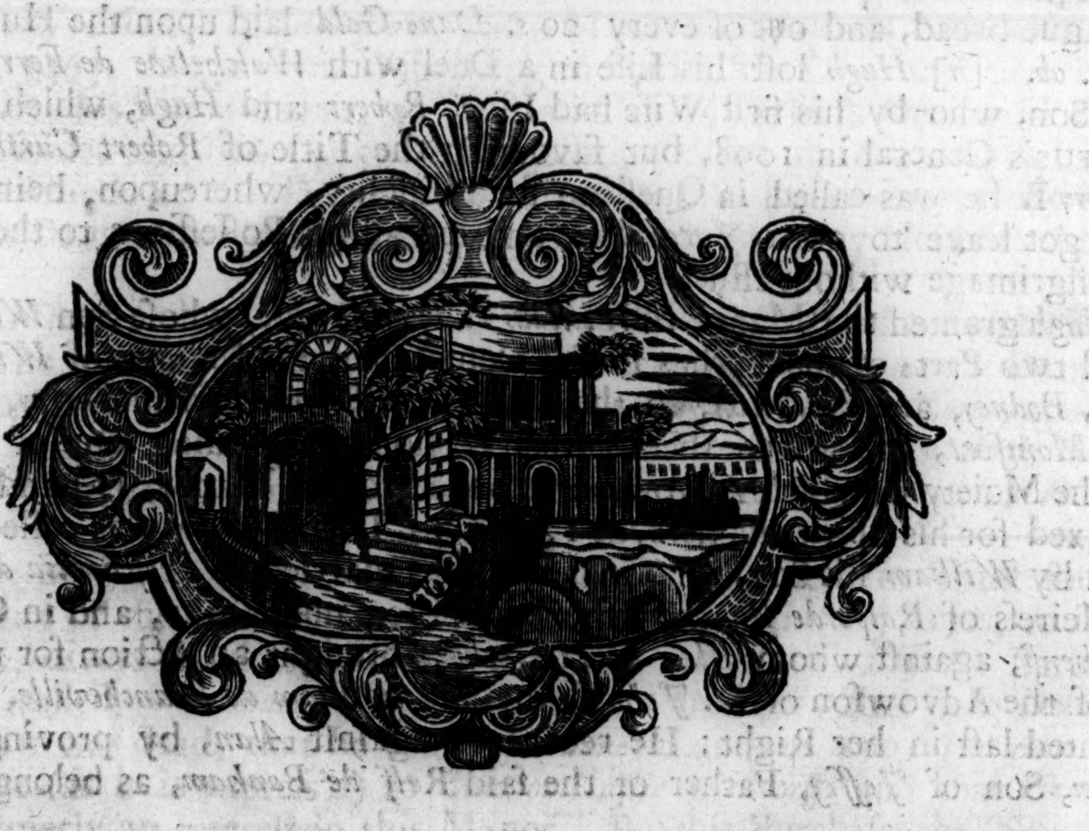
Was that Part which belonged to *Bury* Abby, in 1288, *Adam Kempe* had it, and paid 2 *s.* 6 *d.* a Year to that Abby; In 1289, *Gilbert Kempe* own'd it; In 1294, *Will. Kempe*, who gave Part of it with his Daughter *Lettice*, in Marriage to *Will. de Norwich*; In 1297, he was dead, and ſhe married again to *Simon de la Maynwaryn* of *Herling*, and that Part fell into *Eaſt-Hall* Manor, the other Part in 1330, at *Emma Kempe*'s Death came to *John Kempe* her Son, and in 1341, was *Will. Kempe*'s, by which Time it was ſo far divided and aliened that there remained no Rents.

This *Norwich* Family was the moſt Antient of any that I meet with, that lived here, I have a Deed without date, by which *John de Norwich* who lived at *Gaſthorp*, manumiſed *Rich.* Son of *William Godhewe*, of *Herling Parva*, and all his Poſterity.

The LETE belongs to the HUNDRED, the Lord of which is Lord *Paramount*, and hath *Weyf*, *Strey*, and all other Liberties, the Lords of theſe Manors, not Claiming any, upon the *Quo Waranto*'s brought, for each Lord to ſet forth his Privileges. The *Lete-Fee* is 12 *d.*

Mrs, *Margaret Gawdie*, gave 20 *s.* *per Ann.* to the Poor of this Pariſh, which is now paid by the Pariſh of *Garboldeſham*.

In 1603, here were 27 Communicants, and now there are 9 Houſes, and about 60 Inhabitants. It paid 38 *s.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at about 150 *l.* to the Land Tax.



# *GARBOLDESHAM*

GERBODES, or *Gerbold's-Town*, is ſo called from ſome *Saxon* who was Owner of it, Ham in their Language ſignifying, a Houſe or Village, it is bounded by the *Lophams* and *Kenninghall* on the Eaſt, by *Market-Herling* North, and by *Weſt-Herling* and *Gateſthorp* Weſt, it contained ſeveral Manors, all which were united in THOMAS Duke of *Norff.* in King *Henry* VIII'th's Time, and continue ſo to this Day; the biggeſt Manor was called *Wica*, afterwards *Wykes*, now *Wicken*, the Common called *Wicken Lyng*, is the only Memorial now remaining of that Name.

[m] The Capital Manor, in the Year 1045, belonged to the ABBEY of ELY, WILFRIC the 6th Abbot of that Houſe being LORD of it: This Abbot had a Brother, called *Gudmund*, who propoſing Marriage to a Nobleman's Daughter, was refuſed, becauſe, tho' he was of noble Extraction, yet not having 40 Hides of Land, he could have no Place among the Noblemen; the Abbot to ſupply this, privately makes over to him theſe Manors belonging to his Abbey, *ſc. Gerboldeſham*, *Marham*, *Lyvermere*, *Nachentun*, *Acholt*, &c. the Monks reclaim them, the Abbot retires to *Acholt*, and there dies with Grief, and is buried at *Ely*, *Thurſtan* his Succeſſor proſecuted the Claim, and came to this Agreement, that *Gudmund* ſhould enjoy them for Life; In the mean-time the *Normans* invaded the Land, and * *Hugh de Montfort* a valiant *Norman* who came in with the Conqueror, (to whom he was ſometime Standard Bearer) ſeized thoſe Lands and kept them from the Church.

## MONTFORTS MANOR

Had always 2 Carucates of Land in Demean, in the Confeſſor's Time it was worth 3 *l.* and in the Conqueror's 6 *l. per Ann.* The whole Town with all it's Manors, was a League long and a League broad, and out of every 20 *s. Dane-Geld* laid upon the Hundred, this Town paid 34 *d. ob.* [n] *Hugh* loſt his Life in a Duel with *Walcheline de Ferrers*, leaving Iſſue, *Hugh* his Son, who by his firſt Wife had Iſſue, *Robert* and *Hugh*, which *Robert* was WILLIAM RUFUS's General in 1098, but favouring the Title of *Robert Curthoſe*, in Oppoſition to K. *Henry* I. he was called in Queſtion for Infidelity, whereupon, being conſcious of his guilt, he got leave to go to *Jeruſalem*, and left all his Poſſeſſions to the King; they both died in Pilgrimage without Iſſue.

This *Hugh* granted the Manor to *William de Francheville*, whoſe Son *William*, [o] in 1179, confirmed two Parts of the Tythes of the Demeans of his Manors of *Wikes* or *Gerbodeſham*, *Lang ford*, *Bodney*, and *Nacheton*, to the Monks of *Bermondeſey* in *Surrey*, to whom the ſaid *Hugh de Montfort*, had given them; this Portion was iſſuing out of St. *John Baptiſt's* Church, the Moiety of which Advowſon belonged to this Manor, [p] and in 1428, the Prior was taxed for his Spirituals here, at 13 *s.* 4 *d.* This *William* was called the Elder, being ſucceeded by *William* his Son, who in 1240, was married to *Freſchentia de Banham*, Daughter and Heireſs of *Ralph de Banham*, ſhe being then under Age, and in Cuſtody of *Warine de Muntchenſi*, againſt whom *Alan de Hekingham* brought an Action for the Moiety, of the Moiety of the Advowſon of St. *John's*, the ſaid *William de Francheville*, her Huſband, having preſented laſt in her Right: He recovered againſt *Alan*, by proving that it belonged to *William*, Son of *Jeffry*, Father of the ſaid *Ralf de Banham*, as belonging to his Manor, ſo that by this Marriage he had a Moiety of a Moiety, another Moiety belonging to him before, and in the ſame Year the Manor was charged with an Annual Rent Charge of five Marks, payable to *Laurence de Boyton*, and his Heirs, which in 1250, was confirmed by *Ralf de Francheville* then Lord, to *Lauretta de Boyton*, together with the Manor of *Langford*, to be held of *Ralf*, and his Heirs, by the Service of two Pair of White Gloves, and one Penny Yearly, *Ralf* was ſucceeded by *Robert* his Son, who ſold it to

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[m] Hiſt. Tho, Elien. fo. 609 Vol. 1; Edit. per Wharton. See alſo, Spelmans Icenia.

* Terre Hugonis de Monte-forti. Hundr. de Gildecros.
In Wica, tenuit Godmundus ii car: Terre T. R. E. pro Mannerio, tunc vii Villan: poſt et modo iiii. ſemper iiii Bordar: tunc iii Serv: poſt et modo ii, et iii acr. Prati, ſemper ii Car: in Dominio, et i car: hominum, Silva xii Porc: et vii Socman: lxxxx acr. Terre, v Bord. et i acr. Prati, Tunc et poſt ii Car. et dim: m° iii. ſemper i Runc: Tunc iii an: modo ii Porc. ſemper lxx Oves, Tunc et poſt (val:) lx ſol. modo vi lib. Totum habet i Leug. in Long. et i Leug. in Lat: et xxxiiii d. et i ob. de Gelto. (fo. 235.)
Invaſiones &c. Hund. de Chillegros. (fo. 305,)
In Wicham, i Liberum Hominem tenet Hugo de Monte-forti, de xxx acr. Terre commendat: tantum, i Vill: iii Bord. ſemper i car: in dnio: et dim: car: homin: et val: iii ſol. er iiii d. Soca in Keninc. This Part was afterwards ſeparated, and became the manor called, CHURCHE'S.

[n] Dug, Bar, Vol. 1. fo. 407, [o] *Mon. Ang.* Tom. 1 fo. 61.

[p] MSS. penes J. Anſtis Garter. fo. 14. a.

ROBERT DE CANTILUPE, who covenanted to pay 6 Marks Yearly out of it, to the ſaid *Rob. Francheville* and his Heirs, ſo that there were now in two Annuities, 11 Marks iſſuing out of it, and immediately after it was convey'd to him, he agreed with *William de Banham*, that he ſhould preſent to St. *John*'s one Turn, in right of his Manor, called *Eſcois*, and the ſaid *Robert* the other Turn, in right of his Manor, late *Francheville*'s, which was ſettled accordingly by Fine; and thus this Advowſon continued 'till 1280, when it was ſold by *Robert* Son of *Peter de Bokenham* (who had got the ſole Right of Preſentation, by purchaſing the Turn from this Manor) to Sir *Rob. de Boſco* and *Iſolda* his Wife and their Heirs, from which Time both the Advowſons went with their Manor; In this or the next Year, *John de Cantelupe*, Son of *Robert*, ſold it to

WILLIAM DE PAKENHAM, and *Joan* his Wife, he was afterwards Knighted, and became Juſtice Itinerant, he made great Purchaſes in this Town, all which he ſettled on *Joan* his Wife for Life, and then on *John* his fourth Son, ſhe was a Widow in 1277, and at her Death *John de Pakenham* became Lord, at whoſe Death, *Peter de Pakenham* occurs in 1315, he was ſucceeded by * *Albred* or *Aubrey de Pakenham*, who in 1345, paid 20 *s.* Relief for half a Fee, which he then held of the Earl Marſhal, he made a Feoffment of it to *William Curſon*, to the Uſe of *Henry Pakenham*, who was Lord in 1380, and died in 1421, part of the Manor being then held by Knight's Service, of *John Haſtyngs* Earl of *Pembrook*. In his and his Father's Time, many of the Demean Lands were granted off, and certain Barley Rents reſerved, to be paid from them, he left *Henry* his Son, who died in 1445, half a Fee, being now held of the Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, and *William Beauchamp*; this *Hen.* juſt before his Death, ſettled it on *Thomas Tuddenham*, and *Rob. Conyers*, Knts. *Rob. Berdewell*, *Edm. Bokenham*, *Will. Grey*, *Will. Warner* of *Thompſton*, Eſqrs. and *John Lalle*, Vicar of *Shropham*, to the Uſe of *Rob. Pakenham* of *Shropham*, Eſq; and his Wife, and their Heirs, remainder to *William*, Brother of *Robert*, remainder to *Phillippa Mownteneye* his Siſter, remainder to *Rob. Berdewelle*, Eſq; and his Heirs: This *Rob. Pakenham* inherited, and died ſeized of this and *Verly*'s Manor in *Sneteſham*, and a Manor in *Shropham*, *Snitterton*, and the adjacent Towns in 1463, *Margaret* his Wife being to hold it for Life, and then it was to go to *Henry Pakenham*, his Son and Heir, 30 Years old at his Father's Death; he died ſeized without Male Iſſue, and in 1495, an Inquiſition came to enquire, what Lands were in the King's Hands at his Death, and were ſo ſtill, by reaſon of the Marriage of *Anne*, one of his Daughters and Heireſſes? I can't ſay how many Heireſſes there were, but this

ANNE married to *John Dobbes*, or *Dowbes* of *Garboldeſham*, Eſq; who purchaſed all the Parts, for in 1526, he was ſole Lord of *Pakenham*'s Manor, he left one only Daughter,

ANNE married to Sir *William Barwick*, who was Knighted by King *James* at *Whitehall*, *May* 30, 1604, He jointly with his Wife, and *John Mallowes* of *Bury* in *Suff.* Gent. *Tho. Traverſe*, late of *Eaſt-Herling*, Gent. and *Edw. Barwick*, Gent. Brother to Sir *William*, in 1607, ſold it to

Sir JOHN HOLLAND of *Kenninghall*, and Sir *Tho. Holland* his Son, in Truſt for the Earl of *Arundell*; the Scite of the Manor was dilapidated, and contained 5 Acres, to it belonged large Demeans, divers Heriots, Free-Rents, and Rents of Aſſize, Barley-Rents, and a Fold-Courſe, called, *Pakenham*'s-*Tripp*. It appears in 1571, that *John Dobbes*, Lord of *Pakenham*'s Manor was dead, that he held *Taſebourne*'s Lands of 100 *l. per Ann.* and was Bond and Regardant (as it is expreſs'd) to *Claxton-Caſtle* in *Norff.* and that *Henry Jernegan*, Eſq; had formerly an Intereſt in this Manor. By this Purchaſe the NORFOLK Family became ſole Lords of all the Manors in this Town, tho' they had not the Advowſon, and ſo continued 'till 1627, and then the Earl of *Arundell* and his Truſtees, ſold the Demean Lands of this Manor, and it's Fold-Courſe for 300 Sheep and their Followers, in *Garboldiſham* and *Kenninghall*, and all the Barley-Rents, to *Framlingham Gawdy*, Eſq; of *Weſt-Herling*, and his Heirs, the *Weyſs*, *Streys*, and all other Royalties, together with all the Free-Rents and Waſtes being particularly excepted, to the Earl and his Heirs) and in 1629, the ſaid Earl ſold the Manor of *Pakenham-Hall*, (*Up-Hall*, *Wigen-Hall*, and *Bokenham*'s being included in it) to

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* See Kenninghall, fol. 145.

Sir DRUE DRURY of *Ridleſworth*, who kept his firſt Court immediately after the Conveyance, the ſaid Earl charging it with the whole Sum of 10*l.* a Year Rent Charge, which now iſſued out of this and the other Manors that were join'd to it, and obliged Sir DRUE to give Security to *Framlingham Gawdy*, Eſq; to indemnify him and his Heirs, againſt any Claim that ſhould be made, for any part of the 10*l.* out of the ſaid Demeans, Fold-Courſe, or Barley-Rents, which were convey'd to the ſaid *Framlingham*: After Sir *Drue*'s Death it went to Sir *Drue* his Son, then to Sir *Rob. Drury* Bart. who left it to his Wife, the preſent Lady DRURY, who is now Owner of it.

The LETE belongs to the Hundred, the Lete Fee is 5*s.* the Caſtle-Ward was 12*d.* every 7 Weeks. In 1609, the Rents of Aſſize of all the Manors were 22*l.* 8*s.* 3*q.* It extended into *North-Lopham*, *Gaſthorp*, *Shropham*, and *Norton*.

## The Barley-Rents

Being ſold to *Framlingham Gawdy*, as aforeſaid, he in 1629, ſold off 40 Combs, 3 Buſhels, 2 Pecks and an Half, to *Rich. Peade* of *Bury St. Edmund*'s, Gent. *Tho. Warren* of *Great Thurlow*, and *John Warren*, Gent. of *Garboldeſham*, his Son and Heir, which iſſued out of divers Lands formerly held by the *Cootes*, *Barwicks*, *Tillots*, *&c.* the reſt of them being recovered by Decree in *Chancery*, (ſome of the Tenants refuſing to pay them) continued in the *Gawdy*'s, 'till Sir *Baſſingbourne Gawdy*, the laſt of that Name, or his Executors, ſold them to *Rob. Haylet* of *Garboldiſham*, Gent. who hath lately ſold every one their Part, the whole Sum at firſt was 51 Quarters, 6 Buſhels and an half, iſſuing out of the Demean Lands of *Wigen-Halls*, *Bokenhams*, and *Pakenham*'s Manors, which laid diſperſedly among the Tenants Lands, for which reaſon the Lords demiſed them to ſuch as kept Ploughs, for maintenance of their Tilth, ſome at two Buſhels an Acre, and ſome at three, ſome at more and ſome at leſs, according to the goodneſs of the Land.

## The Rent Charge

Of 10*l.* a Year iſſued out of the Manors of *Pakenham*'s and *Wigenhale*'s, in 1288, *John de Wygenhale* acknowledged, that he ought to pay 5 Marks 2*s.* 2*d.* *per Ann.* out of his Manor to *Nicholas Weyland*, of whom he held it at the third Part of two Fees, and it appears, that the ſaid *Nicholas* had the other Annuities iſſuing out of *Pakenham*'s Manor, ſettled upon him, for in 1290, he was ſeized of 10*l.* Rent, iſſuing out of the Manors of *Garboldeſham*, which he ſettled upon *Robert* his Son, from which Time it hath paſſed continually with the Manor of *Oxboro*, from the *Weylands* to the *Tudenhams*, and from them to the *Bedingfields*, Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD of *Oxboro*, being now poſſeſſed of it.

## *The next* MANOR *vvas called* Bois's, *alias* Up-Hall,

And was held by *Aluric* a Freeman, in the Time of the Confeſſor, but was ſeized by the Conqueror, into his own Hands, and by him committed to Earl * *Godric*'s Care, this is the only Part that in *Domeſday* is called *Gerboldeſham*, it had two Carucates in Demean, was valued in the firſt Survey at 30*s.* and in the ſecond at 40*s.*

It was granted from the Crown to

HUGH BYGOD, Earl of *Norff.* and paſſed from that Family along with *Ferſfield*, to *William du Bois*, Knt. from which Time it went exactly as || *Ferſfield* did, to which I refer you.

To this Manor the Advowſon of *Garboldeſham All-Saints* wholly belonged; and in 1280, St. *John*'s Advowſon was join'd to it, being purchaſed by Sir *Robert de Boſco*, and

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* Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat, Gillecros Hund. (f, 34.) GERBOLDESHAM tenuit i Liber Homo Aluricus T. R. E. pro Manerio, ii Car: Terre, ſemper iiii Bord: & i Serv: et iiii acr: Prati, Tunc ii Car: in Dominio poſt et modo i Car: et dim. et dim: poſſet reſtaurari, Tunc dimid: et poſt et modo ſimiliter. et viii Porc: et iiii Socman: xvi acr: Terre, ſemper dim: Car. Tunc valuit xxx ſol. poſt & modo xl.

|| See Ferſfield, fo. 49 50 &c.

*Iſolda* his Wife, as is before obſerved, both which continued with it 'till 1533, when the Manor came by exchange to the Duke of *Norff.* (the Advowſons being excepted) it was always held of the *Norfolk* Family at one Fee, it's Relief being 40*s.* and in 1246, Sir *Rob. du Bois* then Lord, had theſe PRIVILEGES allowed him to this Manor, *viz.* [q] a Weekly Market every *Wedneſday*, a Yearly Fair for three Days, *viz.* on the Vigil, the Day, and Day after, St. *Luke* the Evangeliſt, a Pillory, a Tumbrell, or Cucking-ſtool, with Liberty of Free-warren, it being oblig'd to do Suit to the Hundred Court, or pay 2*s.* a Year.

The MANORS of *Wigen-Hall* and *Bokenham*'s, were both join'd to this before 1386, for then the Stile of the Court was *Up-Hall*, *Wigen-Hall*, and *Bokenham*'s in *Garboldeſham*, and thus they continued 'till 1607, and then were join'd to *Pakenham*'s, the Earl of *Arundell* becoming Lord of the Whole, and ſo it remained 'till 1627, when he ſold *Up-Hall*, *Wigen-Hall*, and *Pakenham*'s Demeans, with the Scites of all thoſe Manors, their Barley-Rents, their Fold-Courſes for 350 Ewes with their Followers, with all the Paſtures, and Shackages, belonging to that Courſe in *Garboldeſham*, (all Royalties, Weyſs, Strays, and Money-Rents, being excepted, all which the Earl ſtill kept whole and undivided, 'till he ſold them in 1629, to Sir *Drue Drury* of *Ridelſworth*) to *Fram. Gawdy*, Eſq; in which Family they continued [r] 'till 1666, *Sept.* 14, and then Sir *Will. Gawdy* of *Weſt-Herling*, ſettled all his Eſtate on *Mary* his only Daughter, to raiſe 2500*l.* for her Fortune, and made *Fram. Gawdy*, Eſq; her Uncle, Executor, who ſold the *Garboldeſham* Lands to *Wentworth Garneys*, Eſq; of *Boyland-Hall* in *Morning-Thorp*, the Heirs of whoſe Family at this Day enjoy it.

## WIGEN-HALLS MANOR

At the Survey, belonged to [*] Biſhop *Osbern*, and had two Carucates in Demean; it was valued at 20*s.* in the Confeſſor's, but was riſen to 50*s.* at the Conqueror's Time, when it was in *Kenninghall* Soken.

This afterwards belonged to the *Bygod*'s, by whom it was granted to the *Heveningham*'s, of which Family it was always held by the third Part of a Fee, of *Totham-parva* Manor in *Eſſex*, as parcel of the Barony of *Tolſhunt*, of the Honour of *Hakenet*, the Relief being 8*s.* 4*d.*

In King *Richard* I. Time, *John de Gerpenville* was Lord, at his Death *John de Jarpenville* his Son had it; he it was that confirmed the Grant made by his Father *John*, to *John*, Son of *Robert de Garbaudiſham* and his Heirs, as appears under *Garboldeſham*'s Free-Tenement, in 1239, *Maud* his Mother being then a Widow, for an Annuity of 7 Marks a Year, releaſed unto the ſaid *John*, the 3d Part of a Meſſuage, 160 Acres of Land, and 9 Marks Rent, which ſhe held in Dower of his Inheritance, and the ſame Year ſhe impleaded *Adam de Wygenhale* for her Dower, in divers Lands which he had of her Husband's Gift, in 1249, *Roger de Charpenvill* was the King's Ward, by reaſon of his Land here, whoſe Wardſhip the King granted to *Robert de Cantilupe*, who married him, how it came to the *Wygenhale*'s I don't find, tho' imagine it muſt be from the *Weyland*'s, for *John de Wigenhale* held it of Sir *Nic: Weyland*, by the Service of a Rent-Charge of 5 Marks a Year, payable to him and his Heirs, for which Sir *Nic: Weyland* diſtrain'd *Henry de Clerbek*, to whom *John de Wygenhale* had granted the 3d Part, of a 3d Part of this Fee, to be held of the ſaid *John*, by the Service of 5 Marks, 2*s.* 2*d.* a Year, and doing Foreign Service; but upon *John*'s ſatisfying Sir *Nicolas*, *Henry* was diſcharged: In 1304, *Agnes de Wygenhall* had it, and ſettled it on *Reginald* her Son: In 1345, another *Agnes de Wygenhale* had it, after which it ſoon fell into *Bois*'s Manor.

## Eſcois *and* Bokenhams MANORS

Belonged to [§] *William de Warren*, Earl of *Surry*, in the Conqueror's Time, and had two Carucates in Demean, then worth 40*s.* it being given him by the Conqueror, as one Carucate, the whole of which was then in *Kenninghall* Soken; after he had it, it was annexed to the Caſtle of *Lewes*, this was afterwards divided into two Manors.

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[*] Terre Osberni Epiſcopi Gildecros Hund. (fo. 163.)
In Wica, tenuit i Liber Homo 1 car: Terre T. R. E. tunc & poſt vii Villan: m° viii ſemper v Bord: et i Serv: & iiii acr: Prati Tunc et poſt i Car: in dominio modo ii. ſemper iii car: homin. Tunc val: xx *s.* modo xl et x Liberi Homines et dim. i Car: ter: et dim: acr: Prati, ſemper ii car. et val: x *s.* Soca in Kenincbala.

[q] Placita Corone 15, E. 1. Rot. 9. in dorſo.

[r] Will in Cur. Perog: Cant: dat: 1666.

[§] Terre Willi de Warrenna, Hund. de Gildecros. (fol. 91.)
In Wica tenet Wills: i car. terre quam tenuit i Liber homo. T. R. E. ſemper v. Villi et x. bord: et iiii acr. prati tunc et poſt i car. in dnio, m° ii. ſemper i. car: hom: modo ii. mol: tunc val: xx s. modo xxx. et viii Socman: xxxii acr. i car: et dim: ſemper et val, x s. hoc totum fuit Liberatum pro una Carucata terre, et eſt de Caſtello de Laquis, Soca in Kininchala ſemper, donec Wills habuit.

## Escois MANOR

Which was the firſt Part, was held of the *Munchenſies*, by the Family Sirnamed [s] *de Banham*, the *Munchenſies* had it of the *Bygod*'s, they of the *Eſcois*'s, and they of the Earl *Warren*, in 1235, *William de Banham* held two Fees here and in *Banham*, of *Warin de Munchenſi*, of thoſe Fees which he had of *Roger Bygod*, and ſoon after *Ralph de Banham* had them, whoſe only Daughter *Freſchentia* in 1240, was married to *William de Francheville* Lord of *Pakenham*'s Manor, to which this Part was then join'd, as was the Moiety of the Moiety of St. *John*'s Advowſon, which belonged to it, as you may ſee under that Manor, tho' the *Banham* Family ſtill continued to have a Free Tenement and many Rents here, which was granted by this *William*, out of the Fortune that *Freſchentia* brought him, for which ſee *Banham*'s Tenement.

## Bokenhams MANOR

Was the 2^d^ Part, and was given by *Roger Bygod*, Earl of *Norff.* with *Adeliza* his Daughter, to

AUBREY DE VBRE, 2d Earl of *Oxford*, of whoſe Family it was held at half a Fee, and the 8th Part of a Fee, a part was after held of *Tateſhale*'s Barony, and another ſmall Part of *Munchenſie*'s: *Alan* was firſt infeoffed, who left *Elias*, who had 3 Sons, *Alan*, *Will.* and *Robert*, who all died without Iſſue, and *Emma* a Daughter, who married *Ralph de Chadeſgrave*, ſhe and her Husband brought an Action againſt *Stephen de Giſſing*, whom *Peter de Bukenham* had called to Warrant the Manor to him, (which then conſiſted of a Meſſuage, 100 Acres of Land, 19 Acres of Meadow, 8 of Marſh, and 22*s.* Rent in *Garboldeſham*, and the Moiety of the Moiety of St. *John*'s Advowſon) upon which, *Stephen* comes and warrants it to the ſaid *Peter*, by proving that *Alan*, Grandfather of the ſaid *Emma*, who now claims it, granted it to *Simon de Blakeney*, who gave it to *Henry de Neketon*, who left it to *Henry de Neketon* his Son, who granted it to *Tho. de Peytenia*, and he to *Stephen de Gyſſyng*, who granted it to Sir *Peter de Bukenham*, and that all had releaſed their Rights in it, upon which *Emma*'s Suit was diſmiſſed; in 1277, *Peter de Bukenham* was Lord, he left *Robert* his Son, to whom in 1284, the ſaid *Ralf de Chaddeſgrave* and *Emme* his Wife releaſed all their Right, by a Fine then levied, and in 1286, he had Weyf allowed to this Manor, and the Moiety of St. *John*'s, the whole Advowſon of which he ſold in 1280, to Sir *Robert de Boſco*, having purchaſed the Parts that belonged to *Pakenham*'s and *Eſcois* Manors; in the ſame Year *Peter* Son of *Robert de Bukenham* had it, who died before 1345, for then it was *Robert de Bukenham*'s, and the Year following was ſettled by *Aubrey de Pakenham*, and *Will.* Son of *Rich. de Boyland* his Truſtees, on himſelf and *Catherine* his Wife for Life, with the Reverſion of the 3d Part, which *Cecily*, Widow of *Peter de Bukenham* held in Dower, remainder to *John* their Son, remainder to *Peter* their other Son who inherited. About 1378, *Robert de Bokenham* was Lord and *Leonard de Bokenham* in 1380, in whoſe Time it was joined to *Bois*'s Manor, for in the Feodaries in 1402, we find, that the Lady MARGARET HOWARD, held the third Part of a Fee, which *Leonard Bokenham* held, but tho' this Family parted from the Manor, their Deſcendants continued to have a good Eſtate here, and ſome ſmall Free-Rents belonging to it. In 1454, *Rob. Bokenham* of *Garboldeſham*, died inteſtate, and Sir *Tho. Bokenham*, Chaplain, adminiſtred; in 1476, Sir *Ralph Bokenham* of *Garboldeſham*, Jantylman, deſired in his Will to be buried in St. *Peter*'s Church of *Much Livermere*.

## Churches Manor *or* Free-Tenement,

Took it's Name from it's Owners, who were ſo called from Living near the Church of this Town, at the Survey it was part of *Muntfort*'s or *Pakenham*'s Manor, and ſo continued 'till it was granted from it by the *Francheville*'s to

HUGH at the *Churche* of *Garbaudeſham*, who is the firſt that I meet with of this Family, but there being no Date to the Deed, I cannot aſcertain the Time, in 1290, it belonged to *Gilbert* at the *Cherche*, from whom it went to *Jeffry* and from him to *John* atte *Cherche*, Senior, and from him to *John* his Son, who was Lord in 1429, as the Rental in my own Cuſtody ſhews me, he was ſucceeded by *Will.* atte *Cherche* about 1432, from which Time I meet with no more of it 'till 1540, and then *Richard Lothewyk* had it, but the Rents were now ſold off, the Rental being only 5*s.* 9*d. per Ann.* I meet with no more of it afterwards, ſo that it ſhews as if thoſe Rents were either ſold off, or the Lands purchaſed to the Tenement, one of which was generally the End of theſe ſmall Manors. The Pariſh of St. *John*'s held 3 Roods of Land at *Hobbyn*'s *Mill*, near St *John*'s Rectory-Houſe, late *Margery Wrights* by the Free-Rent of 2*d.* a Year, and the Town of *Garboldeſham* held a Meſſuage, called the *Camping-Lond*, late *Will. Flower*'s, after, *Robert Heed*'s, by the Free-Rent of 6*d.* a Year.

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[s] This is often called Eſcois Manor, from ſome of that Name, that held it before the Banhams; in 1240, Alan de Hekingham had a Right in it, during the Life of the Widow of Ralf de Banham.

## Gerbaudeſham's Free-Tenement

Had it's Riſe in *Richard* I. Time, it being 'till then, part of *Wygen-Hall*'s Manor, which *John de Jarpenville* Lord thereof, granted to *Robert de Gerbaudeſham*, for his Homage and Service, and 8*s.* 6*d.* a Year Rent, and 4*d.* 3*q.* a Year Ward-Money to *Dover Caſtle*, and 12*d.* 3*q.* Scutage, out of every 20*s.* that ſhould be laid upon *Jarpenvile*'s Manor of *Garboldeſham*, and one Suit of Court at *Eaſter*, and another at *Michaelmaſs*, together with all his Right in a fourth Part of all that Land which *Alwyn de Garbaudeſham* had of the Gift of *Will. de Francheville*, Senior, and all the Land of *Robert* the Prieſt of *Garboldeſham*, which the ſaid *Robert* had of the ſame *William*, *viz.* 31 Acres of Land, and Liberty of a Fold belonging to it; and in Conſideration of this Grant, the ſaid *John*, Son of *Robert de Garboldeſham*, was to marry *Maud*, Daughter of *Thomas*, Son of *Will. de Ravenyngham*: Witneſſes to the Grant were, *Will.* Son of *Galfrid*, *William* his Son, *William de Francheville*, *Robert*, Son of *Tho. de Ravenyngham*, *Alex.* Son of *Will. de Ravenyngham*, *Walter* and *Humfry* his Brothers, *Will.* Son of *Roger* of *Garboldeſham*, and *Thomas* his Son, *Will. Curpel*, *Hugh*, Son of *David*, *Galfrid*, Son of *Hervy*, *Thomas*, Son of *Gilbert Perſen* of *Garboldeſham*, and *Alan de Hekyngham*, who lived in 1240, which may ſhew ſomething towards the Date of the Deed, tho' there is none in it. This Family was very numerous, thoſe that I meet with I ſhall here add, tho' I don't imagine that all of them were Lords of this Tenement.

ALEXANDER DE GERBAUDESHAM, Lord; *Gilbert* Son of *Alex.* was Lord; 1270, *Hugh*, Son of *David* of *Gerboldeſham*; 1290, *Rich.* Son of *Jeffry*, *Will.* Son of *Gilbert* of *Gerboldeſham*; 1318, *John* Son of *William* of *Gerboldeſham*; 1345, *Henry* Son of *Jeffry* of *Gerboldeſham*.

From this Family it paſſed to the *Monks*, another numerous Family in this Town, ſo named from *Alan-Le-Moyne*, or the Monk, who had Lands here very early, as ſeveral Deeds without Date ſhew me: In 1290, *Will.* Son of *John Le-Monk* of *Garboldeſham*, had a Meſſuage and 10 Acres ſettled on him, after the Death of *John*, Son of *Rich. Le-Monk*, and of *Jeffry* and *Robert*, Sons of *John*, if they had no Heirs.

In 1327, *John Le-Monk* had this Tenement, which he then held with the 10 Acres, aforeſaid, by the Service of the Hundred Part of a Fee, and 2*s. per Ann.* to the Ward of *Dover Caſtle*, and alſo 45 Acres and two Meſſuages, which he held of *Peter de Banham* at 2*s.* Rent.

In 1328, RICHARD LE-MONCK his Son had it releaſed to him, by *Alice* Widow of *John Le-Monk* his Father, *John* and *William* his Brothers being Witneſſes, and at this Time *William de Banham* releaſed all his Right to him, in all his Poſſeſſions in *Gerboldeſham*, ſo that now, he had both *Gerboldeſham*'s and *Banham*'s Free-Tenements, but how they went after, I don't find, tho' the Family continued ſomewhat longer in the Town, *Rich.* Son of *Will. Monck*, and *Agnes* his Wife, *John* and *Robert Monck*, and *Alice* late Wife of *Richard*, Son of *Alan Monck*, lived here in 1332.

## Banhams Free-Tenement

Had it's Riſe out of *Eſcois* Manor, ſince 1240, and conſiſted of ſeveral Lands and Rents, of that Manor, granted by *William de Francheville*, to the *Banham* Family, after he had married *Freſchentia*, the Heireſs of *Ralph de Banham*, and in this Family it continued 'till 1328, when *Will. de Banham* releaſed it to *Rich. Le-Monck*, *Robert de Banham* his Father, having ſold or mortgaged it before, to *John Le-Monk*, Father of *Richard*, by which Releaſe it fell into *Monk*'s Tenement, as before obſerved.

## *Of* HOPTON'S Tenement

I know but little, only find it often named in Evidences, and that *Adam de Hopton* Lord of it in 1268, was diſeized by *John de Diklegh*, of his Common of Paſture in *Blon-Norton*, which belonged to his Free-Tenement in *Garboldeſham*.

The CUSTOMS of the MANOR are theſe, the Copyhold deſcends to the Eldeſt Son, the Fine is at the Lord's Will; the Tenants can fell Timber on the Copyhold, plant, and cut down on the Waſte without Licence; it gives no Dower, it hath Liberty of Free-warren, Weyf, Strey, and all other Privileges, except the LETE, Return of Writts, Office of *Coroner*, Clerk of the * Market, and Aſſize of Bread, and Ale, all which were excepted, when it was ſold to Sir *Drue Drury*, who after his purchaſe, ſold off his part of the Demeans and ſettled the Rent-Charge of 10*l*. *per Ann*. upon that Part, from which it is now paid by the Owner of *Up-Hall* in *Garboldeſham*, who hath the Demeans of the ſeveral Manors, except thoſe of *Bokenham*'s Manor, which belong to Sir EDMUND BACON of *Garboldeſham*, Bart.

## The *Rectory Manor*

Belonged to the Rectors of St. *John's*, who were always Lords of it, The CUSTOMS are the ſame as the great Manor.

## *Of the* Advowſons.

The Advowſon of *All-Saints*, wholly belonged to BOIS's or UPHALL Manor, and that of St. *John*'s was purchaſed to it in 1280, by Sir *Robert de Bois* and *Iſolda* his Wife, as is before obſerved under that Manor, from which Time they both paſſed with ¶ it, 'till 1533, and then being parted, went as *Fersfield* Advowſon did, 'till 1632, and then that Advowſon or rather Moiety of both Advowſons, that belonged to Sir *Thomas Cornwaleis*, Knt. came to Sir *William Withipoll*, Knt. and in 1637, *Lucy Withipoll*, and *Tho. Cleer*, preſented by his Grant; at his Death it went to *Elizabeth Withipoll*, his Heireſs, § who married *Leiceſter Devereux*, Viſc$^{t}$ *Hereford*, he was ſucceeded by *Leiceſter* his Son and Heir, who died in 1682, and was ſucceeded by *Edward Devereux*, who died Iſſueleſs in 1700, leaving *Anne* his Siſter his ſole Heir, ſhe married *Leiceſter Martin*, Eſq; of *Chriſt Church* in *Ipſwich*, who ſold it to the Hon$^{ble}$ Sir EDMUMD BACON of *Garboldeſham*, Bart. the preſent Patron.

The other Advowſon or Moiety of both the Advowſons belonged to the *Wingfields*, and paſſed as *Fersfield*, from the *Wingfields* to the Earl of *Rochford*, the Right Honourable, FREDERICK Earl of ROCHFORD being now Patron.

The Religious concern'd here were; the Prior of *Thetford*, the Prior of *Bermondeſeye*, and the Prior of *Camps*, to whom *Rob. Aſhfield* aliened Lands in 1391, and in 1381, *John Plais* and others, aliened Lands and Tenements here, of 40*l*. value, to the Chantry at *Ravenyngham*.

There were ſeveral antient good Families inhabiting in this Town, beſides thoſe already mentioned, one was Sir-named *Atte Stone* of *Garboldeſham*, another *De-Ponte*, or *Atte Brigge*, another *Le-Wodeward*, which Family hath continued to this Time; the *Taſeburghs* had a good Eſtate here, of which *John Taſeburgh*, Gent. was Owner in 1540.

The Names of the Streets in 1413, were; *Wykyn-ſtrete*, *Nethergate-ſtrete*, and *Churchegate-ſtrete*, and there is a Way much ſpoken of called the *Palmer*'s-*Way*, I ſuppoſe it is that which leads from *Gateſthorp-gate*, by which the Pilgrims uſed to paſs in Pilgrimage to our Lady at *Walſingham*; there is alſo a large Ditch, commonly called, *Little Devil*'s-*Ditch*, which runs from *Gateſthorp-Moor* to *Herling-Moor*, and is ſaid to have been an antient Intrenchment, but by the proper Name, I take it to have been made to divide *Gerboldeſham* from it's Neighbouring Pariſhes, as it ſtill does, it being called the *Boundary*.

After the Diſſolution, divers ſmall Pieces of Land ſettled to ſuperſtitious Uſes, as for Obits, Lamps, *&c.* were granted to the following Perſons.

One Acre and an half in the Tenure of *Robert Rockett*, given to find an Obit and Light in the Church, to *John Parret*, Knt. to be held of *Eaſt Greenwich* Manor, by the 20th Part of a Fee.

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* The Market and Fair have been diſuſed for ſome Time.

¶ See Fersfield fol. 49, 50, &c.

§ Peerage 382.

Other Lands were given to the Duke of *Norfolk*, others to *Edw. Fines*, Knt. Lord *Clinton*, to be held of the Honour of *Hampton-Court* by Fealty only, others to *Wymark*, and *Clere*, and others in *All-Saints* Pariſh, to *Grey* and his Heirs.

The CHURCH of St. *John Baptiſt* is a good Building, having the Nave, two Iſles, with the Chapels at their Eaſt Ends, North Veſtry, and North Porch, leaded, it's Chancel thatched, a tall ſquare Tower, and Six Bells, the Church, Iſles, and Chancel are ancient, but the Tower and North Porch are not ſo, being built about 1500, as is evident from the Name of *William Pece*, who was then a Chaplain in this Church, and chief Benefactor to the Work; for on the Front of the Porch is this Inſcription, now partly filled up with Mortar.

Orate pro Anima Willi: Pece, Capellani.

And round it's Bottom this,

Chriſte, Sancte Johannes Baptiſta, Zacharie, Elizabeth, Johannes.

On the Tower are the Names of ſeveral other Benefactors.

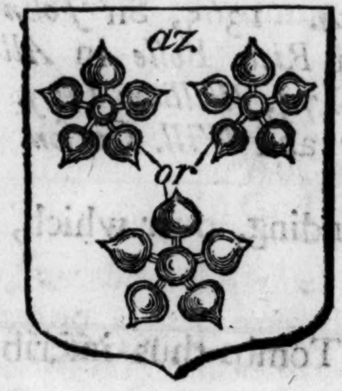
There is only one Braſs Plate left which is thus inſcribed,

Here lyeth buried the Bodie of John Carlton, late while he lyved of Garboldeſham, Mercer, who had to hys Wyfe Elizabeth, & of her fower Sonnes, and nyne Daughters, whiche John died the third of April, in the Yere of our Lord God, 1579.

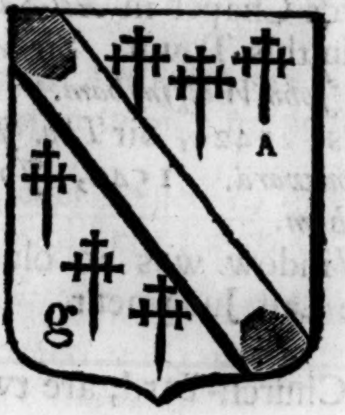
Poſt tenebras Spero Lucem.

In the Eaſt Chancel Window were theſe ARMS,

BARDOLPH.



HOWARD.



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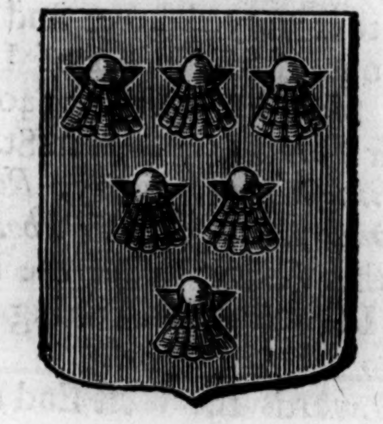
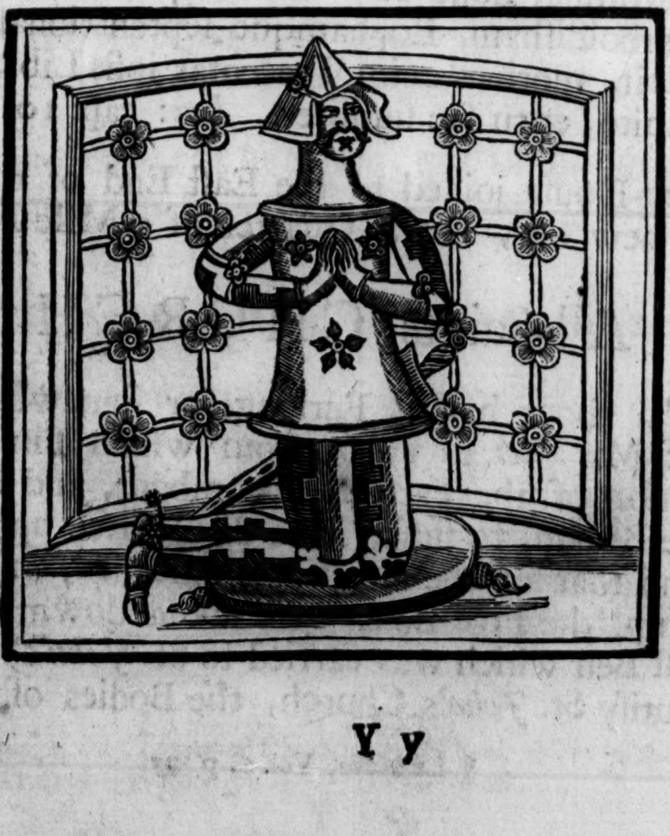
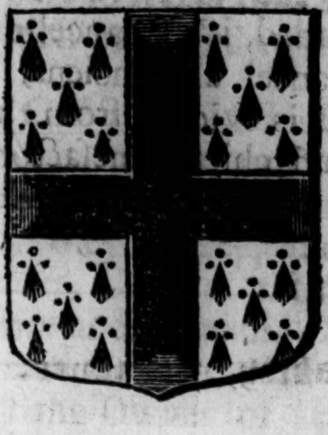


And three Knights kneeling, one in a Surcoat of *Howard*, another of *Scales*, and another of *Bardolph*, which being remarkable I ſhall here exhibit it to your View, it being lately deſtroyed, with many other Arms and Antiquities, when the Windows were repaired.



In the Windows of the North Iſle were theſe ARMS,

BOIS.



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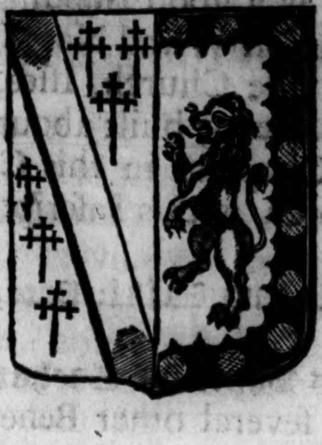
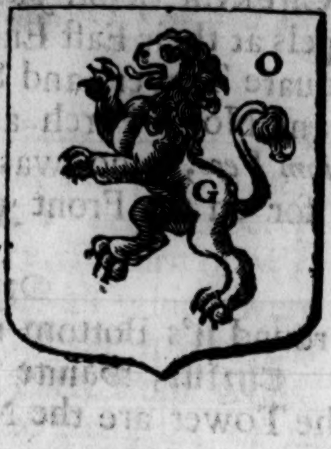


FELBRIGGE.



In a South Chancel Window, *Scales*'s Arms with an Eſcalop for a Creſt, *Howard* and *Scales*, impaled: *Howard* with a Labell of 3, *Arg*.

In the Windows of the Iſles, *Brotherton*, *Howard* and *Plais*.

HOWARD, impaling, per pale indented *Or*, & *Gul*. a Bordure of the 2d, Bezanté.

FELBRIGGE, impaling SCALES.

Or, a Dove *Vert*, Quartering *Gul*. an Annulet *Or*.

The *Bois*'s Arms are in many Windows; at the Eaſt End of the North Iſle is a Chapel, which belonged to that Family, in which there was an officiating Chaplain for the Dead, and probably another in the oppoſite Chapel, in the South Iſle; the Names of ſome of them that ſerved here, and in *Bois*'s Chapel in *All-Saint*'s Church follow, as I extracted them out of Evidences of Lands in this Town. Sir *Adam Davy*. 1365, Sir *John Bryan*. 1385, Sir *Tho. Aſhley*. 1408, Sir *John Walſyngham*. 1414, Sir *Rich. Bolle* in *All-Saints*, and Sir *Peter de Griſton* in St. *John*'s. 1429, Sir *Tho. James*. 1473, *William Levy*. 1500, Sir *William Pece*. 1505, *Rob. Woodward*. 1540, *John James* and *Will. Curſon*. 1553, *Tho. Dawes*. 1554, Sir *Tho. Bokenham*.

In the Veſtry under the Eaſt Window was an old Altar ſtanding, over which, on the Wall, I ſaw a rude Painting of the Laſt Judgment.

Towards the Weſt End of the Church-Yard, are two Altar Tombs thus inſcribed.

* In Memoriam Johannis Williamſon, Gen: hic Lapis poſitus eſt, obijt ſecundo die Martij, 1690, Anno Ætatis ſuæ, 32.

VIGILATE ET ORATE.

Hic jacet Maria filia Johannis Williamſon, Gen: Virgo vere pia et Pura, amicis chara, omnibus benigna, deſideratiſſima, objit $22^{do.}$ die Auguſti, 1697, Anno Ætatis ſuæ $22^{do.}$ Pauperum inopiam, in Garboldiſham, Lophamque ſeptentrionali, et Waldingfield parva viventium, redditu ſublevavit, moriens enim Trecentas ipſis Libras legavit in perpetuum.

Lector! abito, et tu fac ſimiliter. *Luc*: cap: 10, ver: 37.

The Scite of the Rectory-Houſe joined to the Eaſt End of this Church-Yard, 'till the preſent Incumbent built a new one, neara Quarter of a Mile North Eaſt of the Church.

## All-Saints CHURCH

Stands North of St. *John*'s, about half a Furlong, or ſomewhat more, and was officiated in, 'till the Death of Mr. *Vilet* in 1726, from which Time Service was left off by Degrees, and upon a Petition of the Patrons, Incumbent, and Pariſhioners, in 1734, Licence was obtained of the Biſhop, to ſuffer it to dilapidate, upon which the Roof of the Nave was unthatched, and that of the North Iſle unleaded, and both were taken down, the Font and Seats pull'd up, the Five Bells were taken down, all which, with the other Materials, (except the leaſt Bell which was carried to St. *John*'s) were ſold, and the Money applied to repair and beautify St. *John*'s Church, the Bodies of the *Bacon*'s buried in the

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* Le Neve, Vol. 2. p. 77.

Chancel were taken up, and carried to a Vault belonging to that Family, in *Redgrave* Church, and the Marbles that laid over them, were removed and placed in the Veſtry of St. *John's* Church, where they now lie. The Windows both of the Nave and Iſle, were chiefly painted Glaſs, and very well done, but were all broken to pieces, the Roof of the Nave was Board, painted all over with the Names of JESUS and MARY, and this in the Midſt.

Betwex ſyn yis and
ye Rode Loff, Ye Yongling
han payd for yis coſt.
Yat Lord yat deyid for alle Mankynde
have mercy upon hem at her Ende.

By which it appears, that it was done at the Charge of the Pariſhioners, ſoon after 1450, and that JOHN DE VERE, Earl of *Oxford*, who was then Patron, would not aſſiſt them, for he muſt be the Youngling here mean't; and indeed it ſeems as if he deſigned to have had this Church (when he conſolidated it to St. *John's*) fall down, it being then much in Decay, as is plain from the great Repairs then done to it, the Pariſhioners not conſenting to it, but on the contrary, ſhewed their diſlike, by theſe Verſes, which it will not be amiſs to render into more Modern Language.

Between this Place [m] and the Rood Loft,
The Youngling han't paid for this Coſt,
That Lord that died for all Mankind,
Have mercy upon [n] them at their End.

The Roof of the Chancel alſo at that Time was repaired, and becauſe it ſhould not be too burdenſome to the Rector, many pious People contributed, as is apparent from theſe two Verſes ſtill remaining on it.

Alle alle hevir holpe to yis good deed
God ſend hyer Sowle helpe to hyer mede.

All, all, [that] ever helped to this good Deed,
God ſend their Soul help for their * Mede. * *Gift.*

The *Cancelli* or Lattices between the Church and Chancel were erected about the ſame time, being neatly carved and adorned with the Images of St. *Mary Magdalen*, St. *German*, St. *Agnes*, and others, and were made at the Expence of *William Bole*, and *Catherine* his Wife, as this Painting intimated,

Pray for the Welfare of Wylliam Bole, and Kateryn his Wyffe.

The Windows alſo were new glazed, all of painted Glaſs, and adorned, ſome of them with the 12 Apoſtles, others with Saints and Confeſſors, others with the Arms of the Benefactors, at whoſe Coſt they were put up, and others with their Effigies Kneeling, by which it appear'd, that ſome were made at one Perſon's Coſt only, others by three or four that joined, and in moſt of them were the Donors Names, all which were decayed except theſe in the

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| North Iſle<br>Windows. | Orate pro Anima Recardi de Brom, qui iſtam operam fieri fecit<br>:::::: Anima Walteri de Brom, :::::: hanc feneſtram :::::: | their Effigies remained. |

On a South Window,

:::::: Fer nos alme tuis, Celeſtia Regna Redemptis.

In another, LUCYS Arms *Gul.* cruſuly 3 Luces, or Pikes hauriant, *Ar.* impaling
*Gul.* a Feſs and Labell of 3, *Ar.*
Chequy *Or*, & *Sab.* a Feſs *Ar.*

At the Eaſt End of the Iſle was a Chapel, which hath laid in Ruins many Years, it was founded (as I take it) by *Thomas de Boſco*, Rector of this Church, for his own Interment, the initial Letters of whoſe Name, ſtill remain carved in Stone on it's Buttreſs; the Entrance out of the Iſle was by a large croſs Arch.

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[m] The Rood Loſt was placed between the Church and Chancel, ſo called becauſe the Rood, or Croſs always ſtood on it.

[n] *Them*, refers to the Pariſhioners that were at the Charge of the Work.

There is a good ſquare Tower at the Weſt End, built much about that time, and as Tradition hath it, in this Manner, the Foundation was laid by a Taylor, continued by a Woolcomber, and finiſhed by the Pariſh: Now I don't pretend to aver it's Truth, but mention it, becauſe agreeable thereto, I find a Stone fixed in the building, about 10 Feet from the Ground, on which is cut a large Pair of Taylor's Shears, and on another about 10 Feet higher, is a Wooll-Comb.

On one of the Bells this was to be read.

Sancta Maria ora pro nobis.

The **CHURCH** is almoſt whole as to it's Walls, the Roofs ſtill Remain on the Chancel and South Porch, tho' great Part of the Thatch is gone, the Doors are taken off, the Grave-ſtones ſtill lie in their Places, ſome of which had Braſſes formerly on them, but they were loſt long before the Church was ruinated.

On two Black Marbles that were in the Chancel, but now removed to St. *John*'s as aforeſaid,

BACON, impaling a Feſs Wavy, between 3 Delis's

[*] Under this Marble is buried the Body of Sir Robert Bacon, Bart. who departed this Life on the 31st of June, in the Year of our Lord 1704,

Here lyeth interr'd the Body of Mrs. Jane Bacon, the Eldeſt Daughter of Sir Robert Bacon, & Dame Elizabeth his Wife, (that was buried at Wighton in this County) who died on the 14 Day of October, in the Year of our Lord 1705.

This join'd to the South Side of the former, and hath BACON's Arms in a Lozenge.

Sir *William Barwick* who died after 1607, is ſaid to be buried here, but I am not certain of it.

In 1506, *John* atte *Cherche* of *Garboldeſham*, was buried in the Church-Yard of *All-Hallows* there, and gave 8 Marks for an Obit for a Year, and 40*s.* for a Pilgrim to go to St. *James* in *Gales*, in the next Year of Grace,; and to a Pilgrim to St. *Thomas* of *Canterbury* 3*s.* 4*d.* and to a Pilgrim to St. *Mildred* 12*d.* and to a Pilgrim going to St. *Walſtones* 6*d.*

The Honourable Sir EDMUND BACON, *Primier* Baronet of all *England*, Knight of the Shire for *Norfolk*, hath a Seat in this Pariſh, at which he moſtly reſides, of whoſe Family I ſhall ſpeak at large under *Riburgh* where he is Lord,

## RECTORS *of* All-Saints,

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| 1305, | | *Will. de Boſco* or *Bois*, reſigned it for great *Conerth* in *Suffolk*. |
| 1313, | Kal: *Dec.* | *William Yngreth de Debenham*, to *All-Saint*'s Rectory. CHRISTIAN DE MOSE, formerly Wife of Sir ROBERT DU BOIS, Knt. Patroneſs of this Turn. |
| 1330, | Kal: *Dec.* | *Tho. du Bois*, Accolite. Sir ROBERT DU BOIS Knt. |
| 1333, | 11 Kal: *Oct.* | *Tho. de Sudbury* Prieſt. *ditto.* |
| 1351, | 8 *June.* | *John Conyng* Prieſt, to *Garboldeſham Parva.* JOHN DE UFFORD, Knt. |
| 1375, | 29 *Oct.* | *Tho, Howard*, Prieſt. The Noble WILL. DE UFFORD, Earl of *Suffolk*, Sir JOHN DE TUDDENHAM, Knt. JOHN MARLERE, Clerk, EDMUND GURNAY, and RICHARD DE WALTON, Patrons. [Feoffees.] |
| 1392, | 1 *March*, | *Nicolas de Beverly* a Shaveling. JOHN MARLERE, Clerk, by Virtue of a Feoffment, made by Sir ROBERT HOWARD, Knt. deceaſed. |
| 1394, | 3 *Dec.* | *Rich. Bolle* of *Garboldeſham*, Prieſt. JOHN DE THORP, JOHN DE FELBRIGGE, and WILL. COBBE. |
| 1429, | | *Thomas Erl* Prieſt, on *Bolle*'s Death. Sir JOHN HOWARD, Knt. |
| 1433, | 18 *Aug.* | *John Taylifer*, Prieſt, on *Erl*'s Reſignation. *ditto.* |

[§] This *John Taylifer* died Rector in 1450, and JOHN DE VERE, Earl of *Oxford*, Lord *Bulbec*, *Samford* and *Scales*, Chamberlain and Admiral of *England*, and Mr. *John Halle*,

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[*] Le-Neve vol. 2. p. 207. This laid about 3 Feet from the North Wall, and 4 and an half from the Eaſt Wall.

[§] No. 11 Regr. Lyhert fol. 63.

Rector of St. *John*'s, petitioned for a Conſolidation, ſetting forth; "That the Churches "were ſo near, that they might be conveniently ſerved by one Rector, and that both when "joined would maintain a Rector, but were not ſufficient to do ſo ſingle: And beſides, "the Tythes were ſo mixed that they cauſed diſputes on all Sides, and the Clergy ſo thin, "by Reaſon of the great Plague, that it was difficult to procure a Clerk, upon which it "was agreed, that a Conſolidation ſhould paſs upon the following Terms, *viz.*

"That the Church of St. *John Baptiſt*, be henceforward the Principal and Mother "Church, for all Sacraments, for all the Pariſhioners, and that the Rectors ſhall be obliged to keep up only the Rectory Houſe of St. *John*'s, but ſhould be ſtrictly forced to "keep up both the Chancels, and by himſelf, or a ſtipendary Curate, have Service per"formed duly every Week, in all *All-Saint*'s Church. This was tranſacted in the Collegiate Church of the Virgin *Mary* in the Fields, at *Norwich*, *Febr.* 25, 1450, by *John Wygenhale*, Dr. of the Decrees, Commiſſary, and Vicar-General.

† And in the ſame Year, the Feaſts of the Dedications of theſe two Churches were alter'd, that of St. *John*'s, uſed to be kept the Day before the Feaſt of St. *Lucia* the Virgin, [*Dec.* 12,] and that of *All-Saints*, on the Feaſt of St. *Peter*'s Chair, [*Jan.* 18,] but were now to be kept both on one Day, *viz.* on the Day of the Dedication of *Norwich* Cathedral.

## RECTORS *of St. John*'s.

*Robert* the Prieſt of *Garboldeſham*.

1314, 11 Kal: *June*, *Robert de Bernham* Prieſt. The Lady CHRISTIAN DE MOSE, Wife of Sir ROB. DU BOIS, Knt. by Vertue of a Fine levied in the King's Court.

1356, 28 *Dec.* *Walter Pekke*, Prieſt. Sir JOHN DE UFFORD, Knt.

1383, 23 *Aug.* Sir *John Marlere*, Prieſt. Sir ROB. HOWARD, Knt.

1394, 6 *Nov.* Maſter *John Gryme* of *Tyryngton*, Prieſt. Maſter JOHN DE THORP, JOHN DE FELBRIGGE, and WILL. COBBE, for this Turn.

1415, 7 *Sept.* *Will. Elys de Caſton*, Prieſt. MARGARET, late Wife of Sir ROBERT HOWARD, Knt.

1430, 25 *Octob.* *Henry Brown*, Batchelor in the Decrees. Sir JOHN HOWARD, Knt.

1447, 20 *March*, *John Halle* on *Brown*'s Death. JOHN DE VERE, Earl of *Oxford*, Lord of *Garboldeſham*.

In 1450, he became Rector of *All-Saints*, it being then conſolidated to St. *John*'s.

1478, 12 *Auguſt*, *Edmund Albon*, Dr. of Phyſick, and of all the Liberal Arts, was inſtituted to the Church of *Garboldeſham*, St. *John Baptiſt*, together with the Church of *All-Saints* annexed; preſented by THO. DRENTAL, Clerk, Patron of this Turn, on the Reſignation of *John Halle*, who was incapacitated by old Age, to whom the Biſhop aſſigned a Pention of 10*l.* a Year, out of the Living; during his Life.

1485, 3 *Octob.* *Rich. Chauntry* to St. *John* and *All-Saints*, on *Albon*'s Reſignation. JOHN DE VERE, Earl of *Oxford*.

1500, 13 *Febr.* [o] *Will. Cooke*, Dr. of Laws, on *Chauntry*'s Death. *Ditto.*

1522, *John Cokke* Rector here and of *Bildeſton*, *Suff.* died this Year, And in

1522, *May* 22, Maſter *Robert Fabian*, alias *Clerke*, was inſtituted to *Garboldeſham Utraque*, at the Preſentation of ELIZABETH, Counteſs of *Oxford*.

1533, 16 *Febr.* Mr. *John Scotte*, B. D. MARY, *Oxenford*, Widow.

1539, *Tho. Thompſon*, Domeſtick Chaplain to JOHN Duke of NORFOLK, preſented by the Duke, Patron of this Turn, by Grant of it from ANTONY WYNGFIELD, Knt. true Patron: in 1544, he had *Haſketon* alſo, which he held with this.

1557, 21 *May*, *Rob. Dixon*, Prieſt. ROB. WINGFIELD, Knt.

1575, 7 *Oct.* *Simon Facis*, Clerk. ELIZABETH NAUNTON, Widow, true Patroneſs.

1579, 15 *July*, *Rob. Grafton*, A. M. Queen ELIZABETH.

1589, 6 *Aug.* *Rich. Brook*, D. D. on *Grafton*'s Death, WILL. CORNWALEIS of *London*, Eſq; and LUCY his Wife, one of the Danghters and Co-heirs of the Noble JOHN Lord LATIMER, deceas'd.

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† Regr. Lyhert.

[o] Regr. vac. Ep. in Cuſt. dec. et capit. apud Cantuar. fol. 113. b.

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| 1609, 3 *May*, | *Gawdy Bolton*, A. M. ROBERT BOLTON, Gent. Aſſignee of ANTONY WINGFIELD, who is Patron of this Turn; he had *Gateſthorp* alſo. |
| 1634, 14 *Nov.* | *Antony Gawdy*, A. M. on *Bolton*'s Death. MATHIAS MANN, Clerk, by Grant of this Turn. |
| 1637, 24 *May*, | *Will. Geaſt*, the Biſhop's Chaplain: LUCY WITHYPOLL, and THO. CLEER, who had the Grant of this Turn, from WILL. WITHIPOLL, Knt. true Patron of it. |
| | *George Debden* came in the Rebellion, and died in 1663. |
| 1663, 10 *Febr.* | *Theophilus Hook*, A. M. The Earl of *Hereford* Patron of this Turn. |
| 1689, 6 *April*, | *Charles Wells*, A. M. on *Hook*'s Reſignation. PETER PARHAM, Dr. of Phyſick, by Grant of the Turn from EDWARD, Earl of *Hereford*, [p] " On *Thurſday Oct.* 8, 1691, at Noon, *Charles Wells*, Clerk, A. M. " late of *Jeſus* Coll: in *Cambridge*, afterwards Principal Regiſter to " *Anthony* Biſhop of *Norwich*, died at *Garboldeſham*, where he was " Rector, deſervedly lamented by his numerous Acquaintance, " which his Merits had acquired, in the 31ſt Year of his Age, and " was buried in the Chancel of the Leſſer Church at *Garboldeſham*, " [*ſc. All-Saints*,] in the Place which he choſen in his Life Time. |
| 1691, 27 *Nov.* | *Tho. Vilet*, EDWARD, Viſct. *Hereford*; he was buried in St. *John*'s. |
| 1726, 31 *May*, | The Rev. *Henry Stebbing*, was inſtituted on *Vilet*'s Death, at the Preſentation of Sir EDMUND BACON of *Garboldeſham*, Bart. He is the preſent Incumbent, being D. D. Arch-Deacon of *Wilts*, Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majeſty, Rector of *Rickinghall* Inferior in *Suffolk*, Preacher to the Honourable Society of *Grey's-Inn*, Lecturer of *Bow* Church, *Cheapſide*, *London*; Author of the Book, Entituled, *Polemical Tracts* in Folio, and of ſeveral other Ingenious Pieces. |

This Rectory is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and *Rockland* Deanry, and is ſtill charged with Firſt Fruits and Tenths.

| *King's Book's* | *Tenths.* | Lincoln Taxat: | * *Pention.* |
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| 19 16 00 *ob.* | 01 19 07 *q.* | St. John's xi Marks<br>All-Sts. x Marks. | 00 06 08 |

1412, JOHN CHALONER of this Town, order'd his Feoffees to ſell all his Eſtate here, and with it to fulfill his Will, which was, That a Pilgrim travel to *Rome* for the good of his Soul, and of *Joan* his 1ſt Wife's Soul, and to have a *Gregorie*'s Trental for their Souls; *Cecily* his Wife to have a part for Life, and then to be ſold for the good of his Wives and his Friends Souls, and to pay 40d. to ſome Pilgrim going to St. *James* [*ſc.* at *Compoſtella* in *Spain*] for the ſame Purpoſe.

1422, PETER DE GRYSTON, Clerk, was buried in St. *John's* Church-Yard before the North Door, he ordered 200 Maſſes to be ſaid for his Soul, he was Chaplain in this Church.

† 1530, SUSAN DIBNEY of *Garboldeſham*, buried in St. *John*'s Church by her Husband, *John Taſeburgh* and *Will. Bolton*, were her Sons-in-Law, and *John Curſon*, Clerk, was her Son, and Executor.

[q] 1531, *May* 1, W. KEYE of *Garboldeſham*, was buried in St. *John*'s Church-Yard, he gave " To the Hye Auter iijs. iiijd. *Item*, to the Leddinge of St. *John Baptiſt*'s Cherche, whane " they begyne to remove the Leede, xiijs. iiijd. *Item*, to the Gyldyng of the new Candil " Bem in the Chirche of *All-Seynts*, vjs. iiijd. *Item*, to our Ladyes Fryrys in *Norwich*, to " be prayed for, half a Trental, vs. *Item*, to the Fryres at *Babwell*, iijs. iiijd. *Item*, " to eche Hows of Frires in *Thetford*, to be prayed for iijs. iiijd. *Item*, to the Nunys in " the ſame Town ijs. *Item*, to an abil Preeſt to ſynge Divine Service for my Sowle, and " the Sowlys of all my good Frendes, by the ſpace of an hoole Yere in St. *John Baptiſt*'s " Cherche, viij Marks, that is to ſay, half a Yere after my Diſceſſe, and thensforth every " Yere, a Quarter, 'till the ſeid hoole Yere be complete. *Item*, I gif half an Acr of Lond " lying in *Lopham* Furlong, to find yerely evermore, v. Gawdyes Brennyng before our La-

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* This Pention is now paid to the Duke of Norfolk, in Right of the Priory of Thetford, it being a perpetual Compoſition for the Tythes of the Demeans of Ralph de Banham, Lord of Eſcois Manor, who gave his Tythes to that Priory. " Ranulfus (dedit) decimam ſuam de Wica " (or Wicken) et de Bantia, (or Banham) and Henry II. confirmed to them " decimam Ranulfi, de (in) Wica, et de Banham " decimam Albredi de Banham, Mon: Ang: Tom: 1. fol. 655, 7.

† Regr. Haydon.

[q] Will in my own Cuſtody.

dy, in the Chancel of St. *John Baptiſt*; at every Antiphon of our Lady, and at every Feſte of our Lady, at Maeſſe of the ſame Feſte, evermore: Howbeit, I Will that whoſoever ſhall hold my Place and Londes, ſhall have the Occupacon of the ſaid Lond, and the keepyng of the ſaid v. Gawdyes, and they onys to be renewed in every Yere. *Item*, I will have my *Obit Day* kept Yerely after my Deceſſe, for v. Yeres, at which Obit, I will my Executors brewe ij Combe of Malte, and bake v. Buſhell of Whete, and [buy] Cheſe to the Value of iijs. *Item*, I give half an Acre at *Medellred-Hegge*, half an Acre and half an Rood at *Copydthorn*; j. Acre j. Rood at *Dyche's-End*, half an Acre in *Botonys*, j. Acre and half at *Stanyell*, j. Acre at *Nethir-Red-Hegge*, the whiche Londs I have, and hold, at the Bequeſt of Sir *Will. Pece*, Preeſt, to give to a Brothir of the Ordir of Preachers in *Thetford*, to ſey a Sermon Yerely evermore, on *Tueſday* in *Eſtern* Week, and to ſynge Meſſe of Requiem in the Churche of St. *John* of *Garboldeſham*; and to the Parſon and his Depute, whieh is, and ſhall be for the Time, to ſay Dirige iiijd. *Item*, I giff iij Rodes of Medewe, j. Rod by the Lond of *Will. Curſon*, Preeſt, and j. Rod and half by the Lond of the Counteſs of *Oxforth*, Eſt, and iiij Roods, and half an Acre, for the Entent to have always on *Monday* in *Eaſtern* Week, aforeſaid, vj Buſhells of Malte brewed, and iij Buſhells of Whete baken, and ijs. in Cheſe, to the Releef and Comfort of the Pariſhioners of *Garbelſham*, there being at *Dirige* on the ſaid *Monday*, to pray for my Sowle, and the Sowles of all my good Frends, and to the Fryer iiijd. to remembyr me in his Meſſe." He gave his Capital Tenement to *Alice* his Wife for Life, then to be ſold, and the Money to find a Prieſt to Sing a Quarter in each Year, 'till eight Quarters be ended, and the reſt to repair and buy Ornaments for St. *John*'s Church, his Wife and *John Woodward* being Executors; *Leonard Rychardſon*, and *Will. Curſon*, Preeſts, Witneſſes. Proved at *Attelburgh*, *May* 19, 1533. Theſe Lands ſtill are in the Hands of the Pariſh.

Here is a Town-Houſe purchaſed with Mrs. *Williamſon*'s Money, inhabited by three or four poor Families. The Town Lands are Lett at about 22 *l.* *per Ann.* and lye in *Lopham*, *Norton*, and *Garboldeſham*.

This Town paid to the old Tenths 7 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and is now aſſeſſed at 978 *l.* 9 *s.* There are about 80 Dwelling-Houſes, and 400 Inhabitants.

# *RIDLESWORTH*

IS a Rectory to which *Gateſthorp* is conſolidated. and is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, both being ſworn of the Value of

| *Clear Value.* | *King's Books.* | *Synodals.* | *Procurations.* |
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It is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and *Rockland* Deanry, and hath a Rectory-Houſe, and 29 Acres, 3 Roods of Glebe.

The Temporals of *Thetford* Monks here, were taxed at x *s.*

## *The* RECTORS.

1330, 16 Kal: *Dec.* *Nic: de Sparkeford*, Prieſt. THO. LE ARCHER, Rector of *Elmſete*, and RICHARD his Brother.

1337, 8 Non: *June*, *Robert de Stanebrigg*, Prieſt. AGNES Widow of ROGER LE ARCHER, and ROGER her Son.

1344, 14 *Sept.* *Tho. Archer* of *Floketon*, Shaveling. ROGER ARCHER of *Floketon*.

1350, 4 *Jan.* *Roger Pylleburgh*, on *Archer*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.*

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| 1375, 10 *Dec.* | *Will. Gilbert*, Prieſt. ALEXANDRINA LE ARCHER. |
| 1384, 21 *April,* | *Stephen Mundegome*, Prieſt, on *Gilbert*'s Reſignation. JOHN ROSE, Knt. |
| 1384, 3 *July,* | *Rob. Skynnere*, Prieſt, on *Mundegome*'s Reſignation. JOHN ROOSE, Knt. |
| 1387, 23 *Octob.* | *Henry Green*, Prieſt, on *Skynner*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.* |
| 1393, 12 *July.* | *Greene* changed with *Will. Baxtere* for *Letterdeſton*, in *Wales* : He was buried here in 1419. BEATRIX, Relict of *John Rooſe*, Knt. |
| 1419, 9 *Feb.* | *Rob. North de Coneveſton*, Prieſt. CHRIST. STRAUNGE, Eſq; |
| 1424, 12 *March,* | *John Gibelot de Kelſhale* Prieſt ; *Tho. Erpingham*, Knt. *Oliver Groos*, Eſq; *Will. Ellys*, Clerk, *John Walſham*, *John Clere*, *Roger Ruſhbrook*, and *Adam Nobbe*, Feoffees. |
| 1428, 20 *Nov.* | *Rich. Chichele*, Prieſt ; on *Gibelot*'s Reſignation. CHRIST. STRAUNGE, Eſq; |
| 1434, 15 *March,* | *Tho. Cole* Prieſt; *Ditto.* |
| | *John Hunt* Prieſt, on whoſe Death in |
| 1463, 2 *May,* | *Nich. Scott* ſucceeded ; THO. SANKEVYLE, or SACKVILE. |
| 1494, | *Nicholas Brian* Rector, died. |
| 1494, 2 *March,* | *Robert Haldyſworth*, A. M- THO. ROKES, Eſq; |
| 1495, 18 *Sept.* | *Rich: Haldyſworth* Accolite, on *Robert*'s Reſignation ; *Ditto.* He died Rector. |
| 1510, 29 *Nov.* | *Rob: Helperby.* Sir ROB. DRURY, by Grant from THO. ROOKS, Eſq; |
| 1511, | *Will: Ward*, Rector. |
| 1515, | *John Foldſer*, Rector. |
| | *Rich: Wright* Rector, on whoſe Death in |
| 1540, 14 *Febr.* | *Leonard Dent* Chaplain, was inſtituted ; ROB. DRURY, Eſq; |
| 1557, 5 *July,* | *Tho: Pyke* Prieſt, on *Dent*'s Death ; ROB. DRURY, Knt. |
| 1573, 3 *March,* | *Rich: Twyn* on *Pike*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1579, 27 *Febr.* | *Tho: Poynter*, alias *Winter*, on *Twyn*'s Reſignation. Sir DRUE DRURY, Knt. |
| 1601, 18 *Jan.* | *Henry Michell*, S. T. B. on *Winter*'s Reſignation ; *Ditto.* In 1605, he held *Redgrave* with it. |
| 1608, 22 *Dec.* | *John Pain* preſented by the Crown, the Church being then full of *Henry Mihell* or *Michell*, upon whom a Citation was ſerved to ſhew by what Authority he held it ; *Febr.* 8, *Pain* was inſtituted, by Lapſe to the King : *Mihell* having voided it. |
| 1632, 24 *Oct.* | *Edm. Draper*, A. M. on *Pain*'s Death : The Relict of DRUE DRURY, Knt. |
| | *Jeremiah Stevens*, at whoſe Death in |
| 1661, | *George Reyner* was inſtituted. ROB. DRURY, Bart. |
| 1662, | *George Reyner*, A. M. The KING by Lapſe. |
| 1681, 30 *June,* | *Tho. Barnes*, A. M. on *Reyner*'s Death; ROB. DRURY, Bart. it was firſt united to *Gaſthorp*, to which it was conſolidated the 19th of *Dec.* following. He is buried in the Chancel. |
| 1713, 3 *Nov.* | The Rev. Mr. *James Whaley*, A. M. the preſent Rector on *Barnes*'s Death ; BASSINGBOURN GAWDY, Bart. for this Turn, it was then united to *Gnateſhall*, but now he holds it united to *Weſt-Herling*: The Lady DRURY, Relict of Sir ROBERT, is now Patroneſs. |

This Town is called in *Domeſday*, *Redelefuuorda*, that is, the ƿorð, or Village abounding with Reeds, it belonged to * *Orgar* a Freeman at the Confeſſor's Survey, and to *Humfry*, Son of *Alberic* at the Conqueror's, who had only this in the County; it always had a Carucate in Demean, and was half a League long and as much broad, and paid xi*d.* *ob*: *Geld.*

This afterwards became the Lordſhip of *Ralf Peverell*, of whoſe Honour of *Peverell*, it was held, at the 4th Part of a Fee.

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* Terre Humfridi filij Alberici, H. Gildecroſs. (fol. 274.) Redelefuuorda i car. terre tenuit Orgarus Liber homo T.R.E. tunc et poſt. ii bord. modo nullus. ſemp. i ſerv. et viij acr prati. tunc et poſt. ii car. in dnio. m$^{o}$ i car: & dim. et iiii Lib. hoes: xxvii acr. terre. & iii bor: et ii acr. prati. ſemper i car: tunc ix porc. modo xiii tunc xxvi Oves. m$^{o}$ xxi ſemp. val. xxx s. de quatuor hominibus Soca in Keningehala. Tota habet dim: Leug. in long. et dim: in lato, et xi et i obolum de Gelto.

In 1255, **Jeffry Tregoz** held this Manor of the King, at a Quarter of a Fee, of whom

**Peter de Mealings** or *Melding* of *Burſton*, held it by that Service; this *Peter* in 1249, had ſettled it by Fine on

**Henry de Bathonia**, Juſtice Itinerant, and *Philip de Flegg* releaſed his Right to him, *Aliva de Bathonia*, Relict of *Henry*, died in 1273, leaving it to *John* her Son and Heir: *Nic: de Yatingdon* was her ſecond Husband. In 1276, this *John* was ſummoned to attend King *Edward* I. in his Expedition againſt the *Welſh*; In 1290, he held it of *Remigius de Melding*, and *John de Bathun* was his Son and Heir, who married *Eleanor*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Jeffry de Auncell*, and dying this Year left only *Joan*, their Daughter and Heireſs, 28 Years old, married to *John de Bohun*, or *Boon*, it being ſettled in Truſt at their Marriage, on *Humfry de Bohun*, who releaſed it to *John de Bohun*, at *John de Bathonia*'s Death: In 1279, it was held of *Simon de Furneaux*, as of his Manor of *Midle-Herling*, who held it of *Rob. de Montealt*, and he of *Remigius de Melding*; at *John de Bohun*'s Death, *Joan* his Widow had it for Life, ſhe died in 1316, and left *John de Boon* her Son and Heir.

In 1330, **Tho. Le-Archer**, Rector of *Elmſete*, and *Richard* his Brother were Lords, and this Year they ſettled it by Fine on *Roger Le-Archer* of *Floketon*, and *Agnes* his Wife, and *Roger* their Son, with Remainders to *Thomas* and *Agnes*, their Brother and Siſter, I ſuppoſe *Agnes* the Mother was Heireſs to *John de Bohun*.

In 1341, **Roger**, Son of *Roger Le-Archer*, married *Alexandrina*, Daughter of *William De-la-Mote*, Knt. and ſettled this Manor on her for Life. In 1345, he is ſaid to hold it of *Tregoz*, and he of the King, it being the Quarter of a Fee, formerly *Humfry de Boon*'s; in 1375, *Alexandrina* aforeſaid, then a Widow, had it, who was dead before 1384, for then

**John Roos**, Knt. preſented, and had it (as I imagine) in Right of *Beatrice* his Wife, the Heireſs of *Roger Le-Archer*, who preſented in 1393, being then a Widow, at her Death their two Daughters inherited, **ANNE** married to *Tho. Sakevyle*, and

**CECILIA** to *Chriſtopher L'Eſtrange*, Eſq; on whom it was ſettled by Fine, for their Lives. Remainder to *Tho. Sakevyle*, and *Anne* his Wife and their Heirs, it being now held of *Tho. Rokes*, Eſq; who held it of JOHN, Duke of *Bedford*, as parcel of *Richmond* Honour.

**Tho. Rookes**, Son of the ſaid *Thomas*, became Lord and Patron, about 1456, whether in Right of *Elizabeth* his Wife, or no, I can't ſay, and ſo continued to 1515, and then ſold it, and levied a Fine to Sir *William Waldegrave*, and Sir *Phillip Calthorp*, Knts.

From which Families it came to the DRURY's * who took their Name from a Village in *Normandy*, whence their Anceſtor came with *William* the Conqueror, and had no other Name than that of DRURY; his Son *John Drury*, Eſq; ſettled at *Thurſton* in the County of *Suffolk*, at which Place, *John* his Son, *Henry* his Grandſon, and *John* his Great Grandſon, lived many Years: *Henry Drury* of *Thurſton*, Eſq; Son of the laſt *John* had two Wives, by *Hawiſe Greene* of *Barkway*, his firſt Wife, he had three Sons, the two Youngeſt of which, *viz. Nigell*, was Sheriff of *London*, and Sir *Roger* was Parſon of *Bradfield* in *Suff.* *John Drury* of *Thurſton*, Eſq; the Eldeſt Son, and Heir, married *Amable*, Daughter of *Tho. Newton*, by whom he had Sir *Roger Drury*, Parſon of *Beketon*, and *Nicholas Drury* of *Thurſton*, Eſq; his Eldeſt Son and Heir, who married *Joan*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *Simon Saxham* of *Thurſton*, aforeſaid, by whom he had three Sons; Sir *Roger Drury* of *Rougham* in *Suffolk*, Knt. was his Eldeſt Son, he and his Deſcendants bore the Paternal Coat, as it had hitherto been always born, without a Croſs *Tau*, but with a Labell of 3 Points, as the Cogniſance of the eldeſt Branch; *John Drury* the third Son, bore the ſame Arms, with his proper Difference; *Nicholas Drury* of *Saxham*, the ſecond Son, went to the Holy Land, at which Time he added the Croſs *Tau* to his Arms, which he ever after bore, as did all his Deſcendants; he married *Joan Heath* of *Mildenhall*, by whom he had two Sons, *Henry Drury* of *Ickworth*, Eſq; his Eldeſt Son, and *Roger Drury* of *Hauſted* in *Suffolk*, his ſecond Son, who had three Wives, by *Amy* his firſt Wife he had no Iſſue, *Anne* his third Wife was Daughter and Co-heir of *William Hanningfield* of *Suffolk*, and by *Felice*, Daughter of *William Denſton* of *Beſthorp* in *Norfolk*, he had three Sons, and one Daughter, *viz. John* his Eldeſt Son, *Will. Drury* of *Beſthorp* his ſecond Son, from whom deſcended the *Drury*'s of *Beſthorp*, (as may be ſeen at large under *Beſthorp*) *Catherine* married to Sir *Henry L'Eſtrange* of *Hunſtanton*, and Sir *Robert Drury* of *Halſted*, or *Hauſted*, Knt. Privy-Counſellor to K. *Henry* VII. his third Son, who married *Anne*, Eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William Calthorp*, Knt. from whom the *Drury*'s of *Ridleſworth* are deſcended, as the following Pedigree will demonſtrate.

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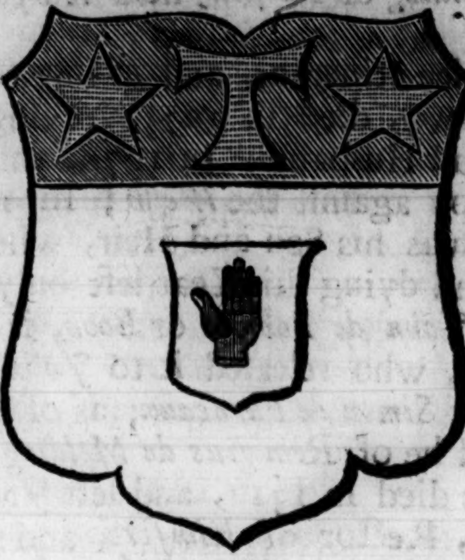
* There is an exceeding fine Pedigree of this Family in Lady Drury's Hands, with all it's numerous Branches, in which the Lives and honourable Actions of many of the Family, are ſet forth at large, upon good Authority, the Deeds and Records being quoted for what is ſaid; but having no Opportunity to make proper Extracts, I could add nothing to this Account, (which I had collected before) elſe ſhould not have paſſed by ſuch an antient Family in ſuch a curſory Manner.



Sir Robert Drury of Hauſted or Halſted in Suffolk, Knt — Anne eldeſt Daughter of Sir Wm. Calthorp, Knt.

Sir Robert Drury of Egerly in Bucks, ſecond Son of Sir Robert Drury of Halſted, preſented here as Truſtee to his Son and Daughter, and died about 1575, he fought a Duel with his Couſin Sir William Woodhouſe of Waxham, in which both were wounded.

1. Elizabeth Relict of Sir Wm. Woodhouſe dr. of Sir Phillip Calthorp, ſhe brought a Moiety of Ridleſworth, to the Drury's. — Sir Drue Drury of Linſted in Kent, Knt. Gentleman-Uſher of the Privy-Chamber to Queen Elizabeth, 3d Son of Sir Rob. Drury of Egerly, died Apr. 29, 1617, aged 99 Years, and was buried here; he built Ridleſworth-Hall, and was the firſt of this Family that ſettled there. * He was one of the Keepers of Mary Queen of Scots before ſhe was beheaded, and ſome Time Governor of the Tower. — 2. Katherine dr. and Heir of Wm. Finch of Linſtead, Eſq; married in 1582, Wm. her Father died in 1592.

Sir Drue Drury, Son and Heir, born Oct. 7, 1588, married 28 June, 1608, created Baronet the 7th of May 1627, died in 1632. — Anne dr. and ſole Heir of Edw. Waldgrave, Eſq; of Lawford in Eſſex, born 1589, ſhe brought the other Moiety.

Sir Drue Drury, Bart. born June 17, Anno 1611. — Suſanna dr. of Iſaac Jones of London, Merchant, Siſter and Co-heir to Sir --- Jones of Northamptonſhire.

1. Eliz. dr. and ſole Heir of Edward Dunſtan of Waldingfield, Suffolk, Eſq; — 2. Eleanor dr. of Sam. Harſnet of Great Franſham, Eſq; Relict of Wm. *Marſham* of Stratton-Strawleſs, Gent. — Sir Rob. Drury, Bart. died Apr. 7, 1712, without Iſſue. — 3. Diana dr. of G. Vilet of Pinkeney-Hall in Norf. Eſq; ſhe is now Living, and holds the Manor and Advowſon for Life.

The Rev. Mr. Wake married a Siſter of Sir Rob. Drury's, whoſe Son Mr. William Wake, after Lady Drury's Death, is Heir to the Eſtate.

The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, the *Lete Fee* being 2*s.* and all Liberties belong to the Lete, the Lords of this Manor never claiming any, it not being once named in the Returns to the *Quo Warranto's*. The Manor pays a Rent of 7*s. per Ann.* to the DUKE of *Norfolk*, as to his Hundred of *Gyltcroſs*: † There was a Rent of 1*d.* a Year paid to the Lord of *Midle-Herling* Manor, of which it is held, by the ſaid Payment and Suit of Court, for which *Tho. Sakevyle*, Lord of *Ridleſworth*, in 1472, was diſtrain'd, as was Sir *Drue Drury*, Knt. in 1589 and again in 1598, when he had two Horſes ſeized for this and other Rents, for Lands that he held in *Ridleſworth*.

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* Udall's Hiſt. of Mary Queen of Scots, 8vo, p. 460.

† From Midle-Herling Court-Rolls, in the Hands of Rich. Gipps, Eſq; Lord there.

The CUSTOMS are theſe, the Eldeſt Son is Heir, the Fine is at the Lord's Will: This Manor is become very ſmall, the whole Town being purchaſed in, ſo that there are not above 4 or 5 Acres held by Copy of Court Roll of it.

Here are 3 Houſes, and about 30 Inhabitants. It paid 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 170*l.* to the Land Tax.

## The Family Sir-named *De-Redeleſworth*,

Is very antient, and had a good Eſtate here, and in *Gateſthorp*, where they were ſometime Lords; they bore for their Coat Armour,

*Vert*, a Bull paſſant, *Or*.

CREST, a Boars Head cooped *Sab.* an Oaken Branch in it's Mouth proper, the Acorns *Or*.

Jeffery de Redeleſworth.

1289. Peter his Son, had a Tenement and Lands of the Gift of Rob. de Monteالt, Lord of the Hundred, which he held by Knight's Service, and 3*s.* 4*d.* Relief.

1335. Roger de Ridleſworth.

1341. Peter Son of Peter de Ridleſworth.

In 1344, died Wm. Son of Peter de Ridleſworth.

1371. Thomas Son of Peter de Ridleſworth, Lord of Gateſthorp, Weſthall, died in 1422.

Bartholomew Son and Heir, no Iſſue.

2. Jeffery de Ridleſworth.

Thomas Son of Thomas died in 1435, without Iſſue, leaving his— Nephew his Heir.

Margery his Wife died in 1415.

1435, Thomas de Ridleſworth in 1438, ſettled his Manor of Weſthall, on Sir Wm. Berdewell, and Rob. Berdewell his Son, who inherited about 1450, Agnes and Margaret Siſters of the ſaid Thomas, dying without Iſſue.

In the Hall there are ſeveral Family Pictures, ſome of which are much injured, and a curious old Painting on Board, containing Ten Perſons, each having his Arms, or a Cypher over his Head, and an Inſcription at his Feet.

1. JOHANNES DE LACY, Conſtable of *Cheſter*, and firſt Founder of St. *Bennet's-Abbey*, at *Stanlowe*, [in *Cheſhire*.]

2. ROGER DE LACY, Conſtable of *Cheſter*, the 2d Founder of that Abby: His Arms are Quarterly *Or* & *Gul.* a Bend *Sab.* in Cheif, a Labell of 5 *Az.*

3. JOHN DE LACY, Earl of *Lincoln*, the 3d Founder; Arms, *Az.* 3 Garbs *Or*.

4. EDMUND DE LACY, Earl of *Lincoln*, the 4th Founder, *Az.* a Lyon Rampant *Or*.

5. HENRY DE LACY, Earl of *Lincoln*, the 5th Founder, who tranſlated or removed the Religious of this Abby to *Whaley* in *Lancaſhire*: *Or*, a Lyon Rampant *Gul.*

6. St. THOMAS Earl of *Lancaſter*, Son-in-Law and Heir of *Henry de Lacy*; D'Angleterre Lambell de Fraunce.

7. HENRY GRISMOND, Earl of *Lancaſter*, Brother and Heir of St. *Thomas*; ſame Arms.

8. HENRY, the firſt Duke of *Lancaſter*, Son and Heir of *Henry* Earl of *Lancaſter*: ſame Arms.

9. JOHN of *Gaunt*, 2d Duke of *Lancaſter*, Brother-in-Law and Heir of HENRY Duke of *Lancaſter*: *Gul.* a Caſtle *Or*, [he being King of *Caſtile*] quartering, *Or*, a Lyon Ramp. *Az.*

10. HENRY IV. 3d Duke of *Lancaſter*, and King of *England*: Arms of *England*.

JAMES Earl of *Deſmond*, Anno 1600. Mr. *Henrye Birde*, Preacher, Anno 1583, Ætat: 66. *Spero ſed non Spiro.*

Mr. THO. ALDERSEY, *Gul.* on a Bend ingrailed *Arg.* 3 Leopard's Faces between 2 Cinquefoils *Or*, a Creſcent for Difference, Anno 1588, Æt. 66.

Sir *Rob. Drurye*, Knighte. *Rob. Drurye*, Eſq; *Drue Drurye*, Ao 1556, Æt: 24, *Droit et devaunt.*

Sir *William Drurye*, Lord Cheeſe Juſtice of *Irelande*, by whom hangs an old Plan of *Edinburgh* Caſtle, and two Armies before it, round which is this, "Sir William Drurye, Knt. " General of the Engliſhe wanne Edenburghe-Caſtle, 1573.": on the Picture is this, "Sir " William Drurye, Knt. Marſhall of Barwicke, Lord Generall of this Jorny, and after " Lord Preſident of Munſter, and laſtly died Lord Juſtice of Irland, Ao 1579: The Creſt and Arms of *Drury* without the *Tau*, with 14 Coats, all which are imperfect.

The Arms of the following Perſons are alſo moſt of them imperfect, but their Names remain, all which were with the Lord General at the Siege.

Mr. *Henry Killigray*, Ambaſſador; *Killegrew*'s Arms. Sir *Geo: Carie*, Knt. Sir *Tho: Cecill*, Eldeſt Sonne to the Lord *Burly*: Sir *Francis Trusbill*, Knt. Sir *Henry Lee*, Knt. Mr. *Michael Carie*, Mr. *Henry Carie*, Mr. *Will: Knowles*, after Knight. Mr. *Dieyr*, Mr. *Cotton*, Mr. *Tho: Sutton*, Mr. *Kelwaye*, Sir *William Selbye*, Mr. *Tilney*, Sir *William Killegray*.

*Anne Drury*, 1597, Æt: 12. *Frances Drury*, 1597, Æt: 11.

Sir *Walter Mildmay*, Knt. Æt: 52, 153-- *Virtute non Vi.* Sir *Francis Ruſſell*, Sir *Robert Bell*, Lord Chief Baron, Æt: 41. Lady *St. John*, 1599. Lady *Catharine*, Counteſs of *Huntington*. A Picture of one of the *Jermyn* Family, on which,

CREST, a Talbot Paſſant, collar'd *Or*, on a Torce *Ar:* & *Sab:*
JERMYN, *Sab.* a Creſcent between 2 Mullets in pale, *Ar.*
RUSHBROOK, *Sab:* a Feſs between 3 Roſes, *Or:*
HEVENINGHAM, (as fol: 115,) with a Creſcent *Sab:* for difference.
JERVILL, Pally of 6, *Az:* & *Or:*
GISSING, as fol: 115.
REDSHAM, *Ar:* Semi Fleurs-De-lis, *Gul:*
REPPES, *Erm:* 3 Chev: *Sab.*
BURGOINE, *Az:* a Talbot Paſſant, *Ar.*
BOTESHAM, *Gul:* 3 Birdbolts in Feſs reverted, *Ar.*
Motto, *Nec ab Oriente, nec ab Occidente.*

FRANCES Counteſs of *Hartford*, 1596. EDWARD Earl of *Harteforde*, 1580.
PEREGRINE, Lord *Willughby* of *Erſebye.* JOHN Lord *St. John* of *Bletſoe.*
Mr. *George Alyngton*, EN DIEU EST TOUT.
CREST, On a Talbot Paſſant *Erm:* a Creſcent *Gul:*
ALLINGTON, *Sab:* a Bend ingrailed between 6 Billets *Ar:* impaling *Le-Neve.*
A Man wrighting theſe Words: *De Governoure veut Gracia.*
Ao 1601, Æt: 24, and theſe imperfect Verſes.

Sardanapalus ait, pereunt mortalia cuncta,
Ut crepitu - - - - - - - - - - - - - - podice diſiliens
Quæ pereunt - - - fugiuntque ſimilima Fumo:
Aurea quam - - - - - Nil niſi Fumus erunt,
At mens culta viro, poſt Funera clarior Extat
- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - vana volat.

An Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, with this Motto, *Vincit qui patitur*, Æt: 68.

*Catherine*, Lady *Drury*. Sir *Drue Drury*, Knt. Æt: 68, 1599. *Droyt et Devaunt.*

Sir *Drue Drury* that built the Houſe, his Wife on one Side, a Lady, Daughter of *Lovell* on the other Side, his Arms on the Houſe are,

DRURY, with the *Tau*, Quartering
FINCH, *Ar:* a Chev: between 3 Griffins paſſant *Sab:* and
WALDEGRAVE, with a Mullet *Sab:* impaling *Derham*, Quartering
*Gul:* a Chev: Vair, *Sab:* & *Arg:* between 3 Crowns of the ſecond.

The CHURCH hath a ſquare Tower and one Bell, the Nave and South Porch are thatched, the Chancel tiled: In 1474, *Thomas Nelde* of this Town held 3 Acres Freehold of *Midle-Herling* Manor, to the Uſe of this Pariſh, to repair the Church for ever.

In the Chancel againſt the South-Wall, is an Altar-Tomb of Black and White Marble, on which is this Inſcription,

* Memoriæ Sacræ ROBERTI DRURY, BARONETTI, Filij DRUGONIS DRURY, BARONETTI, antiquâ Proſapiâ oriundi, multis Retro Sæculis præclarâ, Ingenij Dotibus ornati, Politiore Literaturâ imbuti, Tres Duxit uxores, Tertia fuit DIANA, Filia GEORGIJ VILET, de Pinkney-Hall, in Comitatu Norfolciæ, Armigeri, Quæ Pietate verâ, et Amore conjugali, hoc Monumentum poſuit, obijt Vigeſſimo Septimo Die Aprilis, Anno Domini 1712, Ætatis ſuæ 78°.

CREST, a Greyhound Currant: *Drury* impaling *Vilet*.

On two Flat Marbles at the Altar,

DRURY's ARMS and CREST as before, impaling *Harſnet*.

§ Here lyeth the Body of Dame ELINOR DRURY, 2d Daughter of *Sam: Harſnet* of *Great Franſham* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; the Relict of *Will: Marſham* of *Stratton-Strawley*, Gent. the ſecond Wife of Sir Robert Drury of Ridleſworth in the County of Norff. Bart, who was unfortunately kill'd in the fatal Hurricane, Nov: the 27th in the Year of our Lord, 1703.

FISHERS ARMS in a Lozenge, *viz. Gul:* on a Chief *Erm:* a Dolphin embowed *Or*.

¶ In Memory of the pious and virtuous Mrs. MARY FISHER, whoſe Soul took her Flight to Heaven in the furious Hurricane, on Nov: the 27th 1703: This Monument of Reſpect is dedicated, by her true and faithfull Lover ANTHONY DRURY, of Mendham in Norfolk, Gent:

Lower down in the Chancel lies a Marble, for

|| THOMAS BARNES, late Miniſter of this Pariſh, who died Oct: 29, 1713, aged 74. " He was a Perſon of a juſt, loyal, charitable, friendly, and quiet Diſpoſition, " for which, by his Life Time, he was univerſally beloved, and at his Death equally lamented.

In the Eaſt Chancel Window,

CREST, on a Torce *Or*, & *Gul*: a Demi Talbot *Arg*.

*Gul:* 2 Lyons paſſant *Arg:* Quartering

*Gul:* a Croſs Moline *Arg:* the Lyons ſurmounted with a Bend *Or*, charged with 3 Annulets *Sab*.

There is a Hatchment with the Arms of

DRURY Quartering

HARSNET, *Az:* 2 Barrs Dancette *Erm:* between 6 Croſlets *Or*, and

MARSHAM, *Arg:* Cruſuly Fitche *Sab:* a Lyon paſſant *Gul:* between 2 Bendlets *Az:* each charged with 3 Croſlets *Or*.

Againſt the North Chancel Wall is a fine Monument for Sir *Drue Drury*, whoſe Effigies is in Armour in a kneeling Poſture, under a Canopy ſupported by two Angels, a Book lies on a Desk before him; the Monument being adorned with the following Arms.

DRURY's Creſt, a Greyhound Currant *Arg:* collar'd *Or*, and DRURY and his Quarterings. *viz.*

1. *Arg:* a Chief indented, and 6 Croſlets Fitche, 3. 2. 1. *Az.*
2. *Sab:* 6 Cinquefoils *Arg*: 3. 2 1. pierced of the Field.
3. Chequy *Arg:* & *Gul:* on a Feſs *Az:* 3 round Buckles *Or*.
4. *Arg:* a Chev: *Gul:* between 3 Caps of Maintenance *Az*.

A Coat of Pretence of *Finch* with a Creſcent *Or*.

DRURY impales, *Calthorp* and *Waldegrave* with a Mullet.

WINGFIELD,
DEANE, *Sab:* a Feſs *Erm:* betwen 3 white Roſes, } impaling DRURY.
BOTLER, *Gul:* a Feſs Chequy *Arg* & *Sab:* between 6 Croſlets *Sab:*

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* Le-Neve vol: 2, page 244.

§ Ibid vol: 2, p. 202.

¶ Ibidem. Theſe two Ladies were killed as they laid together in Bed, by a Fall of a Stack of Chimneys.

|| Le-Neve vol: 2. p. 254.

* Condignæ Famæ & Memoriæ ſacrum, nobilis & illuſtris Viri DRUGONIS DRURY, *Militis*, Filij tertij, *Roberti Drury* de *Egerly* in Comitatu *Buckingham*, Filij ſecundi *Roberti Drury* de *Haſted* in Comitatu *Suffolke*, Militum, Reginæ ELIZABETHÆ a primo Regni Anno, ſolius Silentiarij, Deinde JACOBO Regi noſtro, & Anno 1596, Præſidis Turris *Londinenſis*, (Annos nonaginta Novem, ſumma cum Laude, & Integritate complevit) bis Conjugio connexi, primo Dominæ *Elizæ*: *Woodhouſe* Filiæ *Phillippi Calthorp*, Militis, ſecundo, *Katharinæ Finch* Filiæ & Hæredi *Gulielmi Finch* de *Linſted* in Com: *Cant*: Ar: per ſecundam uxorem Relictæ, DRUGO DRURY, unicus Filius ejus, Uxorem duxit *Annam* Ætate primam, et unam ex Cohæredibus *Edwardi Waldgrave* de *Lawford* in Comitatu *Eſſex*, Armig: *Elizabetha* prima ejus Filia, nupta fuit venerabili *Thomæ Wingefield* Militi, de *Leveringham* in Comitatu *Suffolke*, *Anna* Filia ſecunda, *Johanni Deane* de *Deane* Aula Comitat: *Eſſex* prædicto, et *Franceſca* Filia tertia, *Roberto Botler* de *Woodhall* in Comitat: *Hertford*: Militibus, ipſe *DRUGO DRURY* Miles præclarus, ſingulari Integritate, Pietate, Virtute, (et nulli in Terris inferior) Charitate, præcipue præcellens, apud *Riddleſworth* in Comitatu *Norfolke*, 29 Aprilis 1617, Mortem [obijt.]

On an Altar Tomb againſt the North Wall,

¶ Reponuntur hic Reliquiæ, *DRUGONIS DRURII*, primi hujus Familiæ Baronetti, Filij et Hæredis *DRUGONIS DRURII* Equitis Aurati, qui poſt 24$^{or}$ Connubij ſui cum *Anna Waldegrave* prædilecta ſua Uxore evolutos ſoles, Triplici (ex octo Natis) tenera et in Minoritate, multæ tamen plena Spei ſuperſtite Sobole, *Drugone*, *Gulielmo*, & *Catherina*, in 44$^{to}$ Perigrinationis ſuæ Anno, ex hac Miſeriarum Eremo, 1632, in Cœleſtem migravit Patriam, multiplici quin & Candida, Mundo Amiciſque valde lugentibus, relicta Fama, magnæ ſuæ erga Deum veramque Religionem Pietatis, aſſiduæ & laborioſæ pro Republica Curæ, ac integerrimæ verſus Amicos, interiores præſertim ac vicinos, Fidelitatis.

There is a Hatchment over the North Church Door, with this Coat.

ATWOOD, *Gul.* a Lyon Ramp: *Arg*: in an Orle of Acorns, *Or*.

*EX FUNERE VITA.*

Hic jacet *RICARDUS ATTWOOD*, A. M. Vir doctus, beneficus, pius, in Rebus ludicris egregie lepidus fuit et Elegans in Serijs perſpicax valde et acutus. Totum fere Tempus optimarum Literarum Studijs, Horas vere ſuccisivas, ſæpiuſcule Piſciculis captandis abſumpſit, Ita in Negotio laudandus erat maxime, in Otio minime culpandus, *Aulæ Pembrochianæ* Socius fuit Senior, Academiæ *Cantabrigienſis Bedellus* Armiger, Utriuſque Grande Decus et Ornamentum; Febre correptus vehementi, non ſine ingenti omnium, quibus familiariter uſus eſt, Luctu, ſedaté placideque extremum Halitum in hoc Pago efflavit, Maij 3, 1734, Ætatis 56,

Juxta humatur Frater ejus *GULIELMUS ATTWOOD*, Mercator Indiæ Occidentalis, Qui Terra Marique, Multa paſſus, in Tuto jam a Malis requieſcit, obijt Oct: 17, 1730, Ætatis 57.

Et prope Jacent quoque, *RICARDUS*, *GULIELMI*, Filius, qui obijt Apr: 1, 1723, et *MARIA* Filia, quæ ob: Sept: 19, 1727.

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* Le-Neve Vol. 1. p. 59.

¶ Ibidem p. 140.

*RUSH-*

# *RUSHWORTH*

OR the Place abounding with Ruſhes, (for ſo I take the Name to ſignify) was in King *Edward*'s Days * one League and a half long, and one Mile broad, and paid 11 *d. ob: Geld*; at the firſt Survey the § Abby of *Ely* had a Carucate of Land then worth 20 *s.* but was ſunk to 8 *s.* value, at the ſecond, when it was held by *John*, Nephew of *Waleram*; and after, of the Earl of *Gloceſter*, at a quarter of a Fee, by the Heirs of *Bartholomew de Beamont* , who in ſome Records, (by Miſtake) is called *Breamyſſon*, but in *Henry* IIId's Time, this Part was in *Nicholas de Gonvyle*, whoſe Son and Heir *John de Gonvile* in K. *Edward* the Iſt's Reign, paid x *s.* Relief for it to the Earl of *Glouceſter*, from which time it continued in that Family, join'd to the Head Manor, 'till the Foundation of the College, on which it was ſettled; and when the Head Manor came to the College, was join'd to it again, and ſo hath continued ever ſince; this Part was ſometime called *Boldam*'s Manor, and ſeems to lie on *Suffolk* Side, except a Part of it, which was in *Shadwell*.

At the firſt Survey one *Uluric* had 60 Acres here, which he held of the Abby, all which he forfeited to the Conqueror by not paying 8 *l.* that he had forfeited to that King, who gave it to *John* Nephew of *Waleram* aforeſaid, from whom it came to *Roger Bigot*, [*a*] who gave it to the Monks of *Thetford*, together with *Gunner* of *Ridleſworth* and his Land, when he founded that Monaſtry.

## *Of the Capital Manor,*

*Bundo* was the firſt Lord that I meet with, and then *Ulketel*, afterwards it came to the Earl *Warren*'s from them to the *Bardolphs*, who held it by the Service of half a Fee of the Caſtle at *Acre*; from the *Bardolphs* it came to the *Lerlings*, and was held by them, by the ſame Service, as belonging to the *Bardolph*'s Honour of *Wormegay*.

Sir Ralf de Lerling, Knt. Lord and Patron of Lerling, Ruſhworth, and Newton in Cambridgeſhire.

John de Lerling.

1267, Will. Son of John.

Ralf Son of William.

1303, Edmund de Lerling Rector here.

1218, Sir Richard de Lerling, purchaſed a Moiety of Lerling Advowſon of Richard de Denevere, and in 1252, had Free-warren allowed him, in all his Lands in the aforeſaid Towns, and in Fouldon and Pagrave.

1280, Will. de Lerling, Rector of Lerling, made divers Grants of Lands in Ruſhworth and Lerling to his Sons. (*b*)

Will. de Lerling. Richard de Lerling. Robert de Lerling.

Maud de Lerling the Heir General of the Family (but whoſe Daughter ſhe was I don't find) married William de Gonvile, and carried the Eſtate to that Family.

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* Terre Ulchetelli Hund. Gillecroſs. (fol. 288.)
In Ruſceuuorda ii car. terre tenuit Bundo Liber Homo T. R. E. ſemper vi villani & i bor: et i ſerv. et xii acr: prati & ii car: in Dominio tunc ii car: hom: modo i. et alia poſſet reſtaurari. et i Liber Homo xiiii acr: terre, quem Revocat de dono Regis, ſemp: i car: modo C. oves et lii. Caprae et vii Porc, et Totum valet xx s. et habet i Leug: et dim: in longo, et iiii quarter in lato. Quicunque ibi teneat. et xi d. et i obol: de Gelto. Soc: de Libero homine in Keninchala.

§ Terra Sancte Adeldrede Gildecroſs Hund: (fol. 187.)
In Riſeurda i car: terre et dim: ten: Sancta Adeldreda ſemper iii villan: i ſerv: viii acr: prati tunc ii car: modo null: ſed poſſit reſtaurari tunc. dim: car. hom: modo i bov: et i Soc: ii acr. tunc. valuit xx s. mo: viii. hoc ten& Johannes Nepos Walerami. (fol. 189.)
In Riſeurda Uluricus Liber homo lx acr: T. R. E. iiii acr: prati tunc i car: Socam Keninghala tunc valuit x s. m° v. Hic Uluricus foriſfactus fuit Erga Regem, Willum: de viii lib: et ideo remanſit in manu Regis, Hoc &iam tenet idem de Abbate. (ſc. Johannes Nepos Walerami.)

[a] The Original Deed in the Hands of Henry Smith, Gent. of Hautboys Magna in Norf. A° 1734. Roger Bigot gave, "Gunnerium de Redeſſa cum tota terra ſua, et Terrulam quam "tenebat in Riſſeworda de Abbate Elienſi."

[b] Coll: Ep. Aſaph. Libr: Appleton 67.

Nicolas de GONVYLE, GUNEVYLE, or GONVILE, lived in the Reign of King Henry III.

John de Gonvile his Son, in the Time of King Edward I.

Wm. de Gonvile his Son in 1285, had the King's Protection, being ſummon'd to go into France with him, to join the French King againſt the K. of Arragon. — Matild or Maud his Wife, Heireſs of the Lerling's, married in 1304.

Wm. de Gonvile Rector of Thelvetham, reſign'd it A° 1350.

1350, 14 May, Edmund de Gonvile a Shaveling, inſtituted to Thelvetham, on his Brother's reſignation.

Sir Nicolas de Gonvile, Knt. Brother & heir to Sir Edm. de Gonvile, the Founder.

Sir Edmund Gonvile, Prieſt, Founder of Ruſhworth College, of Gonvile-Hall in Cambridge, and (as ſome ſay) of the Friers Preachers in Thetford, and of St. John's Hoſpital at Lynn, he was firſt Rector of Thelvetham, or Feltam in Suffolk, inſtituted December the *4th* 1320, by Adam de Tyryngtone, Rector of Hopton, his Proxy, he being then in Prieſt's Orders; he reſign'd this for Ruſhworth Rectory in 1326, and after he had eſtabliſhed it a Collegiate Church, in 1342. he was inſtituted to Terryngton, of which he died Rector in 1350.

John Gonvile, Eſq; Son of Sir Nicholas paid xs. Relief for his Manor in Schadwell and Ruſhworth, of his own Inheritance, to the Earl of Glouceſter, and xs. for *R*uſhworth Manor, which was of his Grand-Mother's Inheritance.

Edm. Gonvile, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir John.

John Gonvile, preſented by his Father to Lerling in 1344, and reſign'd it for Eaſt-Herling in 1349, which he alſo reſigned in 1357.

John Gonvile, Eſq; Son and Heir in 1402. — Eliz. dr. of Sir John Jarnegan of Somerly, in Suffolk, Knt.

Sir Rob. Herling, Knt. married — Joan or Jane, Heireſs General of Gonvile.

1. Sir Wm: Chamberlain, Knt. of the Garter, buried wth his Wife under the arch'd Tomb in E. Herling Chancel. —

2. Sir Rob. Wyngfield, Knt. —

Anne their only dr: and Heireſs, Lady Scroop, A° 1500, buried with her firſt Husband, married to Lord Scroop in 1492, a great Benefactreſs to this College. —

3. John Lord Scroop of Bolton, by his Will dated 1494, at Eaſt-Herling, ordered if he died in Norfolk, (as he did *viz.* 12 of July, 1494, at Herling) to be buried in the Black Friers at Thetford.

In 1470, this Lady procured Licence for the Maſter and Fellows, to receive 40 Marks *per Ann.* in Mortmain, upon which ſhe and her Truſtees, Sir *John Hevenyngham*, and Sir *William Calthorp*, Knts. *William Berdewell*, Jun. Eſq; and *Hen. Spilman*, ſettled her Manors of *Ruſhworth* and *Lerling*, then valued at 20*l.* a Year, in part of the ſaid Sum of 40 Marks, and thenceforward they continued in the College 'till it's Diſſolution, and then paſſed with it to the Earl of *Surrey*, as you will ſee in the Account of the College.

There was another Manor or Capital Meſſuage, conſiſting of 200 Acres of Land, 8 Acres of Meadow, 26*s.* Rent, a Fold-Courſe and ſeparate Fiſhery, in this Town, and in *Brettenham*, *Bridgeham*, and *Thetford*, held at half a Fee of the Honour of *Clare*, by *William de Brettenham*, and *John de Brokediſh* in 1297, and by *Rob. Baygnard* and others, in 1333, and by *William de Brettenham*, *Simon Fitz*, and *Rich. Baygnard*, in 1398: In 1411, the 8th of *May*, King *Henry* IV. licenced *Hugh Stoppuſly* to grant the whole in Mortmain, to the Prior of the Monks at *Thetford*, on Condition that the King ſhould be paid 50*s.* every Vacancy.

In 1459, it was held of *Robert Baygnard*, who held it of *Anne*, Wife of *Edmund* Earl of *March*, as of *Clare* Honour; it went with that Houſe at it's Diſſolution to the NORFOLK's, and at the DUKE's Attainder, fell to the Crown. In 1591, Queen *Elizabeth* granted to *William Tipper*, and *Rob. Dawe*, and their Heirs, all the Manor, Fiſhery, Lands, Faldages, *&c.* in *Ruſhworth*, *Thetford*, and *Gateſthorp*, in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, which late belonged to the Monks at *Thetford*, to be held by the Rent of 2*s. per Ann.* of her Manor of *Eaſt-Greenwich*, in Socage, and not in Capite, and ſoon after it was join'd to *Ruſhworth* Manor, with which it now remains.

[c] As to the ſeparate Fiſhery belonging to it, *that* laid in * SCHADEWELL, (which is a Hamlet to *Ruſhworth*) and extended from *Schadewell-Mill*, to *Berdewell*'s-*Mill*, in *Herling-Thorp*, on the South Side of the River, and had Liberty of a Boat, and a Pool, or Wear; towards the latter End of the 12th Century, *Philip de Schadewell*, who lived by the River owned it; in 1362, *Adam de Schadewell* convey'd it to *William de Rothyng*, Parſon of *Weſt-Herling*, *Hen. de Rothyng* and *Cecily* his Wife, and their Heirs, by the Name of *Eaſt-Fenn-Fiſhery*, they were to hold it in as free a Manner, as *John de Schadewell* his Father held it, and at the ſame Time *Agnes*, Widow of *Phillip de Schadewell*, releaſed her right in it; in 1399, *James de Brettenham* had it, and ſold it to *Tho. Gardiner*, Clerk, and in 1411, it was convey'd to *Thetford* Priory as aforeſaid.

In 1252, the Abbot of *Waltham* in *Eſſex* had Lands here, and in *Scarning* and *Geyſt*, in all which he had Free-warren allowed him, for which he paid a Rent of 12*d.* a Year to *Gonvile*'s Manor.

## RUSHWORTH

Was a Rectory, and ſo continued 'till Sir *Edmund Gonevyle*, or *Gonvile*, who was both Patron and Rector, founded a College for a *Cuſtos* or *Maſter* and five Chaplains, who were Bretheren or Fellows, and were to elect their Maſter, and preſent him at *Lerling*, to the Founder's Heirs, who if they were there, were to preſent him to the Biſhop, and not otherwiſe, after which he was to be inſtalled, by Mandate to the Archdeacon; upon this Foundation the Church was appropriated to the College, and no Vicar endowed, becauſe the Cure of the Pariſh was wholly laid upon the Maſter; and each of them paid 8 Marks Firſt Fruits, at their Inſtallation; at the Diſſolution it was granted to be held in the ſame Manner, as the Maſter held it, ſo that it hath been ſerved ever ſince by a Stipendary Curate, nominated by the Impropriator, who in 1603, is returned in the Anſwers of the Parſons, to receive 15*l.* a Year of the Proprietary for his Stipend, *Tho. Wolf*, Clerk, being then Curate, there being then 66 Communicants in the Pariſh, and now there are 7 or 8 Houſes, and about 60 Inhabitants.

## *The* RECTORS *and* MASTERS *of the* College.

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| 1301, 10 Kal: *Feb.* | *John de Bukenham* was preſented. | |
| 1303, prid: Kal: *July*, | *Edmund de Lerling*, Accolite. | MATILD or MAUD DE LERLING. |
| 1320, prid: Id: *Mar.* | *Will. de Calthorp*, Accolite. | Sir NICHOLAS DE GUNEVYLE, Knt. |

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c From the Regiſter of Thetford Priory.

* This Hamlet is ſo called from a Well or Spring, which riſes among the Trees on the Hill's Side, it being plainly the Shady-Well. In this Hamlet John Buxton, Eſq; Father of Robert Buxton, Eſq; now Lord, built a neat Box, which he hath named SCHADWELL LODGE.

1326, 5 Id: *Octob.* Sir *Edmund de Gunevyle*, Prieſt, on *Calthorp*'s Reſignation, who exchanged this for *Thelvetham.* NICHOLAS GONVILE, Knt. Patron. This Sir EDMUND while he was Rector, perfected his Foundation, which he is ſaid to have deſign'd as a Seminary for *Gonvile-Hall* in *Cambridge*; he was the laſt Rector, and had quitted this Church before *Jan.* 20, 1342, for then he was inſtituted into *Tyryngton*, *John Powl*, Chaplain, being his Proxy, at the Preſentation of SIMON, Biſhop of *Ely*, where he died Rector in 1350. having nominated

JOHN GODWYK, first MASTER of this COLLEGE, who reſign'd in

1349, 18 *Nov.* And *Nicholas de Wrotham* Prieſt, Fellow of the College of St. *John* the *Evangeliſt*, was elected by the Fellows, and preſented by Sir EDMUND DE GONVILE Prieſt, their Patron and Founder, and inſtalled accordingly. He reſign'd, and in

1351, 17 *Nov.* *Hugh Herbert*, Chaplain and Fellow, was elected Maſter, and preſented by Sir JOHN DE GONVILE, Parſon of *Eaſt Herling*, and *Edmund* his Brother, who were Patrons; he was ſucceeded by *Tho. de Watton* who reſign'd, and in

1364, 2 *May*, *Tho. Heyward* (or *Howard*) of *Rickinghall*, late Fellow, was elected with the Conſent of EDMUND GONVILE their Patron, he reſign'd, and in

1371, 21 *Jan.* Sir *Tho. Le-Mey* was elected by the Fellows, who had no Preſentation, the *Gonvile*'s being not Reſident at *Lerling*: the Fellows Election was return'd to the Biſhop, and the Mandate made out upon it; at every Admiſſion the Maſter was ſworn by the Biſhop, to obſerve the Statutes, to alienate nothing, to make no new Feoffments, not to mortgage, nor pawn any thing belonging to the College, whether moveable or immoveable, without the Conſent of every Member.

1374, 19 *July*, *Rob. de Aſſhele*, Prieſt, Fellow there, elected on *Le-Mey*'s Reſignation.

1376, 10 *Octob.* *Rob. de Wrotham* Fellow, elected Maſter.

1381, *Rob. Carter* of * *Aſſhele*, Chaplain and Fellow, elected Maſter.

1385, 25 *June* *Alexander Thelyk*, Prieſt, late Fellow, obtained Licence from Pope *Gregory* the 12th dated *June* 3, 1409, that one Benefice more with Cure of Souls, might be appropriated to the Maſterſhip, and that he might hold it with the Maſterſhip, but if any Maſter holds a Benefice with his Maſterſhip, before one be appropriated to it, he ſhall not receive his Stipend of 50 *s. per Ann.* over and above the Benefit of the Church of *Ruſhworth*, as he uſually did before this Licence: The Petition to obtain this ſets forth; That the College was founded by Sir *Edmund Gunvyle*, late Rector, the Rectory being turn'd into a Collegiate Church, for a *Cuſtos* or *Maſter*, and 5 Bretheren Chaplains, to pray for him, his Anceſtors, Succeſſors, and Benefactors, which Maſter was to have the Cure of Souls, and the Benefit of the Church there, and that he deſigned to endow it much better, but died in the meantime. The Biſhop conſented to this Licence, and in 1414, this *Alexander* was preſented to the Rectory of *Lerling* by the Fellows, and held it with his Maſterſhip to his Death, yet notwithſtanding the Pope's Bull, and the King's Licence upon it, they could never get their Rectory of *Lerling* appropriated to them, as they deſigned.

1421, *Edmund Cooper* elected.

1436, 16 *July*, *Tho. Sigo* Fellow, elected on *Cooper*'s Reſignation, by THO. HALYDAY, and ROB. FEN, Fellows.

1443, 13 *July*, *Rob. Craſk*, Chaplain,

1443, 27 *Sept.* *Craſk* reſigned, *John Wurlych* Prieſt, elected.

1444, 29 *April*, He reſign'd, and *Edmund Coupere*, Batchelor of the Decrees of St. *John*'s College, *Camb.* was elected, (the ſame Man I take it that reſign'd in 1436.)

1446, 9 *June*, *Ralph Beauford*, on *Coupere*'s Reſignation.

1450, At *Beauford*'s Death, *Lawrence Gerard* Prieſt, elected.

All theſe elected by Tho. Halyday, J. Kaye, & John Barker, Chaplains and Fellows.

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* The ſame Robert who was Maſter, A° 1374.

1472, 27 *Feb.* *Gerard* reſign'd, and *Hen. Coſteſey* was choſen. WILL. HALYDAY and JOHN MAYNARD Fellows. This *Coſteſey*, *Coſſe*, or *Coſſa*, was alſo Rector of *Banham* and *Wilby*, of all which he died poſſeſſed in

1483, In which Year *Aug.* 18, *John Bulman* Prieſt, was elected, by HALYDAY, MAYNARD, and JOHN KELLYNG, Fellows.

1488, *Bulman* reſign'd, and they elected *John Bandys*, A. M.

1508, *John Brenneys* (or *Bandys*) died, and
*John Purpett*, Fellow, was choſen Maſter.

1526, 22 *Aug.* The Biſhop collated *Edward Anſon*, Prieſt, to a Fellowſhip, it having been void above 6 Months.

1529, 17 *July*, *George Windham*, A. M. Archdeacon of *Norwich*, was elected Maſter, at *Purpett*'s Reſignation, who was the laſt Maſter, it being diſſolved in his Time; he continued Archdeacon 'till 1543.

The Scite of this College, with all it's Revenues thereto belonging, *ſc.* the Impropriation, College Manor in *Ruſhworth*, *Lerling* Manor and Advowſon, and a Manor in *Elden* in *Suffolk*, were granted to the Earl of *Surrey*, to be held in Capite by Knight's Service. In 1545, HENRY Earl of *Surrey*, by the King's Licence, alien'd a Manor in *Elveden*, and two Manors in *Ruſhworth*, one in *Suffolk*, and the other in *Norfolk*, together with the Scite of the College, and the Impropriate Rectory, with the other Revenues of that College, in *Fakenham*, *Thetford*, *Weſton*, and *Schadewell*, to THOMAS DUKE of NORFOLK, by whoſe Attainder they fell again to the Crown, where they continued 'till King EDWARD VI. in 1550, granted *Ruſhworth* Manors and Rectory to Sir *John Cheke*, Knt. and his Heirs, who in 1552, let them for 20 Years to *Geo. Alyngton* of *Stoke*, by *Clare* in *Suffolk*, Gent. who had married his Siſter; in 1557, Sir *Rich. Fulmerſton*, had the Manor late the College's: In 1570, the Earl of *Surrey* had the Manor late *Fulmerſton*'s; in 1600, the Rectory and Scite of the College, *&c.* was granted to Lord HOWARD of *Walden*, who had Licence in 1601, to ſell it to *Rob. Buxton*, on whom the whole was ſettled by Fine, and at this Time it continues in his Family, *Rob. Buxton*, Eſq; being now Owner of both the Manors and Impropriation, (of whoſe Family I ſhall treat under *Tibbenham.*)

[*d*] There are a Rank of ten or eleven *Tumuli*, or Mounts of Earth, in the Field between *Ruſhford*, *Euſton*, *Barnham*, and *Thetford*, where (I verily believe) was fought that dreadful Battle, between King *Edmund* and the *Danes*, in the Year 871.

This indeed ſeems very true, for in the Abbreviation of the Life of King *Edw* [illegible] y Regiſter *Curteys*, fol. 211, we find this Account; In the 15th Year of Ki[illegible]*mund*'s Reign, the *Danes* came again to *Eaſt England*, to revenge themſel[illegible]ther of the King, at which Time they burnt the Monaſteries of *Croiland*, [illegible], *Peterburgh*, *Ramſey*, *Seham*, and *Ely*, with moſt of the Religious in them, and from thence paſſed thro' the Country from *Weſt* to *North*, ſeizing and ſpoiling all they could, *Ubba* ſtaying to guard their Spoils, and what they had taken, at or near *Ely*; *Ingwar* with his Army entered *Eaſt England*, and went to a City of King *Edmnnd*'s, called * *Theodford*, where he encamped, and enter'd ſoon after and burnt it, Killing old and young, and Raviſhing both Virgins and Matrons; King *Edmund* who was then at † *Egleſden*, received a Meſſage from *Ingwar*, that if he would renounce Chriſtianity, and Worſhip his Idols, then they would divide the Treaſure with him, together with his Kingdom; as ſoon as King *Edmund* received this Meſſage, he marched with his Army againſt the Enemies, and engaged not far off from *Theodford*, where they fought ſharply from Morning untill Evening, a great Number being ſlain on both Sides, for which King *Edmund* was much grieved, as well for the Pagans Deaths, as for thoſe Martyrs of his Army, who died there in defence of their Faith; on the Morrow the *Danes* departed, and the King with what remained of his Army, returned to *Egleſdune*, reſolving never more to fight againſt the Pagans, but if it was neceſſary, to yield up himſelf a Sacrifice for the People, and for the Faith of Chriſt. *Ingwar* much vexed for the Loſs of his Men, went again to *Theodford*, where *Ubba* came to him with 10,000 Men, and joining Forces, went to *Egleſdune*, and there martyr'd the King, in the Year of our Lord, 871, of his Age 29, and of his Reign 15.

At this Time without doubt, was that large Mount and Ramparts, called *Thetford-Hill*, raiſed by the *Danes*, in which they encamped, for it's being round, is a plain Demonſtration

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*d* Coll: T. M.

* Thetford.

† Now Hoxon in Suffolk.

§ In the Hands of Sir Edm. Bacon, Bart. of Garboldeſham tion 'tis a *Daniſh* Work, raiſed to that Height, in all Appearance, to command the oppoſite Hill, on which King *Edmund*'s Army then lay'd, on the Extremity of which, ſome of theſe *Tumuli* are placed. The moſt remarkable one is called, *Tut-Hill*, under theſe the Bodies of the Slain were buried, it being uſual in thoſe Days, to heap the Slain upon the Earth, and raiſe Hills over the Heaps, that being more likely to continue their Memory, than interring them in a Pit, or Grave level with the Earth's Surface; and uſually where any Commander or Great Men were laid, they raiſed the Hill over them, to a larger Size than ordinary, which might be the reaſon of this Hill's being bigger than the reſt.

## The College

Revenues at it's Diſſolution were valued at 85*l.* 15*s.* it had a Manor, and § the Impropriate Rectory, and 102 Acres of Land in *Ruſhworth*, * a Manor in *Elveden*, and *Lerling* Advowſon, and other Tenements of their Founder's Gift, who built them a College, on the South Side of the Church-yard, with a Dormitory, Refectory, Chapel, and other convenient Offices, part of which are ſtill ſtanding, and others are in Ruins. [*e*] About 1392, the Maſter obtain'd Licence in Mortmain, for [*f*] *Peter Froſt*, *Robert Aiſhele*, *Tho. Smetheſon*, and *Rob. Fullere*, to ſettle a Meſſuage and a Carucate of Land, 60 Acres of Paſture, 4*s.* Rent, and the Rent of a Pound of Cinamon, on his College; and at the ſame Time *Roger Cornwayle*, *Adam Foxle*, and *Tho. Bray*, were licenced to ſettle two Meſſuages, a Carucate of Land, 60 Acres of Paſture, and 4*s.* Rent in *Elveden*, aforeſaid, and the ſaid *Peter* and *Will. de Shelton*, and *Tho. Balle*, ſettled a Toft in *Ruſhworth* on the College and *Peter* and *Tho. Fullere*, 3 Tofts and 24 Acres of Land there, *Rob. Wortham*, *John Benhale*, and *Tho. Fullere*, by the ſame Licence, ſettled a Toft and 60 Acres in *Brethenham*, and in 1470, the Lady *Anne Wingfield*, by the Conſent of Sir *Rob. Wingfield* her ſecond Husband, ſettled in Mortmain, her Manors of *Ruſhworth*, and *Lerling*, called *Gonvile*'s Manors. This was the Chief of it's Endowment, tho' it had other Lands and Tenements in *Thetford*, *Fakenham* in *Suffolk*, *Weſt-Herling*, and *Weſton*: It was govern'd by Statutes, confirmed by *Tho. Piercy*, Biſhop of *Norwich* in his Viſitation, the Heads of which, as they ſhew the State of the College, it will not be amiſs to inſert.

The College had a *Maſter* or *Cuſtos*, and five *Bretheren* or *Fellows*, who were to obey their Maſter in all things lawful, the Maſter to have the Cure of the Pariſh, and all of them were to pray for the Souls of Sir *Edmund Gonvile* their Founder, and of all his Anceſtors, Succeſſors, and Benefactors, every Day, and to ſay ſuch Daily Maſſes and Collects, as are therein order'd, and to keep the Founder's Anniverſary, in a particular Manner, all which would be to no purpoſe to enlarge upon; as the Revenues increaſe, the Number to increaſe, and every new Fellow to have 10 Marks *per Ann.* at leaſt, and neither the Maſter nor Fellows to be removed, unleſs for ſuch Crimes as would remove a Rector; they are all to ſleep in one Room, and to eat in Common together, unleſs in Sickneſs, the Maſter to receive a Stipend of 50*s.* a Year, and each Fellow 30*s.* (over and above their other Stipend) The Maſter to be elected by the Fellows; if he be one of the College, the Majority is ſufficient, but if he be not, then there muſt be two Parts of the Fellows, and if the Votes be equal, and two choſen, the Biſhop is to chooſe which he pleaſes; every Maſter thus elected, before he be confirmed by the Biſhop, muſt go to the Manor of *Lerling*, and preſent himſelf to the Founder's Heirs, if they be there, and if not, he may go to the Biſhop, who is to confirm him; and if they don't chooſe in 3 Months after a Vacancy, it Lapſes to the Biſhop, who muſt collate one of that College. In every Vacancy the Fellows are to chooſe one of themſelves, to look after the College Affairs, who is to account to the next Maſter; the Fellows to chooſe the Fellows, and each Fellowſhip void above 6 Months, Lapſes to the Biſhop; every Fellow that leaves the College, ſhall leave half his Goods to it, and at their Admiſſion ſhall ſwear Obedience to their Maſter, and to promote their College; the Fellows were oblig'd to conſtant Reſidence, and could not lie one Night out of the College, without their Maſter's Leave; the Maſter was at full Liberty as to his Reſidence, but could not have any of his own Family admitted to any Office in the College, without the conſent of the majority of the Fellows; the College to have a common Seal, which with the Evidences and Treaſure, ſhall always be kept in a Cheſt, with 3 Locks, the Maſter to have one Key, and ſuch two Fellows as all the Fellows ſhall chooſe, to have the other two; the Maſter and Fellows to make up their Accounts every *Michaelmas*, and lock up one part of the Account in the Cheſt, and the Maſter to keep the Counterpart. The Biſhop reſerves Power for him and his Succeſſors, [f] to viſit, correct, and reform, what he thinks Neceſſary, together with all Epiſcopal Power, Juriſdiction, and other Rights whatever, belonging to his Church of *Norwich*. Dated at *Schuldham*, *July* the 13th 1360.

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§ The Rectory was taxed at 8 Marks according to the Lincoln Taxation, and after it's Impropriation, paid according to that Valuation to the Biſhop, at every Vacancy of the Maſterſhip.

* In 1354, John and Edmund de Gonvile, granted ro Maſter Walter de Stanes of Elveden, all their Lands, Tenements, &c. in Elveden, which they had of the Feoffinent of William de Lerling, it being the whole they had there, except the Manor and other Revenues ſettled on Ruſhworth College.

[*e*] Mon. Ang: Tom. 3. 123.

[f] All *Members* of this College.

It appears from an old Rental in my Collection, that *Tho. Sigo*, Maſter of the College, held of the Capital Manor of *Ruſhworth*, called *Gonvile-Hall*, his Manor called *Lerling-Hall* in *Ruſhworth*, by the Rent of 6*s*, 8*d*. a Year; *Purry*'s Tenement and 30 Acres, with it's Fold Courſe, at 3*s*. 4*d*. Rent, the Capital Tenement formerly *John de Brethenham*'s in *Brethenham* at 3*s*. 4*d*. with 2*s*. 8*d*. *ob*. Rent, for his Lands on *Suffolk* Side, and abundance of other Rents on the *Norfolk* Side.

1492, *William Halyday*, Senior, Chaplain and Fellow, deſired to be buried here by his Parents, he gave 6*s*. 8*d*. towards a new Bell, 6*s*. 4*d*. to the Light of the Holy Sepulchre, to the Gild of St. *John Baptiſt* kept in this Church 3*s*. 4*d*. His Uncle *Thomas Halyday*, formerly Fellow, ſold 7 Acres of Land to him, which he gave to the College, after the Death of *Robert Schadewell* his Brother, and *Alice* his Wife, the Profits to keep the South Porch in Repair for ever, (which looks as if he was buried in it) and to pray for him and his Benefactors; he gave other 9 Acres in *Ruſhworth*, to *Robert* and *Alice* for Life, and *Thomas* their Son, if he live to be of Age, if he dies under Age it was to go to the Maſter, to find Bread and Wine for the Sacrament. He gave a good Stone Houſe in *Ruſhworth*, to the College in free Alms, to be uſed as a Gild-Hall, or at any Time, when there was not Room for the Gueſts in the College, but the Maſter was to find out of it, a Lamp burning in the Choir, before the Sacrament at the High Altar for ever, to which he gave a Silver Chriſmatory of 4 Marks value, *John Cavendyſch*, Rector of *Quidenham*, and *Will. Paryſh*, Fellow, Executors. Proved *Jan*. 23, 1492.

This COLLEGIATE CHURCH was built in form of a Croſs, the Quire, North and South croſs Iſles are quite demoliſhed, tho' there are two Graveſtones in the North croſs Iſle, ſtill to be ſeen in the Yard, but no Inſcriptions on them; the Nave is now uſed by the Pariſh, and a ſmall Part of it at the Eaſt End, ſeperated from the reſt, ſerves for a Chancel; there is a very good ſquare Tower, having only one Bell, tho' there have been 5 or 6, the Frames ſtill remaining; it is a good Building, and ſeems to be of the ſame Date with the Foundation of the College. On a Stone in the South Porch Wall, the Name of JESUS, is inſcribed, the whole is cover'd with Reed.

There are two Hatchments in the Church. BUXTON quarters HERNE, and *Or*, 2 Bucks couchant, *Gul*. a Coat of Pretence, per Pale *Arg*. & *Sab*. a Chev: between 3 Talbots counterchanged, a Chief *Gul*. Motto, *SERVARE MODUM*.

BUXTON, impaling the former Coat of Pretence, quarter'd with, per Chev: *Vert*, & *Or*, 3 Lyons Paſſant, counter-changed.

On a Black Marble on the South Side of the Altar,

Hic requieſcit quod mortale fuit Roberti Buxton, viri integerrimi, ex Antiquâ Proſapiâ de Channons in agro Norfolcienſi oriundi, obijt 15° Die Julij, A° Ætatis 32° Salutis 1691.°

On a Stone by it,

ELIZ. BUXTON, died July 4, Anno Dom. 1730, Æt. 66.

On a Stone in the Ruins of the Quire,

JOHN BUXTON, Eſq; died Oct. 27, Anno Dom: 1731, Ætat. 47.

This Town was in *Kenninghall* Soken. And now having gone the Length of the Hundred, with the County River, which divides it from *Suffolk*, we muſt turn back and follow that Stream, which runs from *Quidenham-Meer* to *Thetford*, and there joins the County River, or the *Ouſe*, dividing this Hundred all the Way from that of *Shropham*, and the firſt Place that we meet with neareſt to *Thetford* is,

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[f] This Church is not exempt from Epiſcopal and Archidiaconal Juriſdiction, the Maſters being all of them inſtalled by the Archdeacon.

# *SNAREHILL-HOUSE,*

WHICH is deemed Extraparochial, and (with the Lodge now called [g] *Thetford-Lodge)* is all that remain of two Villages, *Great* and *Little Snareſhill*; *Great Snareſhill* belonged to * *Thurſtin* of *Thetford*, a Freeman, in the Confeſſor's Time, when he had two Carucates in Demean. † *Little Snareſhill* belonged to *Ailvin*, or *Elgar* of *Thetford*, who had one Carucate, and to *Aleſtan* an *Engliſhman*, in the Conqueror's Time, when it had 300 Sheep belonging to it, five Hives of Bees, and was of 20*s.* Value.

The Extent of both, was a League long and half a League broad, and paid 11*d. ob*: Geld.

§ *Thurſtin* of *Thetford*, had 4 Freemen, that had 35 Acres, which he held under *Roger Bigot*, who held the whole Towns of the Conqueror's Gift, (except *Bury* Abby's Part) all which the ſaid *Roger*, ſettled on his Priory at *Thetford*, at it's Foundation, and *Herbert*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, [*h*] and *William Bigot* his Son, confirmed it; by this means the Church and all it's Revenues came wholly to that Houſe, who got it appropriated to them very early, for it was in Ruins in King *Edward* III. Time, [*i*] being then valued at 30*s.* there are ſcarce any Remains of it's Foundation, ¶ tho' it's Scite is well known.

It continued in that Houſe to it's Diſſolution, and then went with it to the DUKE of NORFOLK, by whoſe Family it was after ſold, or forfeited, and hath ſince paſſed thro' ſeveral Hands, as the *Clere*'s, Sir *Edward Clere* being Lord in 1571, *&c.* 'till it came to the *Buxton*'s, and *Robert Buxton*, Eſq; of St. *Margaret*'s in *South Elmham*, dying ſeized, *Elizabeth* his Wife had it, who is now dead, and *Elizabeth* their Daughter, now a Minor, is Owner of it.

‖ The Part which *Fulcher* held of *Bury* Abby, was held in *Henry* III. Time, by the 15th Part of a Fee, of *Wordwell* Manor, which was held of the Abby, by *Will. Fyſhe*, and *John Byntliton*, and in 1345, *Will. Fyſhe*, and *Peter Beneynton* had it, and paid 2*s.* 4*d.* Relief, they being Heirs of *Will. Fyſhe* and *Peter Beneynton.*

In 1410, *Tho. Welde*, Clerk, gave to *Thetford* Monks, all his Lands and Tenements which he had of *Mary* his Mother, lying in this Place.

1411, *Edmund Heyford* of *Bernham*, gave them two Tofts and 60 Acres of Ground, and Liberty of a free Fold in *Snareſhill*, to encreaſe their Revenues, and maintain them the better, the *Bury* Part was included in this.

There was a Family Sir-named of this Town, of which *Benedict*, Son of *Hugh de Snareſhill* lived in 1256.

The LETE always belonged to the Hundred, but there being no Suiters to it in the Place, it hath been omitted many Years. The Whole was in *Kenninghall* Soken, which may be the reaſon of the Tradition, of it's belonging to *Kenninghall* at this Time, it is valued with *Ruſhworth* to the King's Tax, and paid 26*s.* 8*d.* to the Tenths.

The next Town that we meet with upon this River (except the Hamlet of *Schadwell*, of which we have ſpoken under *Ruſhworth*) is,

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[g] The Part on which the Lodge ſtands, was Little Snareſhill, and that where the Houſe ſtands, Great Snareſhill, there are no other Inhabitants but theſe two Families, I don't find there was ever any Church in Little Snareſhill, which is now owned by Henry Campion, Eſq;

* Terra Rogeri Bigoti, Gildcroſs Hund. (fol. 116.) In Snareſhill tenuit Turſtinus (ſc. Turſtin de Tedfort) Liber homo, T.R.E. ii car: terre ſemper ii bord: et i ſer. et iii acr. prati. tunc et poſt ii car: in dominio modo i et alia poſſet reſtaurari ſemp. dim: car: hominum et dim: piſc: tunc. iii. Runc: modo i tunc: iii an. modo ii. tunc. xii por. Tunc lxxx oves, modo lx. tunc valuit xvi. Sol: mo: xx.

† In alio Snarehella tenuit Ailuuinus (ſc. Elgar de Tedfort) i car: terre et lx acr: hoc tenet Aleſtan Anglus, tunc ii ſerv. m$^{o}$ i et vi Soc: de omni conſuetudine ſed unuſquiſque reddit ſemper iii d. In Keninchalla Regis, ex Summagio, et vi foriſfacturas habet Rex ex illis, in domnio ſemper i car: et dim: poſſet reſtaurari, dim: car. hom: tunc. i runc. ſemp: iiii an: tunc vi porc. m$^{o}$ v. tunc C. oves, m$^{c}$ CCC. et v. vaſa apum, et val. xx s. Totum habet i Leug: in longo et dim: in Lato, et xi d. et i ob: de Gelto.

§ Invaſiones in Nordfulc. (fol. 301.) Hund. de Gildecroſs. In Snareſhul i lib: homo xv acr. ad Feudum Turſtini de Tedfort, et inde ſuus anteceſſor habuit Commendationem tantum, Soca in Keninchala Regis, valet xv d.

In Snareſhella iii Liberi homines commend: et Soca falde, tota alia Soca in Keninchala et habent xx acr. ſemp: dim: car: val: xx d. hoc tenet Turſtinus. (ſc. ſub Rogero Bigot.)

‖ Terre Abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo Gildecroſs H. (fo. 177.) In Snareſhull tenet Fulcherus de Abbate xxx. ac. quod tenuit i Soc: ſemper i bord. dim: car. valet ii s.

[h] Donavit eis Rogerus Bigotus, manerium Snareſhelle cum omnibus pertinentijs ſuis, et Totam terram quam Elgwi tenuit, in Theofordiam &c. E carta. pen: Hen. Smith, Gen: de Hautboys, Mag.

[i] Reg Archd: Norwic: Ep: E. 3.

¶ It ſtood near Snarehill-Houſe.

# *WEST-HERLING,*

WHICH is ſo called, to diſtinguiſh it from the other *Herling*'s; here were ſeveral Manors, of all which in their order. * At the Survey the Manor was a *Berewic* belonging to *Kenninghall* Manor, with which it was held by the Confeſſor and Conqueror, and was granted as a Member of it to the *Albany*'s, who in King *Henry* I. Time, infeoffed it in the *Angerville*'s, a Family Sir-named [*k*] from a Place in *Normandy*, where they were Lords, it was to be held at half a Fee of the Manor of *Kenninghall*, as of the Caſtle of *Bokenham*.

In King *Henry* the IId's Time, Sir BENEDICT DE ANGERVILLE was Lord, who died without Male Iſſue, leaving his 3 Daughters his Heirs.

The firſt married to WILLIAM DE SNITTERTON, otherwiſe called *William Bokenham* of *Snitterton*, as his Family always continued to be called, *viz.* ſometimes *de Snitterton*, and ſometimes *de Bokenham de Snitterton*.

The 2d, to NICHOLAS DE BELLO-FOCO, BELLO-FAGO, or BEAUFO.

The 3d, to Sir ANDREW DE SHARNBOURN, ſhe died without Iſſue in King *John*'s Time, and her Part reverted to her Siſters and their Heirs.

So that now it divided into two Manors, each held at a Quarter of a Fee of the ſaid Earl's, the one called BOKENHAM's, and the other BEAUFO's.

## Bokenham's MANOR

Being thus come to Sir *William de Bokenham, de Snitterton*, at his Death he left it to *Hugh* and he to *Ralph Bokenham*, alias *Snitterton* his Son, and he to *Hugh Bokenham* of *Snitterton*, his Son, who was Lord in 1286, he left *Hugh* his Son and Heir, who died in 1290, *Margaret* his Mother then living, had a 3d Part of the Manor, and the Manſion Houſe in Dower, *Hugh* Son of the laſt *Hugh* ſucceeded, and in 1332, ſettled this and others, on Sir *Edmund de Baconeſthorp*, Knt. Sir *John Bokenham*, Parſon of *Snitterton*, his Brother, and Sir *Nicholas*, Son of Sir *Gregory de Caſtello*, during the Life of *Alice* his Wife, for the Maintainance of his Children, he died in 1339, and was buried at *Snitterton*.

In 1345, the Lady of *Snitterton*, (ſc. this *Alice*) held her Manor in *Weſt-Herling*, at a quarter of a Fee, of the Earl of *Arundell*, and he of the King, which *Hugh* of *Snetterton*, held, the Relief of which was x*s*.

1365, HUGH DE BOKENHAM, (her Son) was Lord, and *Nicholas Youngman* and *Alan Simonds* his Farmers of the Manor, kept their firſt Court this Year.

In 1369, HUGH died, and *Julian de Bokenham*, kept her firſt Court.

In 1379, JOHN BOKENHAM, Senior, and JOHN DE BOKENHAM, Junior, were Lords, in which Year they convey'd the Manor to HUGH BOKENHAM their Brother, which they had of the Grant of *John de Thelvetham*, *Julian de Bokenham* (his Daughter) *Roger Dawnay*, Parſon of *Snitterton All-Saints*, and *Andrew Green* of *Stanford*.

In 1401, HUGH BOKENHAM of *Livermere*, Son and Heir of *Hugh de Bokenham* of *Snitterton*, releaſed to *Robert Berdewelle*, Eſq; all his Right in *Bokenham*'s Manor in *Weſt-Herling*, which was ſold to Sir *William Berdewell*, Knt. by *Hugh Bokenham* his Father, and thus this Manor was join'd to BERDEWELL's,

Tho' the *Bokenham*'s ſtill had diverſe Lands here, for in 1479, *Edmund Bokenham*, Squyr, by Will proved the 29th of *March*, ordered 2 *s.* 8 *d.* to be diſtributed among his poor Servants, of *Snitterton*, *Shropham*, *Hargham*, and *Harlyng*.

The Fiſhery belonged ſolely to the Lord, excluſive of all the Tenants.

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* Terre Regis quam, Godricus ſervat Gillecroſs H. (fol. 33.) Chenninkehala tenuit Rex Edwardus, &c. Herlinga i Berewita, ſemper jacet huic manerio, i car: terre et iii villani et iiii bordarij et v acr. prati tunc i car: in domnio et poſſet Reſtau. (ſee f. 143.)

[k] Will. de Angerville, *Anno* 1200, had a Writ of Right, againſt Robert de Angerville, for *Angerville Advowſon*. Rot. Normanniæ in turri Lond. 2 Joh: Madox Hiſt. Excheq. p. 360.

## Beaufo's MANOR

Came to *Nicholas de Bellofago*, or *Beaufo*, in Right of his Wife as aforeſaid, *Nicholas* his Son was Lord in 1219, *Hugh* his Son in 1256, and *Nicholas* his Son 'till 1326, when he ſettled the Manor and Advowſon on himſelf for Life, Remainder to *Thomas Berdewell*, and *Amy* his Wife, Daughter of the ſaid *Nicholas*, and their Heirs, from which Time it was joined to *Berdewell*'s Manor, as was the Advowſon, the whole of which, at firſt, belonged to *Angervile*'s Manor, and with that divided one moiety to *Bokenham*'s, and the other to *Beaufo*'s, 'till *Ralph* Son of *Hugh de Bokenham*, ſold his Moiety, with an Acre and half of Land, to *Hugh* Son of *Nicholas de Beaufo*, and then this Manor had the whole Advowſon.

## Furneax's MANOR, *after called* Berdewelle's,

Paſſed with * *Middle-Herling*, of which it was a Part in the Conqueror's Time, and ſo continued 'till Sir *John Furneaux*, Knt. gave it in Marriage with *Sara* his Daughter, to *John de Berdewelle*, to be held of the Earl of *Brittain*, as of *Richmond* Honour, at half a Fee, and this was the firſt Poſſeſſion that the *Berdewell*'s ever had in any of the *Herling*'s, *Sara* was Lady of it in 1280, ſoon after which it was called,

## Berdewell's or East-Thorp MANOR,

By reaſon of it's lying Eaſt of the Church (as *Hackfordhall* Manor was ſometimes called *Weſt-Thorp*, or *Herling-Thorp*, which Name it ſtill retains, on Account of it's lying Weſt of the Church) and to diſtinguiſh it from *Furneaux* or *Middle-Herling* Manor, to which it joined.

And from this Time all theſe Manors went in the *Berdewell* Family, as the Pedigree will demonſtrate.

† The Fines are certain at 4*s.* an Acre, whether Land, Meadow, or Paſture, and no regard to Houſes or Home-ſtalls, they being included in the Content; it gives no Dower, the Lands deſcend according to the Common-Law; for thoſe Lands that are Heriotable, the Heriot is the beſt Beaſt, but if they have no Beaſt, there is no Heriot due, they cannot waſte their Copyhold, nor fell Timber (unleſs to repair their Copyhold) without Licence. *Childewyt* is due to the Lord, which is 2*s.* 8*d.* of every Woman, Bond Tenant, that hath a Baſtard. § *Chevage* alſo is paid to the Lord, it being a Fine for every Bond Tenant, for Liberty to live out of the Lordſhip, and Women pay it as well as Men, *viz.* 1*d.* a Year each Head. *Boſage* is alſo paid here, which is 1*d.* a Head Yearly for all Cows and great Cattle, that feed on the Commons; every 10 Sheep of the Cullet, that laid in the Lord's Fold, pay'd 1*d.* a Year. *Weſt-Fenn* Common at *Thorp-End*, belonged ſolely to the Manor, all the Tenants were obliged to grind at the Lord's Mill, and the Fiſhery of all the Manors belonged ſolely to the Lord.

*Faldage* is a Cuſtom of this Manor, that every 5 Sheep that go with the Lord's, whether they be of the Cullet or no, if the Owners will not let them lie in the Lord's Fold, but will fold them on their own Grounds, they muſt pay 1*d.* a Year, each Five; the Bond Tenants could not ſell any Male young Cattle of their own Breeding, without the Lord's Licence.

## *Hackford-Hall* Manor, *afterward* Seckford, *or* Weſthorp, *and now* Herling-Thorp.

This Manor was in two Parts, in the Confeſſor's and Conqueror's Time, the firſt was in *Bury* Abby, from it's firſt Foundation: the ſecond in one *Anti*'s Hands, in the Confeſſor's Days, and ** *Robert de Verli*'s in the Conqueror's, from whom it came to the Earl *Warren*, and went with the Poſſeſſions of the younger Branch, of that [*l*] Family, to the *Bardolph*'s, by them infeoffed in Sir *Adam de Methwolde*, of whom Sir *William de Hakeford* had it.

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* See Domeſday of Middle-Herling.

† Extracted from the Rolls of Berdewell's Manor, and included all the three Manors aforeſaid, it being after they were join'd.

§ Capitagium, or a Fine for each Head that lives out of the Lordſhip.

*l* See Banham.

** Terre Robetti de Verli H. de Gildecros. (fol. 273.) Herlinga tenuit Anti, T. R. E. i car: terre ſemp iii Villani et iii bordarij et ii ſervi iiii acr. prati. tunc in dominio i car: et poſt. ii bov: mº i car: tunc i car: hominum et poſt. dim: mº i car: Silva xii porc. tunc viii anim: modo iii et viii porc. tunc xiiii oves, mº CXX et v Soc: xxx acr: terre et iii acr: prati ſemp. i car: et val: xxx s. et vii acr: et dim: terre.

The Abbey's Part in the Conqueror's, Time, was in † *Ricuard*, by Feoffment of Abbot *Baldwin*, who held it of the Abbey, at one Fee, and from that Time it paſſed as * *Haſtings*'s Manor in *Giſſing*, 'till *Hugh* Son of *William de Haſtyngs*, Steward to King *Henry* I. infeoffed Sir *William de Hakeford* Knt. who held it alſo at one Fee, paying 18 *d.* every 20 Weeks, to the Abbot, to the Ward of *Norwich* Caſtle, which Tenure continued 'till after 1630. For then *Framlingham Gawdy* Eſq; paid it to the Crown, in Right of the diſſolved Monaſtery of *Bury*, it paid then 2 *s.* a Year for Suit to the Hundred Court, and 9 *d.* every 20 Weeks, to the Lord of the Hundred, for Caſtle-ward, for *Bardolph*'s Part.

[*l*] The CUSTOMS are the ſame *now*, as the other Manors, but were different formerly, for in 1364, the Coppyhold deſcended to the youngeſt Son, and it gave a Moiety Dower. It was then *Fine* certain, at 4 *s.* an Acre. The *Boſage*, *Faldage*, and *Chevage*, were the ſame || as in the other Manors, but the *Childwite* was not certain, but at the Lord's Will. They could ſell all manner of Beaſts that they bred, and this Cuſtom prevail'd here, That every Copyholder, that married, paid the Lord, a Bolſter, Sheet, and Pillow, or fined for them, except the Tenants called *Molmen*, which were not ſubject to this Cuſtom.

In 1346, there was a Free Tenement and 42 Acres of Land in *Illington*, held of this Manor, by *Peter de Eſthalle*, and alſo an annual Rent of 1 *d.* a Year, paid to St. *John* of *Jeruſalem*'s Hoſpital at *Karbrook*, for the Souls of the Lords Anceſtors; and the Bretheren of St. *John*'s College at *Ruſhworth*, had annually a fat Lamb deliver'd them. The Pariſh of *Midle-Herling*, held 1 Acre and an half of this Manor, and paid 6 *d.* Free-Rent. The Ewes of the Flock were milked daily, by People hired by the Lord for that Purpoſe. It extended into all the *Herling*'s, *Quidenham*, *Ruſhworth*, *Shadewell*, and *Illington*.

## Sir WILLIAM DE HAKEFORD, or AKEFORD, Knt.

Bare for his Coat Armour, Chequy *Or* and *Vert*. He held both the Parts of the Manor as aforeſaid, and left the whole to Sir *Thomas de Hakeford* his Son, whoſe Widow *Mariona*, was Lady, in 1273, at her Death it came to Sir *Nicolas de Hakeford*, and *Margery* his Wife, to whom *Peter de Hakeford* his Brother releaſed his Right: They held it but little while, for in 1278, Sir *William de Hakeford*, a Man that did much Service in the *Scotch* Wars, ſettled the Manor, jointly with *Margery* his Wife, together with that Part of it in *Bridgham*, and the Manor and Advowſon of *Couteſhale*, on *Ralph de Hackford* Parſon of *Couteſhale*, in Truſt for his two Daughters, his Heireſſes; after this, he purchaſed many Lands in *Herling*, of *Adam de Raveningham*, and ſettled them for their Uſe, on *William Goſtelyn* his Truſtee, who farmed the Manor, and kept Courts in his own Name, as Farmer of it.

## Sir JOHN DE SECKFORD *of Suffolk*, Knt.

Became Lord, in 1331, in Right of *Joan* his Wife, the eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William de Hakeford*; *Henry de Elmham* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, who was Sir *William*'s other Daughter, having releaſed all their Right in it, to Sir *John* and his Lady, who releaſed to them, all their Right, in that Part of the Demeans, that laid in *Bridgham*, and in the whole Manor of *Hacford-Hall* in *Fringe*: He bare for his Arms, *Ermine*, an Eſcalop in Feſs *Gules*, which hath been ſince changed, this Family having born for ſome Ages, *Ermine* on a Feſs *Gul.* 3 Eſcalops *Or.* and for their Creſt, a Talbot paſſant *Ermine*. He is ſometimes called *de Schirford*, *Sedgeford*, *Segford*, and *Secford*. In the Year 1359, Sir *John*, Son of this Sir *John*, lived at *Great Bealings* in *Suff.* and upon his Marriage, ſetled it on *William de Rothyng* Rector here, and *James de Rothing*, to the Uſe of *Alice* his Wife, who kept Court in 1372, after his Death; In 1401, Sir *George de Secford* Knt. was Lord, and ſetled it, on *Margaret* his Wife, who was Daughter and Heir of Sir *Thomas Jenney* of *Suff.* Knt. After his Death, ſhe ſetled it on Sir *Simon Felbrige* Knt. and other Truſtees, upon her ſecond Marriage with *Auguſtine Stratton*: At her Death it went to *George Secford* Eſq; who ſetled it upon *Ralf Full of Love* Rector of this Town, in Truſt for *Alice* his Wife, who in 1450, at his Death, be-

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† Terre Abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo. Gildecros Hund. (Domſ: fo. 117.) In HERLING Ricuuard. 1 Car: tre: de Abbate. quod tenuit Sanctus Edmundus T. R. E. ſemp. iiii Vill: iii Bordarij i Serv: iii acr: Prati tunc: i Car. in dnio: m° ii ſemp: ii car: homin: i Runcin: viii Anim: iii Porc: tunc cxx Oves m°, clxxx. tunc valuit xx *s.* m° xl.

*l* From the Court Rolls.

* See fo. 111

|| See fo. 200.

came Lady, ſhe was Daughter of *Tho. Rokes* (of *Ridleſworth* as I take it) and married again to Sir *Henry Wingfield*, Knt. who join'd with her in 1476, and releaſed the Manor to *Tho. Seckford*, Eſq; Lord of *Seckford* in *Suff.* who immediately ſettled it on *Robert Warner*, *Will. Brampton*, *Edmund Purry*, and others, in Truſt for *Margaret*, Daughter of *John Purrey*, of *Ayleſham* in *Norf.* his firſt Wife, who died before him, and he married a 2d Wife, named *Elizabeth*, ſoon after which he died in 1507, leaving *Thomas Sekford* of *Great Bealings* in *Suff.* Eſq; his Heir, who married *Margaret*, Daughter of Sir *John Wingfield*, of *Letheringham*, Knt. He and his Father's ſurviving Feoffees ſold it to

George Nunne of *Toſtock* in *Suff.* Clothier, and *William Futter* his Truſtee, and the Heirs of *George*. In 1564, the ſaid *George* and *John* his Son and Heir, ſold it to

Bassingbourne Gawdy of *Mendham* in *Suff.* Eſq; and *Anne* his Wife and their Heirs, and for want of Heirs, to *Edward Bardwell* and his Heirs for ever, and this Year they held their firſt Court, and from this Time it was join'd to the other Manors, and ſo continues.

The Manor-Houſe hath been down many Ages, for in 1398, the Lord lived at *Seckford*, and had a Pond or Pool, in the late Scite of the Manor, called *Seckford-Hall-Yard-Cloſe*, in *Weſt-Herling*.

In 1504, after a Suit between the Lord and *Robert Bernyngham*, Prior of the Monks of St. *Mary* at *Thetford*, the Lord agreed for the future to pay 2*s.* a Year to that Monaſtery, out of Lands called *Gildenſleves*, which were join'd to the Manor by purchaſe, and did always heretofore pay 2*s.* 6*d.* a Year, and upon this Agreement, he paid 2*s.* to Sir *William Ixworth*, then Monk of that Houſe, to put him in Poſſeſſion.

## *The Family of the* BERDEWELLE'S

Took their Name from the Town of BERDEWELLE in *Suff.* where they lived in the Conqueror's Time, when § *Baldwin* Abbot of *Bury*, infeoffed *Ralf de Berdewelle* of that Manor, they always bare for their Arms,

*Arg.* a Goat Saliant *Gul.* armed *Or.*

and for their Rebus or Device, a Bear with a Well on his Back, and theſe two Letters, d e. which can't but make BEAR-DE-WELL, or *Berdwelle*. And for a Creſt, on a Wreath. *Or*, & *Sab.* a Goat's Head eraſed *Gul.* attired *Or*, mantled *Sab.* doubled *Arg.*

In 1196, *William* Son of *Ralf de Berdewelle*, held *Berdewelle* at two Fees, as he acknowledged in a Fine then levied between him and Abbot * *Sampſon*. *John de Berdewelle* his Son had 4 Sons, all which had Iſſue † *John de Berdewell* the Eldeſt, was Lord of *Gaſthorp* in 1274: [*m*] He had two Wives, and Iſſue by both, the eldeſt Son by the 1st Wife, was *Thomas*, who was dead before 1338, and left *Richard*, *Robert*, and *Thomas*, who were Lords of *Gaſthorp*, *Thomas* had the Whole by Releaſe from his Brothers; he married *Amy* Daughter of Sir *Nicholas de Beaufo*, with whom he had *Beaufoe*'s Manor in this Town, *Alice* her Siſter, and *John Rivet* of *Freton* her Husband, releaſing their Right in it, in 1330. In 1348, *John Berdewelle* their Son was Lord, who had *William Berdewelle* his Son, by *Iſabell* Daughter of *Thomas Barro*, Knt. and had Free-warren allowed him in *Berdwelle* and *Thorp* in *Suff.* *William* his Son, married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Tho. Hethe*, Lord of *Hengrave*, *Denham* by *Barrow*, and *Saxham-parva* in *Suff.* he died ſeized of *Berdewelle*, *Gateſthorp*, *Beaufoe's*, &c. leaving *Margaret* his only Daughter, who married *John Harleſton*, by whom ſhe had *Margaret*, married to *Tho. Darcy* of *Danby* in *Eſſex*, and *Alice* to Sir *Richard Fitz-Lewes*, Knt. But the Manors aforeſaid for want of Male Iſſue, reverted to Sir *William Berdewell*, the great Warriour, who was the Male Heir of the Family by the 2d Wife, *viz.* [*m*] *Sara* Daughter of Sir *John Furneaux*, of *Midle-Herling*, with whom he had *Furneaux* Manor in *Weſt-Herling*; they left Sir *William Berdewell*, Knt. their Son and Heir, whoſe Son

Sir William Berdewell, Knt. the great Warriour, was born 1367, for in the 9th of *Henry* IV. [*Anno* 1407.] he was 40 Years old, being then one of the Knights ſummoned as Witneſſes [*n*] for Sir *Edward Haſtyngs* of *Elſing*, in the Cauſe between him, and Sir *Reginald Grey*, Lord *Ruthyn*, concerning the Arms of *Haſtyngs*, in which he ſwore, that he was a Soldier with Sir *Hugh Haſtyngs*, the Defendant, in the Voyage made by Sir *John Arundell* on the Sea, and ſaw Sir *Hugh* bear the Arms of, *Or*, a Maunch *Gul.* with a Label of 3 Points *Arg.* In the Voyage of Sir *Malves del Ile*, in the Voyage of King *Richard* II. into

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§ Regr. Pinchebek, fo. 182. Regr. nigr, fo. 145.

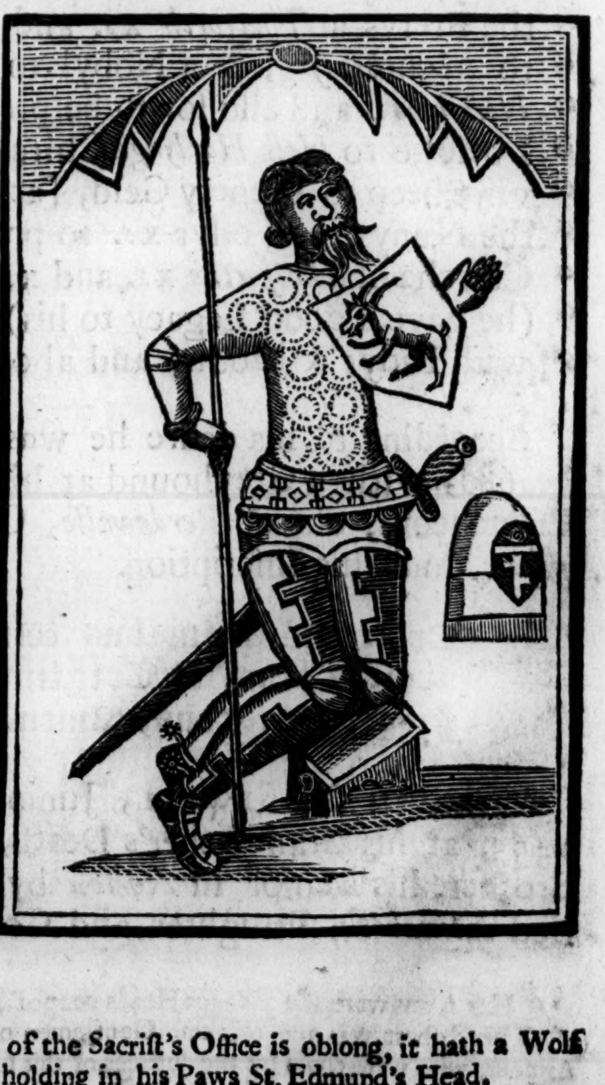
* Pinchb. fo. 118.

† See Gateſthorp fo. 168.

*m* Sara was the Chriſtian Name of both his Wives.

*n* MSS. Cauſ: inter Grey et Haſtyngs, penes P. L. N. Vol. 1. pag. 393.

*Scotland.* In *Bretaigne*, in the deceaſed Duke of *Lancaſter*'s Voyage into *Spain*, and that he always underſtood, that the Label was born by the next Heir according to the Uſage of *England*, as the Prince of *Wales* bears it, and was the Conuſance of the next Heir. In 1382, [o] he was retained by Sir *John Clifton*, of *Bokenham Caſtle*, to ſerve him with 7 Men at Arms, and 6 Archers on Horſeback, in the Voyage of *Croyſerye*, and of the King, for one Year, for 100 Marks, for himſelf, with [p] *Bouche de Court*, and for his 7 Men at Arms and 6 Archers, 392 Marks, to be paid half down, and the reſt Quarterly, as the Biſhop of *Norwich* ſhould pay Sir *John Clifton.* In 1387, he covenanted with the Lord *Camoys* to ſerve under him in the Expedition at Sea, under the Command of the Lord *Arundell*, then Admiral of *England*, for 4 Months, with 2 Eſquires ſufficiently armed, and 3 Archers, and each of his Men of Arms, to have one Servant to carry their Bayonets, Sir *William* to find them Wages, who was to have 18 Marks for his own Service, and 20 Marks for his Archers, and *Bouche de Court* for all his Retinue, all of them to be ready at *Southampton* the 4*th* of *May* following, and if any great Chieftain was taken in the War, by Sir *William* or his Retinue, the Lord *Camois* was to have him, giving ſufficiently to him and his Men, that ſhould take him. In the Year 1400, *Michael De-la-poole*, Earl of *Suffolk*, granted him an Annuity of 20 *l.* during his Life, out of his Caſtle, Manor, and Honour of *Eye* in *Suff.* in Recompence for the good and agreeable Service that Sir *William* had done him in times paſt, and ſhall do him in time to come, both in War and Peace; and upon this Sir *William* obliged himſelf to ſerve the Earl, with one 'Squire, two Servants, and five Horſes, all which were to have *Bouche de Court*, at the Earl's Expence, and if he travels in *England*, at the Earl's Command, he was to be allowed reaſonable Expences, and in time of War, he was to find as many Men at Arms, and Archers on Horſeback as he could, all which the Earl was to pay, as the King paid him, and he was to have two Parts of their Ranſom, and the Earl the other third Part, but no Priſoner was to be deliver'd up, without the Earl's Licence: In this Year he did Homage to *Thomas*, Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, for his Lands in *Herling*, held of *Caſtle-Acre* Manor; he married *Margaret*, Daughter and Heireſs of *Theobald* (or *John*) *de Pakenham*, Eſq; and *Agnes* his Wife, Daughter of *Tho: Saxham*, who in her Will, order'd to be buried at *Berdewell* by her Husband; He ſettled *Berdwell*'s Manor on *Ralph* and *Robert de Bernyngham* for their Lives, Remainder to *Robert Berdewell* his Son, Remainder to *William* Son of *Robert*, and his Heirs. On the 1ſt of *Octob*, 1434, he made his Will which is dated at *Bury*, where he died ſoon after, for on the 29*th* of the ſame Month, it was proved before [q] Brother *John Cranewys*, Sacriſt of that Monaſtry, (he being by Virtue of that Office, in the Place of Archdeacon of the exempt Juriſdiction of that Houſe) in which he order'd to be buried in *Berdewelle* Chancel, to the Reparation of which Church, he gave 40 *s.* and 20 *s.* to repair the Roads, and 20 *l.* to his Daughter *Iſabell*, and to *Robert* his Son and Heir, his Baſilard, and all his gilt Armour, his beſt Girdle, with his looſe Gown, furr'd with Beaver: He died poſſeſſed of the Manors of *Berdewells*, *Bokenhams*, and *Beaufos* in *Weſt-Herling*; *Garlek-Hall* in *Gateſthorp*; *Belagh*, *Norton*, *Wyken*, *Berdewelle*, *Wykes* in *Berdewell*; and *Thorp* in *Suffolk*, and was buried at *Berdewell*, where he chiefly reſided; in a North Window of which Church, a curious Effigies of him ſtill remains very perfect, of which this is an exact Reſemblance,



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[o] Autog: inter Cart. P. L. N.

[p] BOWGE of Court, is a certain Quantity of Proviſions allowed to a Servant, in the Palace of a Prince, or Houſe of a Nobleman.

[q] The Seal of the Sacriſt's Office is oblong, it hath a Wolf under a Tree, holding in his Paws St. Edmund's Head.

He had Iſſue, *John* his eldeſt Son, who married *Elizabeth* Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *John* (or *Thomas*) *Clopton*, by whom he had *William* and *Roſe*, both which, as well as their Father, died before their Grandfather.

Upon which his * 2d Son, *Robert Berdewell* of *Belagh*, Eſq; (who built the old Hall at *Herling*, and firſt ſettled there) became his Heir, who in 1439, did Homage to the Earl of *Arundell* for *Weſt-Herling*, and in 1446, to *Ralf*, Lord *Cromwell* and *Tateſhale* for *Gateſthorp*, he had two Wives, the firſt was ** *Elizabeth*, his 2d was *Margery* Daughter of Sir *Thomas Jenny*, who out-lived him ſome Years, ſhe being alive and his Widow in 1462. He is buried with his firſt Wife, on the North Side of the Altar in this Chancel, his Stone is now much broken and defaced, it hath *Berdewell*'s Coat, impaling 3 Naggs Heads cooped; the 3 other Coats being loſt, as is part of the Circumſcription, which I tranſcribed before it was defaced, *viz.*

> Orate pro Anima Roberti Berdewelle, Armigeri, qui obiit xxii°
> Die Januarii A° Dni: M°CCCC°lv° et pro Anima Elizabet. uxoris.
> eius quorum Animabus propicietur Deus.

William Berdewell, Senior, of *Weſt-Herling*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, had two Wives, by whom he had 30 Sons and Daughters, *Eleanor* his 1ſt Wife was Daughter and Heireſs of *John Crabbe*, with whom he had the Manors of *Midle-Herling*, and *Kimberle*; *Elizabeth* his 2d Wife was a *Mortimer*. In 1441, the Duke of Norfolk, by Deed dated at his Caſtle of *Framlingham*, granted to his beloved Servant *William Berdewell*, Senior, Eſq; an Annuity of 10 Marks, for the good Services that he had done him: I have ſeen his Will of his own Hand Wrighting, from which I took the following Extract.

*Jeſu mercye.* *Mary helpe.*

“IN DEI NOMINE *Amen.* I Welyam Berdewell the Holder, *Sana mente & bonæ*
“ *Memoriæ*, qwan I pas hawt of this miſery Werd, I beqwethe my Sowle to the
“ Trenite, Fadir, Sone, and Holye Goyſt, Three Perſonis, and One God, my Bodye to be
“ beryed in the Chanſel of *Weſtharlyng*, on the South Side, before Seynt *Jon*, betweene bothe
“ my Wyvys. And I beſette to the Hey Awtyr, x *s.* & to the Churche odyr x *s.* alſo to the
“ Lytys on the Candleſtekys afore the Hey Awtyr odyr x *s.* & to the feywe Joys afore our
“ Lady, odyr x *s.* And alſo I beſette a Veyſtmente to the Hey Awter, and to the Place of
“ the Frerys at *Thetforth* x *s.* and to the Chapell of our Ladi in *Thetforthe* odyr x *s.* alſo x *s.*
“ to *Medylharlyng*, & a Nobyl to the Freris of *Babwell.* Odyr x *s.* to the Kwyte Freris of
“ *Norwiche*; and alſo for to be preyd for in the Townys abowte me, and nowght to labour,
“ I beſette to *Heſt Harlynge* Chirche a Nobyl, and forte Denar: and to *Gatyſthorp* a Nobyl,
“ viij Sheep to Trenety Geld, [at *Weſt-Herling*] to the Channowyns [at *Thetford*] x *s.* and to
“ the Nunys ther, odyr x *s.* to prey to God for me, and to the Hey Awter of Seint Marye
“ Chirche of *Thetforthe* x *s.* and x *s.* to our Ladi [at *Weſt-Herling*] and a Nobyl to the Chirche.
“ (he gave a good Legacy to his) Son † *Peter* to prey for [him] and for [his] Weyfwys,
“ with Fadyr & Modir, and al odyr Frendys, qwiche paſt the Werd, &c.

According to his deſire he was buried on the South Side of the Altar, his Effigies bareheaded, with a Greyhound at his Feet, and his Sword and Spurs on, ſtill remains, and 2 Eſcutcheons, one of *Berdewelle*, Quartering *Mortimer*, and the other of *Berdewelle* and *Pakenham*, and this Inſcription.

> Orate pro Animabus Willielmi Berdewell, Armigeri, Alienore et Elizabethe
> uxorum eius, et Triginta filiorum et filiarum ſuarum. quorum Animabus
> propicietur Deus, Amen.

William Berdewell, Junior, Eſq; his Son and Heir ſucceeded, who was of Age in 1455, at his Grandfather's Death, who gave him *Toſtock-Hall* Manor, and to *Edmund* his Brother, his Manor in *Norton* by *Wulpit*, which was formerly *Agnes de Norton*'s; he married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Edmund de Wychyngham*, of *Fiſhley*, in 1459, and

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** Her Arms were *Ar*: 3 Naggs Heads cooped *Sab*. bridled *or*.

* This Robert was one of thoſe Gentlemen of ancient Coat Armour, who were choſe by the Juſtices of this County, to ſerve the King in his Wars, as Recruits, as appears by the Original Privy Seal and Return, now lying in the Court of Receipt of the Exchequer, at Weſtminſter, in Raggeman Bagg.

† He was Rector here.

after her Death to *Elizabeth*, Widow of *John Cheke*, in 1490, who died in 1505, and by Will order'd her Body to be buried in *Debenham* Church, by *John Cheke* her 1ſt Husband, by whom ſhe left Iſſue, *John*, *Robert*, *William*, and *Edmund*, but none by her 2d Husband, who was buried in the midſt of the Nave of this Church, by *Elizabeth* his 1ſt Wife, his Effigies remains on his Stone, which is bare-headed, and in Armour, his Wife's being in a Bonnet. The Arms of *Berdewelle* and *Wichingham* are firſt ſingle, and then impaled.

On a Scroll from his Mouth are theſe Words,

**Jeſu Fili Dei, miſerere mei.**

And on another from her's, this,

**Sancta Dei Genetrix, Ora pro me.**

And this Inſcription under them,

**Orate pro Animabus Willi: Berdewell, Armigeri, et Elizabethe uxoris eius, Unius Filiarum Edmundi Wychyngham, et pro quibus tenentur, quorum Animabus propicietur Deus.**

He was ſucceeded by his Son WILLIAM BERDEWELLE, of *Herling*, Eſq; who married *Margaret*, Daughter of *John Framlingham* of *Crow's-Hall* in *Debenham*, they both died in one Week, A° 1508, ſeized of *Drayton-Hall* Manor in *Scarning*, and *Dillington*, *Kelling*, *Salthouſe*, *Gaſthorp*, *Weſt* and *Midle-Herling* Manors and Advowſons, and were buried together in the Nave of this Church; his Effigies bare-headed, with that of his Wife by him, with their Eſcutcheons, ſtill remain, and this Inſcription,

**Orate pro Animabus Willi: Berdewell, Armigeri, iſtius Eccleſie Patroni, et Margarete uxoris eius, qui obierunt in una Ebdomada, menſe Januarii, 1508.**

He left Iſſue, 5 Sons and 4 Daughters, *Robert* his eldeſt Son and Heir, *Edward Berdewell* of *Mendham*, who was Living in 1559, whoſe Son *James Berdewell* lived at *Sandcroft*, afterwards at *Long Stratton*: In 1589, as Heir Male of the Family, he releaſed *Limborn* Manor to *Baſ: Gawdy*, Eſq; *John* the 3d Son married *Mary*, Daughter of *John Cook*, *William* was the 4th, Son, and *Edmund* the 5th. *Eleanor* his eldeſt Daughter died young, *Eleanor* the 2d Daughter, married *Tho. Pigeon* of *Eaſt Beckham*, and *Alice* or *Elizabeth*, married a *Howard*.

ROBERT BERDEWELL of *Weſt-Herling*, Eſq; died in the King's Service beyond Sea, his Will was proved in 1512, in which he order'd to be buried at his Father's Head, in *Weſt-Herling* Church, [r] if he died in *England*; he order'd a Prieſt to Syng for him 7 Years, in the Chapel of our Lady on the South Side of *Herling* Church; he left *Anne*, Daughter of *Tho. Bacon* of *Heſſet*, his Widow, who in 1513, married *Will: Rookwood*, and after his Death, to *Rob. Keene* of *Thrandeſton*, whoſe Widow ſhe was in 1558, when ſhe held *Gaſthorp*, and *Toſtock* Manors; they had only one Daughter, *viz.*

ELIZABETH BERDEWELL, who was but one Year old at her Father's Death, and her Wardſhip fell to Sir *Edward Howard*, Knt. of whom *Scarning*, &c. was held, in Right of Lady *Morley*, Sir *Edward*'s Wife, who in 1512, ſold it, immediately after her Father's Death, to *Will. Wooton* his Executor, and he ſold it with her Marriage, to Sir *Robert Southwell*, Knt. who married her to

JOHN WOOTON of *North Tuddenham* in *Norfolk*, who confirmed the Exchange lately made, of *Salthouſe*, and *Kellyng* Manors, which were lately the *Wychyngham*'s, and *Berdwelle*'s, for *Drayton-Hall* in *Scarning*, he was Son of *John Wooton* of *Tuddenham*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Siſter of Sir *Thomas*, and Daughter of Sir *Robert L'Eſtrange*, he kept his firſt Court here in 1528, and in 1536, his Wife died; after which he married a Daughter of *Nevill*, Lord *Abergavenny*, Widow of Lord *D'Acres*.

By *Elizabeth* his firſt Wife he left one only Daughter, ANNE, whoſe Wardſhip *John Millicent*, Eſq; ſold in 1545, to Sir *Anthony Rouſe*, it belonging to him, as Lord of *Bergham* Manor, of which the Manor of *Midle-Herling* is held, as parcel of the Honour of *Richmond*; ſhe had 3 Husbands, firſt Sir *Thomas Woodhouſe* of *Waxham*, (*William Woodhouſe* having purchaſed her Guardianſhip of Sir *Anthony Rouſe* in 1547.) by whom ſhe had no Iſſue, nor by *Henry Reppes* of *Mendham*, Eſq; her 2d Husband, who kept his firſt Court in 1551, and was dead before 1556, for in that Year *Baſſingbourne Gawdy*, 2d Son of *Thomas Gawdy*, Serjeant at

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[r] There being no Stone for him, I ſuppoſe he was buried where he died.

Law, her 3d Husband, kept his firſt Court, and held *Midle-Herling* of *Robert Berney*, [s] as of his Manor of *Bergham*, by the Service of half a Fee, and 5 *s. per An.* He was afterwards Knighted. In 1564, he purchaſed *Secford* Manor; and thus all the Manors in *Weſt-Herling*, *Midle-Herling*, and *Gateſthorp*, came to the *Gawdie*'s. She was buried at *Herling July* the 9th 1594.

## *GAWDIE*'s

Arms are, *Vert*, a Tortoiſe paſſant *Ar.* Creſt, on a Wreath *Ar.* and *Gul.* a Chapeau turned up *Erm.* on which 2 Daggers in Pale *Ar.* hilted *Or.* Mantled *Gul.* Doubled *Ar.*

Sir BASSINGBOURNE GAWDIE Knt. died ſeized, *Jan.* 25 1569, of all the Manors, together with *Limbourne* in *Homeresfield*, *Roudham*, *Drayton-hall*, *&c.* leaving two Sons, *Baſſingbourn*, and Sir *Phillip*, who married *Brigit Strongman*, by whom he had *Francis*, his Son and Heir, who died without Iſſue, and 5 Daughters, the laſt of which was born in 1614.

BASSINGBOURNE GAWDIE Eſq; his Son and Heir, was 29 Years old at his Father's Death, when *Thomas Gawdie* of *Gawdie-hall*, his Uncle, was Truſtee for *Secford*'s Manor. This *Baſſingbourn*, held *Weſt-Herling*, of the Earl of *Arundell*, *Midle-Herling*, of the Queen, as of her Honour of *Richmond*, at half a Fee, *Secford*'s of the diſſolved Abby of *Bury*, at 3 *s.* yearly Rent, *Drayton-hall*, of the Lady *Morley*, and *Gaſthorp*, of *Phillip Knevet* Eſq. He was thrice Sheriff of *Norff.*, *viz.* in 1573, when he was an Eſquire only, in 1593, when he was a Knight, and in 1601. He had two Wives, The firſt was *Anne*, Daughter of Sir *Charles Framlingham* of *Debenham*, by *Dorothy* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Clement Heigham* Knt. ſhe was an Heireſs, and brought the whole Eſtate of the *Framlingham*'s, *viz.* The Manors of *Crowſhall*, *Scotneys*, *Harborow*, and *Debenham*, with the Advowſons, *Mandevile*'s Manor in *Sternefield*, *Abbots-hall*, and *Aſhfield* Manor and Advowſon: Sir *Charles* her Father outlived her, and died *July* 23 1594, leaving *Framlingham Gawdie* Eſq; his Grandſon, his ſole Heir. His ſecond Wife was *Dorothy*, Daughter of Sir *Nicholas Bacon* of *Redgrave*, who held *Gaſthorp* Manor for Life, and after his Deceaſe, ſhe married to *Felton*, and died at *Fakenham Feb.* 1. 1653, and was buried here by her firſt Husband, who died the 23d. of *May* 1606, leaving Iſſue by both his Wives: by the laſt, he had 2 Sons and 2 Daughters, *Baſſingbourn* and *Bacon Gawdie*, who was buried here in 1650, and *Dorothy* and *Frances*, both buried here, the firſt in 1659, the laſt in 1626, leaving no Iſſue: By the firſt he had 2 Sons, *Framlingham* and *Charles* who was born in 1591, and was afterwards Knighted, and had *Crowſhall Scotneys &c.* given to him and his Heirs.

FRAMLINGHAM GAWDIE Eſq; was born, *Augt.* 8 1589, Sir *Robt. Knowles* Knt. was his Gaurdian, and as ſuch, kept Court in 1606. In 1627, he was Sheriff of *Norff.* and afterwards one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of that County, by Commiſſion from *Henry* Earl of *Northampton* then Lord-Lieutenant: he married *Lettice* Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Robt. Knowles* Knt. who was buried here, *Dec.* 3 1630, by Sir *Robt.* her Father, who was buried *Jan.* 20 1618. He was buried, *Feb.* 25 1654, by his Father-in-Law, leaving 6 Sons and 2 Daughters, *viz. William*, *Framlingham* born in 1613, *Baſſingbourn* in 1614, *Tho.* in 1617, who died ſingle, *Charles* in 1618, and *Robt.* in 1620, *Lettice* died *Feb.* 8 1622, § and *Anne June* 29 1622.

WILLIAM GAWDY Eſq; the eldeſt Son, was created BARONET, *July* 13 1663, he married *Elizabeth Duffield*, who was buried *June* 10 1653, by whom he had 4 Sons and one Daughter, *Baſſingbourn* the eldeſt died unmarried, at *London*, of the Small-pox, and was buried in the *Temple*, in 1660, *Anne* his Siſter was buried with him, and *William* his Brother, they dying of the ſame Diſeaſe, *Framlingham Gawdy* who lived at *Bury*, and

* Sir JOHN GAWDY, Bart. who was his 2d Son and Heir, he was born *Oct.* 4, 1639, being deaf and dumb, notwithſtanding which, he was an admirable Painter, and a moſt ingenious Man, he married *Anne* Daughter of Sir *Robt. de Grey* of *Martin* Knt. and *Elizabeth* his Wife, by whom, at his Death in 1699, he left one Son and one Daughter.

Sir BASSINGBOURN GAWDY, Bart. his Son and Heir, * died unmarried, on Thurſday *Oct.* 10 1723, of a Bruiſe in his Privities, which he received by his Horſe's ſtumbling as he was Hunting, he was wrapt in Sear-cloath, and buried in a Leaden Coffin, in our *Ladie*'s Chapel in this Church, which is lately taken down, (a Faculty being obtained for that Purpoſe) and his Grave, raiſed with Bricks over it, is now to be ſeen in the Churchyard on the South Side, where the Chapel ſtood: He left his 3 Neices his Heirs, they being

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[s] From the Evidences of John Millicent Eſq; of Bergham, Anno 1695.

* Coll. P. L. N.

§ All the Gawdies of Herling, and moſt of the Crows-hall Family, are buried here.

Daughters of his Siſter *Anne*, by *Oliver Le Neve* of Great *Wichingham* Eſq; their Son *Oliver* dying without Iſſue in 1686, *viz. Iſſabella* then ſingle, *Anne* married to *John Rogers* of *Stanford*, Licentiate in Phiſick, and *Henrietta* to *Edward Le-Neve* Gent. only Son of *Edward Le Neve*, Citizen and Merchant-Taylor of *London*: who all joined and convey'd the whole Eſtate to

Joshua Draper, Eſq; who ſold it to

Richard Gipps, Eſq; now LORD and PATRON, who hath purchaſed all this and *Midle-Herling*, and built a neat Seat, which was begun by Mr. *Draper*, who pulled down the old Hall, called *Berdewell-Hall*, the Scite of which join'd to the South Eaſt Corner of the Church-Yard, and began this new Building, in the Place where the old One ſtood.

The LETES of the two Towns belong to the Duke of Norfolk's Hundred of *Giltcroſs*, to which Hundred-Court, each Town paid 6 *d. Lete-Fee*, and 7 *d*, a-piece for *Blanche-Farm*, 6 *s.* for 3 Suit Fines, and 7 *d.* a-piece for Caſtle-Ward.

In 1603, there were 132 Communicants in this Pariſh, and now there are about 6 or 7 Houſes, and 60 Inhabitants; it paid 58 *s.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed with *Midle-Herling* ar 427 *l.*

*BERDEWELLE-HALL*, was a fine, old, embattled Stone Building, moated round, it was demoliſhed in 1725, there was a Family Chapel in it antiently; and the following Arms were in the Parlour, and other Windows, when it was pulled down, *viz.*

BERDEWELLE, impaling Walcote, Mortimer of *Attleburgh*; Furneaux, *Sab.* a Pale Lozengee *Ar.* Wichingham *Erm.* on a Chief *Sab.* 3 Croſlets Patee *Ar.* Framlingham, *Ar.* a Feſs *Gul.* between 3 Corniſh Crows proper. Wotton, *Ar.* a Saltyr ingrailed *Sab.* on which an Annulet *Az.* Jenney; Pakenham; Glanvile, *Ar.* a Chief indented *Az.* Southwell, *Ar.* 3 Cinquefoils *Gul.* on each 5 Annulets *Or.* L'Estrange; with a Battoon *Or*; *Ar.* 3 Naggs Heads cooped *Sab.* bridled *Or.* *Ar.* on a a Feſs ingrailed between 3 Ineſcutcheons *Gul.* as many Mullets *Or.* peirced *Ar.* Pally wavy. *Az.* on a Croſs *Ar.* 5 Eſcalops *Gul.*

GAWDY impaling, Bassingbourn, Gironne of 12, *Or* & *Az.* Bodrigan, *Az.* 3 Bendlets *Gul.* *Purp.* a Lyon Ramp. crowned *Or.* *Ar.* a Saltyr *Sab.* between 12 red Cherries, Stalked proper. Knowles, *Az.* cruſuly, a Croſs Moline voided *Or*, quarter'd with, *Sab.* a Chev. *Ar.* between 3 humane Heads cooped at the Neck, twined with as many Snakes proper. Knightly, Quarterly *Or* & *Erm.* in the 1ſt and 4th Quarters, 3 Pallets *Gul.* Conisby, *Gul.* 3 Coneys Currant *Ar.* Quarterly, 1ſt per Bend, indented *Ar.* & *Sab.* 2d *Az:* a De-lis *Or*, 3. as 2. 4. as 1.

## BASSINGBOURNE GAWDY, 1593, *impales*,

FRAMLINGHAM and his Quarterings, *viz.* Lee, *Sab.* a Chev: *Er.* between 3 Creſcents *Ar.* Borne, *Sab.* a Chev: *Gul.* between 3 Unicorns Heads eraſed *Az.* Tiptoft, *Ar.* a Saltyr ingrailed *Gul.* Charlton, *Or*, a Lyon Ramp: *Gul.* Holland, Inglethorp, *Gul.* a Croſs ingrailed *Ar.* Bradston, *Ar.* on a Canton *Az.* a Roſe *Or*- De-la-pole, with an Annulet.

Framlingham's CREST, is, a Raven volant proper.

FRAMLINGHAM, impales Nevile and his Quarterings, *viz.* Nevile, *Gul.* a Saltyr *Ar.* a Labell of 3 Gobone, *Ar.* & *Az.* Montacute, *Ar.* a Feſs Fuſile *Gul.* Monthermer, *Or*, an Eagle diſplay'd *Vert.* Holland Earl of *Kent*, *England* in a Bordure *Ar.* Wake, *Or*, 2 Bars *Gul.* in Chief 3 Torteaux. Estottevill, Barry of 10, *Ar.* & *Gul.* A Lyon Ramp: *Sab.* Burgh, *Ar.* a Feſs Lozenge *Sab.* Jeffery, *Or*, a Chev: *Sab.* between 3 Goldfinches proper. Scotham, *Az.* 3 Pheons *Ar.*

Nevile's CREST, is, a Wolf paſſant *Ar.* collar'd *Or*, on his Shoulder an Annulet for Difference.

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[*] Here was a Family Sirnamed Tunes ende, or Towns end, in 1290. In 1302, William atte Tune's endė lived here, In 1304 John Son of Thomas atte Tunes end died, leaving Alice his Widow, and William his Son, who married in 1306. In 1377, William atte Tunes end was Rector of Midle Herling. They were all conſiderable Owners, and moſt of them ſealed with the preſent Arms of the TOWNSEND Family.

On a very old Musket Barrell that hung in the Hall, was this,

FURIVS JE SVIS, MAIS SANS FEV, JE NE PUIS.

which was thus tranſlated,

Full I am, 'tis true, of * Ire,
But can do nothing without Fire.

* *Anger.*

In 1382, a Piece of Land in *Thorp-Street*, was held by the Rent of 2 *d.* a Year, to be paid to *Weſt-Herling* Church, and *Rob. Gildenſleve* held 1 Acre, by the Rent of 1 *d.* a Year, to find a Light in that Church. *John Ingman* held a Cottage formerly *Elizabeth Smith*'s, for which he was to find Yearly a Wax Candle of a Quarter of a Pound weight, to burn there, and *William Turnour* was to find another Yearly, of 1 *d.* Value. In 1550, Sir *Tho. Woodhouſe* of *Waxham*, Knt. confirmed to *Robert Barret* 2 Acres of Meadow, which he had among other Lands, of the Grant of King *Edward* VI. in the 2d Year of his Reign, it being given for an Anniverſary to be kept here.

## *The* CHURCH *is dedicated to all the Saints,*

Having it's Nave and Chancel tiled, a ſquare Tower, with a tall Freeſtone Spire on it; there were but 3 Bells, 'till *Joſhua Draper*, Eſq; when he reſided here, had them new Run'd, and added two new Ones. On the 3d Bell was this,

**Virgo Coronata duc nos ad Regna beata.**

The following Inſcriptions (beſides thoſe already ſpoken of) may be ſeen here. On a Braſs plated Stone in the Chancel, the Effigies of a Prieſt, and under him this,

**Orate pro Anima Johannis Michyll, quondam Rectoris,**
**iſtius Eccleſie, cuius Anime propicietur Deus.**

On another Stone,

**Orate pro Anima Radulfi Full of Love, quondam Rectoris**
**iſtius Eccleſie, qui obiit xvi° die Septembris A° Dni. M° CCCC°**
**lxxix.**

This [t] Man gave 10 *l.* to build a new Font in *Hingham* Church, and to the Lights of *Corpus Chriſti*, St. *Andrew* his Patron, and St. *Mary*'s Light in her Chapel in *Hingham* Church, 2 lb. of Wax, and 40 *d.* to the High Altar. To *Weſt-Herling* a Miſſal of 8 or 9 Marks, and two Veſtments of 5 *l.* Value, *Will: Berdewell*, Junior, and *Hen: Spylman*, Gent. Executors, the Lady *Anne Wyngfield*, Superviſor. [This out of his Teſtament.] By his Will he gives a Legacy to the Tabernacle of St. *Mary* at *Hocham*, to pray for *Alice* his Mother; he orders an annual Maſs to be celebrated in *Hingham* Church, for the Souls of *Tho: Owdolf*, of *John Aſhwell*, Organ-Maker, *John Fagede*, and *Hen: Owdolf*, all of *Norwich*, deceas'd; 20 *s.* to St. *Thomas* of *Acris*'s Hoſpital in *London*. 20 *s.* to St. *Thomas* the Martyr at *Rome*; he gave a Cloſe, called *Noziyerd*, to the Rectors of *Hingham* for 24 Years, 20 *d.* out of it to keep his Anniverſary, and then to be ſold to the Uſe of the Church, 40 *s.* to *Will: Berdewelle* his Patron, 40 *s.* to each Executor for their Labour, and 4 Nobles of old Gold to the Lady *Anne Wyngfield*, to be Superviſor. Proved the laſt of *Sept.* 1479.

Theſe Arms were lately in the Windows, tho' now ſeveral of them are loſt, the Monuments here having ſuffer'd much, when the old Hall was pulled down, by the Workmens working in the Church.

HERLING, TUDDENHAM, BERDEWELL, PAKENHAM, FURNEAUX, and DENNEY.

And there were ſeveral Effigies of the *Berdewell*'s in Red Habits. (that being the Colour of the Field of their Arms) In the Belfrey Window, were *Berdewell*'s and *Seckford*'s Arms.

The Commandments hang againſt the North Wall, under them is this,

**God bleſs our King, and ſend him long to reigne,**
**In Peace and helth, the Goſpel to maintaine.**

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[t] Regr. Awbrye.

On the South Side of the Church, was a Chapel dedicated to St. *Mary* the Virgin, called *Berdewell*'s Chapel, not, as I imagine, becauſe that Family was buried in it, (for I meet with none) but becauſe it belonged to *Beaufo*'s Manor, which came early to the *Berdewell*'s. This in all probability was founded by *Nicholas de Beaufo*, but whoever was it's Founder, he was interr'd, or rather immured in it's South Wall, for it falling to decay very lately, a Faculty was obtain'd to take it down, and in ſo doing, the Body of the Founder appear'd to be laid in a Stone Coffin, incloſed in the South Wall which (by the preſent Patron's Order) was preſerved as it was found, and being cover'd with Bricks, now lies undiſturbed, in the Nature of an Altar Tomb: I am told there was a ſmall Silver thing like a Candleſtick in the Coffin, but rather think it to have been a Crucifix.

In this Chapel, there was but one Stone inſcribed, and that being taken up, is now placed as an Altar Tomb, in the Church-yard.

Here lieth the Body of Anne Le-Neve, Daughter of Oliver Le-Neve of Witchingham Eſq; and Anne, ſole Daughter of Sir John Gawdy of Weſt Herling in this County Bart, who died 29 Nov. 1689. (Le-Neve Vol. 4. p. 111.)

Moſt of the GAWDY's, were buried in this Chapel. The Founders Tomb appeared on the outſide of the South Wall, it had an Arch turned over it, and the Graveſtone or Lid of the Coffin was about 2 Feet from the Ground.

In the Window over the Tomb was GAWDY, Quartering BASSINGBOURNE, impaling WOTTON, BARDWELL, WALCOTE, PAKENHAM, FURNEAUX, and WITCHINGHAM.

On a Black Marble in the Chancel.

*CRESSENER, Ar.* on a Bend *Sab.* 3 Croſlets Fitchee *Or*, impaling a Lyon Ramp.

In
Memory of HENRY CRESSENER, once Rector of this Pariſh,
and of ELIZABETH his beloved Wife, of a peacefull
and vertuous Diſpoſition, is this Monument placed,
HENRY, and JOHN his Father, and NICHOLAS
his Grandfather, were ſucceſſively Rectors
of this Pariſh for the Space of 130 Years,
none of them ever contending in Law-Suits under unjuſt
Extortions, of their juſt Demands.
HENRY, as a true Son of the Church, was of
a modeſt Demeanour,
a facetious Converſation,
a peaceable Diſpoſition,
an unlimited Benevolence,
a Support to the Needy,
a Healer of Breaches,
a Comforter of the Afflicted,
a help to the Diſtreſſed.
HENRY and ELIZABETH, lived in conjugal Love 48 Years,
and on the 8th of November 1719, She finiſhed this Life,
in the 87th Year of her Age, and he on the 19th of October,
1730, in the 79th Year of his Age, Both under this Stone
Interred.
They, for a Time, enjoyed the Bleſſing of two
hopefull Sons, JOHN, his eldeſt, was for his
Great Learning, Sobriety, & Goodneſs, choſen
Fellow of Queen's Coll: in Cambridge,
HENRY, the youngeſt, of Clare-hall, whoſe
early Death debarr'd his ſucceeding Preferments.
ELIZABETH CRESSENER, being the only ſurviving Iſſue, was the
mournfull Directrix of this Memorial, of her indulgent
Parents.

There were two Gilds in this Church, one dedicated to the *Trinity*, and the other to St. *John Baptiſt*.

The Town Land is about 5 *l.* a Year, which was given by Mrs. *Margaret Gawdy*, to cloath poor Widows, if there be any, if not, any poor People; it lies in *Kenninghall* and *Banham*, and the Rent is received by the Rector, and Church-Wardens, who apply it accordingly.

This Rectory is thus valued with that of *Midle-Herling*, which is conſolidated to it.

| *King's Books.* | *Yearly Tenths.* | *Synodals.* | *Archd: Procur:* | *Acres Glebe.* | *Norw: Taxat:* |
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| 09 18 04 | 00 19 10 | 00 02 00 | 00 06 08 | 80 00 00 | 8 Marks. |

It is in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, † hath a Rectory-Houſe, and Out-Houſes, and above 80 Acres of Glebe, together with a *Callet* of 100 Sheep going in the Lord's Fold, free of all Charge. The Prior of *Bokenham*'s Temporals were taxed at 1 *s.* 1 *d.* and the Prior of *Thetford*'s at 2 *s.* 6 *d.*

## *The* RECTORS.

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| 1331, | *Tho. de Saxham*, Rector, on whoſe Reſignation in |
| 1337, 13 Kal: *Aug.* | *Walter de Salopia*, Prieſt, ſucceeded, who changed *Troſton* for this. THO. DE BERDEWELLE, Patron. |
| 1349, 8 *July*, | *Will: Wrothyng de Brettenham*, Shaveling. *Ditto.* |
| 1366, 27 *July*, | *Rob: de Swafham Bolbek*, Prieſt. JOHN DE HERLYNG, [Feoffee] he was after Rector of St. *Mary*'s in *Long-Stratton*. |
| 1381, 27 *Aug.* | *Tho: Neve*, Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1391, | *Rob: Granteſden*, Prieſt. JOHN DE TUDDENHAM, for this Turn. |
| 1410, 19 *Octob.* | Sir *Rob: Aſty* of *Weſton*, Prieſt. ROBERT, Son of *Will: de Berdwell*, Knt. |
| 1433, 3 *July*, | Maſter *John de Gyllyng*, Prieſt, on *Aſty*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.* |
| 1440, 6 *July*, | *John Mychell*, Prieſt. ROBERT BERDEWELL, Eſq; in Right of his Manor called *Berdwell's*. In 1457, he had *Midle-Herling* conſolidated to this: He is buried here. |
| | *Ralf Full of Love*, Rector, who died in 1479, is buried here, he was ſucceeded by |
| | *Peter Bardwell*, on whoſe Death in |
| 1505, 8 *Octob.* | *Rob: Candeler* ſucceeded, on his Death in |
| 1525, 17 *Dec.* | *Henry Thexton*, was inſtituted. JOHN WOTTON, and ELIZ. his Wife. |
| 1533, 26 *April*, | Sir *John Thompſon*, Chaplain. JOHN WOTTON, Eſq; |
| 1543, 10 *April*, | Sir *Tho: Thompſon*, Chaplain to THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*. |
| | At this Time *John Richard*, Rector of *Forneſet*, and *Rob: Wright*, Rector of *Hopton*, were Commiſſioners in order to take down *Midle-Herling* Church. |
| 1557, 26 *June*, | *Edmund Kyne*, S.T.B. on *Thompſon*'s Death. ANNE WODEHOUSE, alias *Reppes*. |
| | *John Kyng*, Rector, on his Death in |
| 1559, 30 *July*, | *Edward Jackſonne*, Prieſt, was inſtituted. BASSINGBOURNE GAWDY, Gent. and ANNE his Wife. |
| 1568, 8 *Feb.* | *Will: Franklinge*, on *Jackſon*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.* |
| 1573, 8 *Octob:* | *Will: Naſhe*, on *Frankling*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1587, 30 *March*, | *Will: Harvye*, Chaplain, on *Naſhe*'s Death. BAS. GAWDY, Senior, Eſq; |
| 1591, 15 *Sept.* | *Will: Harvie*. BAS. GAWDYE, Eſq; |
| 1596, 21 *April*, | *Nich: Creſſener*, A.M. on *Harvie*'s Reſignation. Sir BAS. GAWDY, Knt. |
| | *John Creſſener* died Rector. |
| 1670, 31 *May*, | *Henry Creſſener*, A.M. JOHN GAWDY, Eſq; |
| 1720, 24 *June*, | The Rev. Mr. *John Whaley*, the preſent Rector, was inſtituted on *Creſſener*'s Death. BAS. GAWDY, Bart. he holds it with *Ridleſworth*, and *Gaſthorp*. |

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† There is a Commiſſion out, (as I am informed) to exchange the Glebe, but I know not whither it be executed or no.

## LITTLE-HERLING *now called* MIDDLE-HERLING,

BECAUSE it lies in the midſt, between *Weſt* and *Eaſt-Herling*, was held by * *Ulchetell* a *Dane*, in the Confeſſor's Days, and by *Anſchitell* his Deſcendant (or Son, as the Name intimates) in the Conqueror's, the whole contained 4 Carucates of Land, whereof 2 were in Demean; it was in *Kenninghall* Soken, and worth at firſt 6 *l.* then raiſed to 7 *l.* but fell again to 5 *l.* The Part in *Weſt-Herling* which belonged to the *Furneaux* Family, and after became *Berdewell*'s Manor, was valued into the 4 Carucates, at half a Fee, all which were held in Capite, by *Alan*, Earl of *Richmond*, (of whom *Ulketel* held it) as Part of his Honour, at a whole Fee; this and *Weſt-Herling* which was meaſured and taxed with it, was a League and half long, and a League broad, and paid 27 *d.* *Geld*, out of every 20 *s.* raiſed in the Hundred.

## *This Manor was infeoffed in the* FURNEAUX *Family*,

By the Earl of *Richmond*, along with *Bergham*, of both which Sir *Jeffery de Furneaux*, Knt. was Lord about 1180, and had his chief Seat at *Bergham* in *Cambridgeſhire*: He had *Robert*, *Jeffery*, and *Ralf*, Sir *Robert de Furnell*, the Eldeſt, was a Knight in 1219, and Lord of *Bergham*, of whom *Jeffery* his Brother held *Herling*, as of the Manor of *Bergham*, it being given him by Sir *Jeffery* his Father, and he was the firſt of the Family that ſettled here. His eldeſt Brother Sir *Robert*, married *Alice*, by whom he had Sir *Michael de Furneaux*, Knt. whoſe Wife *Alice* was buried in the Church of the Canons of the *Holy Sepulchre* at *Thetford*; their Son Sir *Simon de Furneaux*, in 1281, had a Market and Fair, granted to his Manor of *Berkham*, or *Bergham*, where he reſided, and Free-warren in *Bergham*, *Linton*, in *Cambridgeſhire*, and *Swanyngton* in *Norfolk*; and ſome Time before this, he was licenced to grant a Meſſuage and Lands in *Bergham*, to the Prior and Bretheren of the *Holy Croſs* at *Bergham*. [*u*] He was Lord of *Pelham Furneaux*, and married *Alice*, one of the Siſters and Coheireſſes of *Miles*, Son of *Phillip de Haſtyngs*; her Siſter *Elizabeth*, married *Giles Revel*; and *Margery*, *Roger le Botilere*: Sir *Simon* left only one Daughter married to *John de Lee*, in K. *Edward* I. Time, in whom the eldeſt Branch of this Family extinguiſhed: wherefore we muſt now return to

Sir JEFFRY DE FURNAUS, Knt. Lord of *Herling*, whoſe Wife *Amy* was buried in the Church of the Canons at *Thetford*, to which Houſe, he gave the 9th Sheaf of all his Demeans in *Bircham* and *Herling*, with a Meſſuage and 12 Acres of Land adjoining, with Commonage in the Marſh, and Shackage in the Field, with *Amy* his Wife, who devoted her ſelf, both living and dead, to that Houſe, and his Son and Grandſon confirmed theſe Grants. Their [*x*] Temporals here, were taxed at 2 *s.* but their [*y*] Spirituals were never taxed, for they always received a Compoſition of 23 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year, inſtead of the Sheafs in Kind. He left two Sons, *Richard* the Youngeſt, and

Sir SIMON DE FURNEAUX, Knt. who was Lord in 1234, he had 3 Sons, by *Cecily* his Wife, *Gaudeline*, *Michael*, and *Robert* his eldeſt Son, who died before him in 1278, leaving

Sir JOHN DE FURNEAUX his Son and Heir, who became Lord in 1286, at his Grandfather's Death, he granted his Manors of *Aynderby*, and *Wytheſtepell* in *Yorkſhire*, with their Advowſons, to *Jeffry le Scroop*, and *Juetta* his Wife, and *Henry* their Son, and his Heirs, to be held by the Payment of a Red Roſe every Midſummer-Day, for 20 Years after the Grant, and then by the Payment of 40 *l.* a Year, to the ſaid *John* and his Heirs. He married *Mary*, Daughter of *Nic: de Twynſted* ſhe being then a Widow; he was buried by his

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* Terre Alani Comitis, Gillecros Hund· (Domſ: fo. 68) In Herlinga, tenet Anſchitillus iiii car: terre, quas tenuit Ulchetel Liber homo T· R. E. tunc xv Villani poſt & modo xiii. ſemp: iiii Bordar: tunc ii Serv: poſt & m° i· viii acr: Prati, ſemp: ii car: in dnio: tunc vii car: hom: poſt vi m° iiii. ſemper i mol. tunc v Piſcin: modo i Piſcin: & dim. & iiii Sochemanni dimid: car: Terre. Soca in Kenichala. ſemp: i Bord: et iiii acr: Prati. tunc et poſt ii car: m° i. ſemper i Runc: m⁹ iiii Anim: & xx por. ſemper lxx Oves. tunc valuit vi libr. poſt vii lib. modo C Sol. Totum habet i Leug. in longo, & i Leug. in lato, Quicunque ibi teneat, & xxvii den. de Gelto.

[*u*] Sir Henry Chauncy, fo. 140, ſays, he was Lord of all the Pelhams.

[x] Viz. the Houſe and 12 acres.

[*y*] The ninth Sheaf.

† He was buried by Amy his Wife, in the Cannon's Church.

Father and Grandfather, in the Church of the Canons at *Thetford*, leaving one Son and two Daughters: *Anne*, who became a profeſs'd Nun at *Thetford*, in 1343, *Elizabeth* married to *John de Berdewell*, with whom he gave the Manor in *Weſt-Herling*, afterwards called *Berdewell*'s, to be held of *Richmond* Honour at half a Fee, which 'till this Time was Part of this Manor.

Sir JOHN FURNEAUX, Junior Knt. his Son and Heir, was a Ward of Sir *Will. Le-Vaux*'s, who ſold his Wardſhip to *William Le-Buſtelere*, and *Thomas* his Son, who kept Court here as Guardians, in 1320, Sir *John* and *Iſabel* his 1ſt Wife kept Court, and in 1348, he ſetled the Manor and Advowſon on Sir *John de Gonvile*, Rector of *Eaſt-Herling*, and *Peter de Newton*, Rector of *Brom*, in Truſt for *Elizabeth* his 2d Wife, who died before him, and he married *Amy* his 3d Wife, who out-lived him, and married *Rob: Denney* in 1384, in which Year they held their firſt Court for the 3d Part of the Manor and Advowſon, which ſhe held in Dower, and in 1430, they Lett it for 8 Marks. By his 1ſt Wife he had a Son and one Daughter, *viz.*

JOHN DE FURNEAUX, whom *John* Duke of *Lancaſter*, and Earl of *Richmond*, the King's Son, ſeized, together with *Elizabeth* his Siſter, as his Wards, by reaſon of his Manor of *Bergham* in *Cambridgeſhire*, of which *Midle-Herling* was held, as of *Richmond* Honour, and ſoon after he granted their Wardſhips and Marriage to *Hugh de Cliderhowe*, who in 1361, granted them to *John de Herlyng*, by Deed dated at *Bergham*: This *John* died a Minor this Year, and Sir *John de Herlyng*, kept his firſt Court by Grant of the Earl of *Richmond*.

ELIZABETH FURNEAUX, ſole Heireſs, married firſt to *Thomas Crabbe*, whoſe Widow ſhe was in 1401, in which Year ſhe ſetled this Manor and Advowſon, with the Reverſion of *Kymberlee* Manor, after the Death of *Margaret*, late Wife of *Tho: Faſtolf*, Knt. on Sir *Thomas Erpyngham*, Knt. *Tho: Halis* of *Crongethorp*, *John Poit*, Rector of *Eaſt-Herling*, and *William Garlond*, Chaplain there, to her uſe for Life, and her Heirs in Tail; after which ſhe married *William Sandham* of *Kimberlee*, who ſold *Kimberlee* without her Conſent, tho' ſhe give him *Herling* for Life; her Will is dated in 1415. By her firſt Husband ſhe had 2 Sons, *John* and *William*, who in 1424, ſued *William Berdewell*, Eſq; for the Manor, but Sir *Tho: Erpingham* proving that he and other Feoffees, had ſeiſin of it, to the uſe of *Eliz. Crabbe*, his Mother for Life, and then to *John Crabbe* her Son, and his Heirs; it was confirmed to *William Berdewell* and his Heirs.

JOHN CRABBE the eldeſt Son, died long before his Mother, leaving only 1 Daughter,

ELEANOR, who married * *William Berdewell*, Eſq; of *Weſt-Herling*, in whoſe Right he had the Manor and Advowſon, all the Feoffees releaſing their Rights in 1433, when they ſetled it on him and his Wife for Life, and *William* their Son and his Heirs; from which Time it hath continued join'd to *Weſt-Herling*, as it now remains.

The *CHURCH* was dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, being always appendant to the Manor; it was a Rectory valued at 5 Marks at the *Norwich* Taxation. It is in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and ſtill pays 1*s.* Synodals, and 2*s.* 4*d.* Archdeacon's Procurations, it paid 35*s.* 4*d.* Tenths, and is valued now with *Weſt-Herling* to the Land Tax, there being 4 Houſes and about 30 Inhabitants. The Church-Yard is now Glebe; the Church remain'd in Uſe 'till 1543, and then it was entirely taken down, ſo that the Foundations only are now viſible, it ſtood by the Lane's Side, in the Cloſe going to *Weſt-Herling* Church. Here was a Gild dedicated to St. *Andrew*, to which in 1504, *Tho: Lulpek* was a Benefactor.

## RECTORS.

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| 1308, 12 Kal: *Oct.* | *Simon de Foxton*, Prieſt, to *Little Herling*. ROB. DE FURNEUS, Knt. |
| 1324, 11 Kal: *Sept.* | *Bartholomew de Banham*, Prieſt, on *Foxton*'s Reſignation. JOHN DE FARNEAUS, Knt. |
| 1337, 18 *June*, | He changed this for *Winfarthing*, with *John Le Nelde*, Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1358, 28 *Dec.* | *Richard Galyon.* Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1377, 30 *Nov.* | *Will: atte Tounſende*, Prieſt. JOHN DE HERLING. |
| 1414, 2 *June*, | *Rob: Fytchet*, Prieſt, at *Townſend*'s Death. WILL: SANDAM of *Kimberlee*, in Right of ELIZ. FURNEAUX his Wife, as belonging to *Furneaux* Manor. |

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* This William ſued for, and recover'd the Manor of Kimberle, by proving that Elizabeth Sandham ſaid,
" That it was newyr her Wyll, ne Aſent, that her Husband
" Sandon xuld ſellen the Manor of Kymberlee, ne no Parcell
" thereof: And upon ys we recordyn, that after Tyme, the forſeyd Manor was ſold, ne ſhe had newyr good Day.

1435, 18 *Dec.* *Rob. Polle* of *Medyl-Herling* Prieſt, on *Fytchet*'s Death. *Will.* Son of *Rob. Berdewelle* Patron.

1457, 29 *Jan.* *John Mychell*, Prieſt: He was the laſt Rector, it being conſolidated in his Time to *Weſt-Herling*.

In 1321, Sir *John de Furneaux* Knt. in open Court, injoin'd all the Tenants of the Manor under the Penalty of 12 *d.* for every Default, to dig a St. *Andrew*'s Croſs on each Peice of their Land, when they ſowed it, to avoid all Diſputes between the Rectors of *Weſt* and *Middle Herling*.

There were 3 Lamps and a Wax Taper, kept burning in this Church, at the Expence of the Lord of the Manor.

In 1344, the Lord held a Tenement and 9 Acres freehold, of the PRIOR of the Canons of the Holy Sepulchre, at THETFORD, by the Rent of 12 *d.* a Year, all which *Amy Waterhenne* held of the Lord, by paying the PRIOR his Rent, and 1 *d.* a Year to the Lord.

ROBERT GILDENSLEVE, died in 1444, and gave a Meſſuage called *Purdye*'s, at *Middle-Herling Green*, and 9 Acres of Land, 4 Acres and an half lying at *Dedmore*, and 4 Acres and an half at *Blowlond*, to the Inhabitants of *Middle-Herling* for ever, who in 1556, brought their Deeds into Court, and proved that on *April* the 13th 1547, *Henry Cooper* then Feoffee made a new Feoffment of *Gildenſleves*, to the Uſe of the Inhabitants, it being freehold, held of *Berdewelle*'s Manor in *Weſt-Herling*, by Suit of Court, and the Rent of 6 *d.* a Year and one Capon.

## MARKET-HERLING, *Or*, EAST-HERLING,

IS ſo called, becauſe it lies moſt Eaſt of all three, It belonged to *Ketel* the *Dane*, a Freeman in the Confeſſor's Time, when it was one Manor, having 2 Carucates in Demean, in the Conqueror's Time * *Ingulf* held it under *Will. de Schoies*, there being then a Church and 4 Acres of Land belonging to it, the Whole was 2 Miles long, and 2 Miles broad, and paid 17 *d.* 1 *q. Geld.*

The Whole came to the Earl *Warren*, and a Part of it went with a Younger Branch of that Family, to the *Bardolph*'s, and *Hugh de Bardolph* held it at half a Fee, this after became *Fawconers* Manor.

A Quarter of a Fee, went to *Robert Malet*.

Another half Fee, went to *Roger de Schovill*,

And the other Fee and 3 Quarters was held of the Earl *Warren*, the whole making 3 Fees, two Fees and an half of which, conſtituted the Capital Manor called

## FELBRIGGE's

which contain'd a Carucate in Demean, and was held by a Family Sirnamed *De Norfolk*, the laſt of which, was *Gilbert de Norfolk*, who died ſeized, leaving his 5 Daughters Coheireſſes. The firſt married *Eudo* Son of *Adam de Multon*. The ſecond *William de Verdon*. The third, *Roger Bygod* of *Felbrigge*. The fourth, *William de Maynwaryn*. The fifth, *Rob. de Aguillon*, and each of them had a 5th. Part of the Manor and Advowſon, which after this Diviſion became ſo many ſeparate Manors. *Martina de Norfolk* was *Gilbert*'s Siſter, and *William* was her Son, and both had Lands here, but were not concerned in the Manor.

* Terra Willi: de Schoies, Hund. Gillecros. (Domſ: fo. 206.) In HERLINGA, tenuit KETEL Liber Homo T. R. E. ii Car: Terre pro Manerio, modo tenet Ingulfus. Semper v Vill. et iiii Bordar: tunc i Serv: et iiii acr: Prati, ſemp: i Car: in dnio: et i car: homin: Silva xvi Porc: et i car: poſſet reſtaurari, ſemper i Mol: et ii Socman: xx acr: Terre et iii acr: Prati, ſemp: dim: car: mº i Runc: ſemp: iiii Animal: mº viii Porc: et xx Oves et i Vas Apum. i Eccleſia iiii acr: tunc valuit xxx s. mº xl. Totum habet i Leug: in longo & i Leug: in lato, et xvii d. et i ferding, Quicunque ibi teneat. & vii acr: et dimid: Terre jacet huic terre & Silv: xii Porc.

## MULTON's *MANOR*

Was ſoon united to *Bygod*'s or *Felbrigge*'s, for *Eudo* releaſed it to Sir *Simon Le Bygod* of *Felbrigge*, and *Maud* his Wife and their Heirs, and ſo it fell into *Felbrigge*'s immediately.

## VERDON's *MANOR*.

WILLIAM DE VERDON who married *Maud*, Daughter of *Gilbert de Norfolk*, died before his Wife, and ſhe had her Dower allowed her, it having been ſettled by them before his Death, on *Will: de Lakenham*, and *Iſabell* his Wife, after whom *Alexander de Vaux* of *Keſwick*, and *Margaret* his Siſter, had each a 3d Part, which before 1268, they releaſed to *John de Vaux* their Brother, and *Margaret* his Wife, for they in that Year releaſed it (the Advowſon being excepted) to *Tho: de Jernemuta* or *Yarmouth*, who had it jointly with *Aveline* his Wife, about 1284, which *Aveline* re-married to *John de Wacheſham*, and they in 1303, ſetled it by Fine on *Simon Le Bygot* and his Heirs, and ſo united it to *Felbrigge*'s Manor, but the 5th Part of the Advowſon, which was excepted, paſſed from the *Vaux*'s to the *Hale*'s, and ſo fell into *Maynewarin*'s Manor.

## MAYNWARYN's *MANOR*.

WILLIAM DE MAYNEWARYN died in 1247, *Emma* or *Amy* his Wife, Daughter of *Gilbert de Norfolk*, recovered her Dower, againſt *Roger* her Son, who was joint Lord with *William* his Brother, in 1256, *Simon* Son of *Roger*, was Lord in 1286, againſt whom *Lucia*, late Widow of *William* his Uncle, then married to *Stephen de Giſſing*, recovered her Dower, this *Simon* was married to *Lettice* his Wife in 1297, whoſe Daughter, *Agatha Meynewaryn* was Lady in 1315, from which time I meet with nothing of it 'till 1368, and then Sir *Roger de Hales* had it, whoſe Succeſſor, *Stephen de Hales* preſented, in right of his two 5th Parts of the Advowſon: In 1401, Lady *Joan de Hales* had it, and very ſoon after, it belonged to Sir *John Gonvile*, with whoſe Daughter and Heireſs, it paſſed to Sir *Robert Herling*, and ſo fell into the Capital Manor.

## AGUILLON's *MANOR*

Went from *Robert*, to *Walter de Aguillon*, and from him to *Robert de Agelyn*, who ſetled it on *Simon Le Bygot* of *Felbrigge*, and *Maud* his Wife and their Heirs, for 10 Marks *per Ann.* to be paid to the ſaid *Robert* at *Flitcham*, during his Life, and thus it fell into

## FELBRIGG's, *or the Capital MANOR*:

ROGER LE BYGOT DE FELEBRIGGE, who was as often called, *Roger de Felbrigge*, in right of *Gilbert de Norfolk*'s Daughter whom he had married, had a 5th Part of the Manor and Advowſon; after him ſucceeded *Richard de Felbrigge*, who gave *Alfred Kokerbolle*, his Villain, and all his Services, to the Canons at *Thetford*: *William de Felbrigge* was his Son and Heir, whoſe Wife *Mary*, after his Death, married to *Merlai*, and held this Manor in Dower, which went to *Simon Le Bygot* of *Felbrigge*, and *Maud* his Wife, who held it of the Earl *Warren*; in King *Henry* III. Time, he purchaſed *Aguillon*'s and *Multon*'s Parts: In 1280, Sir *Roger Le Bygod* of *Felbrigge* had a Charter of Free-warren for his Manors of *Herling*, *Felbrigge*, *Runton*, *Melton*, and *Palling*, when he and his Parceners held *Herling* Manors late *Gilbert de Norfolk*'s, at 2 Fees and an half, of the Earl Marſhal. In 1303, *Simon Le Bygod* of *Felbrigge*, and *Alice* his Wife, purchaſed *Verdon*'s Manor; this *Simon* had the whole by Grant from *William Le Bygod* his Brother, who was Rector here, and in 1347, he and his Wife convey'd the Advowſon, with 1 Acre of Land only, to him again, and in 1350, they ſetled all, but the Acre and Advowſon, on *Nicholas Bourne* of *Long-Stratton*, who left it to his two Daughters and Heirs, *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Tho. Jenney*, Knt. who in 1361, releaſed all their Right to *Margaret* their Siſter, and *John de Herlyng* her Husband, and their Heirs, who purchaſed the Advowſon of *William Bygot*, and ſo join'd it to the Manor again.

FAWCONER's

## FAWCONER'S MANOR

Came with the Younger Branch of the Earl *Warren*'s Family * to the *Bardolf's*, and from them to *Phillip de Virlye*, from him to *John de Boyland*, and from him to *Ralph* of *Kenninghall*, Sirnamed *Le Falconer*, and then to his Son *Ralf* of *Keninghall*, [z] to whoſe Son *Simon* of *Keninghall*, *William de Haſtyngs* of *Quidenham*, granted a Meſſuage and many Lands there, free, at 12*d*. a Year Rent. In *Henry* III. Time *John Le Falconer* held half a Fee of *Maud de Boyland*, and ſhe of *Phillip de Virlye*, he of *Hugh Bardolf*, he of the Earl *Wrren*, and the Earl of the King, at half a Fee, the Relief being 20*s*. as the *Feodary* informs us; this *John* was Alive in 1283.

In 1286, *Amy de Ruſheword* claimed *Weyf* here, and *Will: de Cringlethorp*, alſo; *Amy* might be *Falconer*'s Widow, married again to *Cringlethorp*.

In 1288, JOHN LE FAWCONER, and *Joan* his Wife, had Lands here, ſetled on them by *Edmund de Munpinzon*, and others.

In 1302, they lived at *Keninghall*, were Lords in 1315, and had added other Lands in *Herling* and *Keninghall*, valued at the 8th Part of a Fee, which they held of *Robert de Tateſhall*, as of *Bokenham* Caſtle.

In 1345, SIMON LE FALCONER had it, and paid his Relief, he was ſucceeded by

JOHN FAWCONER, whoſe Wife *Julian* died before him in 1374, and he held her Manors for Life, by the Courteſy of *England*, they having then no living Iſſue; ſhe was Daughter and Co-heir of *Tho: de Ormesby*, her Siſters were to inherit her Manors at her Husband's Death: *ſc. Gunnora* married to [a] *Perers*, and had *John Perers*, who had one Daughter only, *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Tho: de Narford*, Knt. *Elen* her other Siſter married, and had two Daughters, *Agnes* married to *Snecke*, and *Alice* to *Derling*.

It was ſoon after in the *Gonvile*'s, but how it came to them I know not; the *Falconer*'s lived firſt at *Keninghall*, and afterwards in the Manor-Houſe, which laid between *Keninghall* and *Herling*, and is now called *HILL-HERLING*, or *GELDING-HALL*.

From the *Gonvile*'s it went with their Heireſs to the *Herling*'s, and the whole being join'd, it was called,

## HERLING'S MANOR.

The HERLING's were a Family of great Antiquity in this Pariſh, from which they received their Names, I find them mentioned in divers Evidences without Date, as *Walter de Eaſtherling*, and *Ralph* his Son, *John de Herling*, and *Odo* his Son, who gave a Rood of Land to the Canons at *Thetford*: But as none of them were concern'd in the Lordſhip before *John de Herling*, about 1350, I ſhall begin with him in the following Pedigree.

1350, John de Herling, died 1392, buried here. — Margaret Jenney, buried in the Black Friers, Thetford. — Sir John Tuddenham buried in St. Peter's Chancel at Ereſwell in Suffolk.

Margaret. 3. Thomas. 2. Robert. Sir John de Herling, Knt buried here. — Cecily Mortimer. — John Ratcliff, Eſq;

Sir Rob. Tuddenham, Knt. — Margaret Herling.

Sir Rob. Herlyng, Knt. died 1435, was ſole Ld. and Patron. — Joan or Jane, Heir General of Gonvile.

Robert Ld. here; no Iſſue. Thomas died an Infant. Joan and Margery Nuns. Margaret married to — Sir Edmund Bedingfield, Knt.

Who ſold it to Sir Tho. Lovell, Knt.

Anne dr. and Heireſs had 3 Husbands, but no Iſſue, ſo that it reverted to Margt. Tuddenham, her Aunt. — 1 Sir William Chamberlain, of Gedding, Knight of the Garter, buried with her Husband here. — 2 Sir Robert Wyngfield. — 3 John Ld. Scroop, of Bolton.

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[z] Coll: Ep: Aſaph.

[*] See Banham.

[a] See Holt Perers Manor.

In 1360, John de Herling had Free-warren allowed him in this Manor, and thoſe of *Quidenham*, *Gnateſhall*, *Newton*, and *Corton* in *Lothingland*: In 1367, he ſetled this Manor and Advowſon, *Quidenham* Manor and Advowſon, the Manor of *Gnatſhall*, Manors in both *Bokenham*'s, *Croxton* and *Rothynghall* Manor in *Brettenham*, on *Thomas Heyward*, Maſter of *Ruſhworth* College, and other Feoffees; he was a good Soldier, and moſt expert Manager of Maritime Affairs, upon which Account in 1342, he had the Cuſtody of the Sea-Water at *Briſtol*, during the King's Pleaſure. He was buried in the Church of St. *Peter* and *Paul* at *Eaſt-Herling*, [in *Herling*'s Chapel] according to his Will, in which he order'd his beſt Horſe to be lead before his Corpſe to the Grave, as his *Principal* or *Mortuary* for the Prieſt. He died ſeized of the aforeſaid Manors, with thoſe of *Long-Stratton*, and many others, leaving them all to his eldeſt Son and Heir

Sir John de Herling, Knt. who in 1389, ſetled on his Mother, then Wife of Sir *John Tuddenham*, *Bornes*, *Snape*, and *Sturmine-Hall* Manors in *Long-Stratton*, the Advowſon of St. *Mary*'s Chapel in *Waketon*, and St. *Mary*'s Church in *Stratton*, and *Rothynghall* in *Brettenham*. He married *Cecily*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Tho: Mortimer* of *Attleburgh*, Knt. who ſurvived him, and after married *John Ratcliff*, Eſq; Son of Sir *John Ratcliff*, Knt. ſhe brought a great Eſtate to the *Herlings*; his Brother *Robert*, had an Eſtate in *Newton*, and *Corton*, and *Thomas*, in *Lounde* in *Lothingland*. In 1374, he ſetled on George de Felbrigge, Knt. and other Truſtees, this, and *Quidenham* Manors and Advowſons, 51 s. Rent in *Brettenham* and *Bokenham*, the Manors of *Gnateſhall* and *Corton*, and others in *Suff.* all which were poſſeſſed by *Cecily* his Widow, and after by *John Ratcliff*, her 2d Huſband, who in 1440, held *Newenham* Manor in *Cambridge* Town, of the King in Burgage; Remainder to Sir *Robert Herling*, Knt. Remainder to *Anne* his Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *Will: Chamberlain*.

Sir Robert Herling, Knt. was a great Warriour in *France* in the Time of that Victorious Prince King *Henry* V. whom he attended in 1412, [b] at the Siege of *Meaux*, which they took by Aſſault, and during the reſt of his Life he was continually exerciſing Arms in that Kingdom, where he died like a brave Soldier, in his Calling, being killed by the *French* at *Paris*, as he endeavoured Valiantly to defend that City, in the Year 1435; from whence he was brought and buried in † St. *Mary*'s Chapel, in St. *Peter* and *Paul*'s Church at *Eaſt-Herling*, under an Altar Tomb in the South Wall, in which, he founded a perpetual Chantry, for his own and his Anceſtor's Souls, *Jane* his Wife being buried with him. She brought him *Lirling* Manor and Advowſon, *Ruſhworth* Manor, called *Gonvile*'s, *Fawconer*'s, and *Maynwaryns*, all which, with 100 Acres in *Moringthorp*, were held at 3 Fees, of *John Mowbray* DUKE of Norfolk, as of his Manor of *Forncet*, and were ſetled on *Oliver Groos*, *John Kirtling*, Clerk, and *John Intwood*, his Truſtees. At his Death

Anne his Daughter and ſole Heireſs inherited, ſhe lived to a great Age, and married 3 Huſbands.

*Firſt*, Sir William Chamberlain of *Gedding* in *Suffolk*, Knight of the Garter, a Man of great Renown, an able Governor, and expert Soldier, [c] for during his being Governor of *Craill* upon *Oiſe* in *France*, which in 1436, was beſieged by the *French*, immediately after they had taken *Paris*, he behaved himſelf ſo bravely, that with 500 *Engliſhmen* only, he iſſued out of the Town, diſcomforted his Enemies, ſlew 200 of them, and took a great Number Priſoners; he and his Wife in 1457, ſetled 9 Marks Annual Rent, iſſuing out of *Falconer*'s Manor, on the Chantry Prieſts, that officiated in Sir *Rob. Herling*'s Chapel, according to his Will; he is buried in a fine Arched Monument, with his Wife, on the North Side of this Chancel, leaving much to *Elizabeth Truſſell* his Siſter, by his Will dated *Mar.* 3, 1461, and proved in this Church, 21 *April*, 1462.

Her 2d Huſband was, Sir Robert Wingfield, Knt. 2d Son to Sir *John Wingfield* of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*, and *Elizabeth Fitz-Lewes* his Wife, he was Comptroller of the Houſhold to King *Edward* IV. a Man of great Intereſt at Court; in 1474, [d] the King granted him a Charter for a Weekly Market every Tueſday, at his Manor of *Eaſt-Herling*, and two Fairs every Year, to laſt 3 Days each, *viz.* one on the Vigil, Day, and Morrow, of St. *George* the Martyr, and another on the Vigil, Day, and Morrow, of St. *Edward*; and the ſame Year, he and *Anne* his Wife ſetled the Manors of *Eaſt-Herliag*, *Fawconers*, *Quidenham*, *Welham*'s, and *Reyſe*'s, in *Long-Stratton*; *Long-Stratton* Manor, *Bernham-Broom*, *Bekeriſton*, *Stanford*, the Advowſons of *Herling* and *Quidenham*, of *Ruſhworth* and *Attleburgh* Colleges, and of *Herling*'s Chantry in *Norfolk*, of *Gnateſhall*, *Corton*, *Newton*, *Lownde*, and *Blundeſton*, with *Lownde* Advowſon in *Suff.* the Manors of *Newnham Mortimers*, *Foxton* and *Gonvile*'s in *Cambridgeſhire*, with other large Eſtates, on themſelves and their Truſtees, *Edward* Biſhop of *Carliſle*, Sir *John Wingfield*, Sir *John Heveningham*, Sir *Henry Grey*, Knts. *Edmund Bokenham*, *Henry Spelman*, *William Berdwell* Junior, *Thomas Chamberlain*, and others, of all which, together with *Gonvile*'s Manor in *Wimondham*, *Little Bittering*, and *Rothyng-hall* in *Brettenham*, he died ſeized in 1480, after which ſhe married to

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[b] Hall's Chronicle, fol. 49. Henry 5.

[c] Hollingſhade, Vol: 613.

[d] The Market and Fairs are ſtill kept, according to the Grant.

† Otherwiſe called Herling's Chapel.

JOHN Lord SCROOP of BOLTON her 3d. Husband in 1492, who died in 1494, and was buried in the Black Friers Church at *Thetford*, according to his Will, which order'd that he ſhould be there buried, if he died at *Herling*, as he did, *July* 12 in this Year,

ANNE his Wife ſurviving him, ſhe was a Lady remarkable for her Gifts to many Religious Foundations, ſhe gave *Lirling* Manor and Advowſon, and *Gonviles* in *Ruſhworth*, to that College, and obtained them a Licence of Mortmain, to purchaſe 40 Marks a Year; She ſetled the Stipend of her Fathers Chantry Prieſt in this Church, and founded the 7th Fellowſhip in *Gonvile-hall*, in the Year 1502, being then Lady *Scroop*, this ſhe endowed with the Manor of *Newenham* called *Mortimers* in *Cambridge*, with the Water-Mill there, all which ſhe gave for the Maintenance of her Fellow, who muſt be a Prieſt, and of *Norwich* Dioceſe, his Stipend at the Foundation was 8 *l.* a Year: She had a great Value for this College, being Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Robert Herling*, by *Jane* Daughter and Heireſs of *John Gonvile* Eſq; deſcended in a direct Line from Sir *Nicholas Gonvile* Knt. Brother to the Founder, ſhe was born in 1426, and was alive in 1502, but having no Iſſue, her Eſtate went to

MARGARET her Aunt, who married Sir *Robert Tuddenham*, Knt. by whom ſhe had 5 Children, *Joan* a Nun at *Carrow*, *Margaret* a Nun at *Shouldham*, *Thomas* who died an Infant, and

ROBERT, who inherited, but died young and Iſſueleſs, leaving

MARGARET, his Siſter his ſole Heireſs, who married Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD of OXBURGH, who was made Knight of the *Bath*, at the Coronation of *Richard* III. He ſold HERLING Manors and Advowſon, to

Sir THOMAS LOVELL Knt. of the Garter, and kept *Quidenham*, from which Time it continued in the LOVELL's, 'till

CHARLES WRIGHT purchaſed it and left it to

Mr. JOHN WRIGHT his eldeſt Son, who is now LORD and PATRON.

The Stile of the Court is *Herling cum Membris*, all the Manors being now joined. The *Fines* are at the Lord's Will, the eldeſt Son is Heir. The LETE belongs to the *Hundred*, The LETE-FEE is 3 *s.* *Blanche-Farm* 10 *d.* *Caſtle-ward* 14 *d.*

## The Family of the *LOVELL*'s

being very numerous, and having been poſſeſſed of *Berton Bendiſh*, for many Generations, before they ſetled here, I ſhall treat of them at large under that Town, and therefore ſhall confine my ſelf to that Branch only, that had this Manor.

### LOVELL *bears* 4 *Coats Quarterly*,

1. **LOVELL**, *Ar.* a Chev. *Az.* between 3 Squirrels Seiant, *Gul.*
2. **BENDISH**, *Sab.* a Croſs between 4 Lioncells Ramp: *Or.*
3. **MUSWELL**, *Az.* 2 Chev. *Ar.* on each 3 Cinquefoils, *Gul.*
4. **BRANDON**, Barry of 8, *Ar.* & *Gul.* a Lyon Rampant *Or*, crowned per Pale, *Gul.* & *Ar.*

**CREST**, a Bundle of Peacock's Feathers proper, tied *Gul.*

*Motto*——*VINCIT, QUI PATITUR.*

Sir RALF LOVELL, of Berton-Bendiſh in Norfolk, Knt.

Sir Tho. Lovell his 5th Son who purchaſed Herling, Knt. of the Garter, died without Iſſue in 1524, — Iſabel dr. & Coheireſs of Edw. Lord Roos of Hamlake.

Sir Gregory Lovell of Berton Bendiſh, Son and Heir of Sir Ralf, made Banneret at the Battle of Stoke, A° 1487. — Margaret dr. of Sir William Brandon, Knt.

3. Edward.

2. Sir Francis Lovell Executor, and Heir by Gift to Sir Tho. Lovell, his Uncle, died in 1550, buried at Herling. — Anne dr. of Geo. Aſhfield, of Harefield, in Middleſ. Ashby

Sir Tho. Lovell of Berton, Knt. eldeſt Son and Heir. (See *Berton Bendiſh.*) — Katherine, Daughter of Tho. Woodhouſe.

2. Gregory Lovell of Merton in Surry, Cofferer to his Majeſty's Houſhold, an Inſcription for him on the South Side of the Chancel of Merton-Church, died the 15 March 1597, Æt: 75, had 2 Wives. and left Iſſue. [e]

Sir Tho. Lovell, Kt. of Eaſt-Herling, died in 1567, buried there. — Elizabeth dr. of Sir Phillip Paris, of Linton in Cambr: buried here, A° 1591.

1. Sir Tho. Lovell of Herling, Knt. died in 1604, buried here. — Alice dr of Sir John Hudleſtone of Sawſton in Cambridgeſhire, Knt. died in 1602, buried here.

3. Robert. 4. Francis. 5. Henry. 6. Edmund. 7. Thomas, all died without Iſſue. Anne married to Grey of Merton in Norfolk

2. Phillip Lovell of Garboldeſham. — Widow of Dobb's of Garboldeſham.

1. Sir Francis Lovell of Herling, Knt. buried there, no Iſſue. — Anne dr. of John Carey, Lord Hunſdon.

2. Sir Charles Lovell of Herling Ld. in 1623, had 4 Wives, but having no Male Iſſue, the Eſtate went by Entail to Jn. Lovell, Grandſon to Phillip, who was Uncle to Sir Charles.

3. William Lovel, Eſq; — Roſe Langworth.
4 Children all died Young.

Ellen. — Tho. Bray of Swanton Morley.

2. Tho. — Eliz. dr. of Futter of Thompſon College.

1. Geo. Lovell of Weſt Dearham. — Eliz. dr. of Downes, of Bodney.

3. Phillip died Iſſueleſs.

Ellen. — Tho. Chedbury of South Peckham.

Thomas & 3 more, no Iſſue.

*Philip* living in 1653.

1. Emma dr. of Everard Buckworth, of Wisbitch. — John Lovell of Eaſt-Herling, Eſq; Heir to Sir C. Lovell, Lord in 1641. — Dionifia dr. of Edmund Skipwyth, of Fordham, Norf.

Anne and Charles died without Iſſue.

Gregory Lovell of Herling, Eſq; married immediately before his Death in 1693, buried at Weſt Dearham.

John Lovell of Herling Eſq; Lord in 1707, who ſold the Eſtate. — - - - -

Dioniſia married to Humberſton Marſh of Aſhwicken in Norfolk.

Mr. John Lovell of New-Bokenham, now living, but hath no Iſſue.

Sir THOMAS LOVELL Knt. of the Garter, was an active Man, in King *Henry* the VIIth's Time. In 1485, when he was an Eſquire only, he was made Chancellor of the Exchequer for Life, and the ſame Year had an Annuity of 40 Marks, as Eſquire to the Kings Body, In 1473, *Henry Heydon* Eſq; granted him an Annuity of 20*s.* out of his Manor of *Snoryng Parva* called *Dorkettys*, for his good Counſel, that he had already, and ſhould hereafter give him. He was firſt made Banneret, and in 1487, was Knighted, at the Battle of *Stoke*, and afterwards inſtalled Knight of the Garter, In 1502, he was Treaſurer of the Houſehold, and Preſident of the Council, he was one of the Executors to *Henry* VIIth's Will, Conſtable of the Tower, Surveyor of the Court of Wards, Steward and Marſhal of the Houſe to King *Henry* VIIIth, he built the Gate-houſe at *Lincoln*'s Inn, and placed on it, the King's

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[e] See Awbrey's Antiquities of Surrey, Vol: 1, p. 233.

Arms, the Earl of *Lincoln*'s, and his own, by which I imagine he had been of that Society, he built *Eaſt Herling-hall*, on the Tower of which, his Arms ſtill remain, and a Braſs Buſt of his own Likeneſs ſurrounded with the Garter: He re-founded *Halliwell* Nunnery, near which he had a ſtately Houſe, and dying at *Enfield*, *May* 25, 1524, was buried at *Halliwell*, in a fair Chapel which he had built, on the South Side of the Choir of that Church, under a Tomb of white Marble: This Priory was dedicated to St. *John* the Baptiſt, being ſituate in *Shoreditch* Pariſh by *Norton* Fald-gate, *London*, and being much decayed, was, rebuilt and an Addition made to it's Endowment, by him, which occaſioned the following Verſes to be inſcribed on a Wall of that Houſe,

> **All ye Nunns of Haliwell,**
> **Pray ye both Day and Night,**
> **For the Soul of Sir Thomas Lovell,**
> **Whom Harry the Seventh made Knight.**

[f] By his Will dated *Oct.* 14, 1522, proved *Sept.* 26, 1528, he gave his Manor-Place at *Enfield*, called *Elſings* (where he died) to *Tho: Mannors*, now Lord *Roſſe*, and to his Couſin *Francis Lovell*, all his Manors and Eſtates in *Eaſt-Herling*, *Bridgham*, *Gnateſhall*, *Brunſell*, *Choſell*, *Bichamwell*, *Aſhfield*'s in *Bichamwell*, *Irenhall*, *Wyrenhall*, *Wrotton*, *Denver*, *Tirrington*, *Sporle* and *Pagrave*, in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and *Tyde St. Giles* in *Lincolnſhire*; *Burghwell*, *Badlingham*, *Harſton* and *Upware* in *Cambridgeſhire*; his Manors in *Wolley* in *Kent*, his Lands in *Iſeldon*, *Holwey*, *Edelineton*, and *Totenham* in *Midleſex*, his Tenements in *Sandwich*, *Querington* and *Marſham* in *Kent*; his Manors of *Dukelington*, *Cockthorp*, and *Fringeford* in *Oxfordſhire*; Lands in *Redlings*, *Berford*, and *Dounton* in *Wiltſhire*, to hold to the ſaid *Francis* for Life, Remainder to Sir *Thomas Lovell*, Son of Sir *Francis*, *&c.* after *Francis*'s Death, the Manors of *Lome*, and *Sibell*'s in *Willingham*, and *Well*'s in *Weſt-Wyckham* in *Cambridgeſhire*, to go to the ſaid *Thomas*, Son of Sir *Francis*, for Life, and to his Heirs in Tail: *Edward* the Brother of *Francis* to have the Moiety of *Baſſingbourne-Caſtle* in *Cambridgeſhire* for Life, Remainder to *Francis* and his Heirs. His Lady is buried in *Enfield* Chancel, on the North-Side, under an Altar-Tomb, with an Inſcription in Braſs, and *Lovell* and *Muſwell*'s Arms quarter'd, impaling *Roos*; he left

[g] Sir FRANCIS LOVELL his Heir, who died *Jan.* 21, 1550, *Thomas* his Son being of Age, inherited this Manor and Advowſon, *Rowdham* Manor, and the impropriate Rectory, with the Donation of the Vicarage, and all the Poſſeſſions that Sir *Thomas*, Knt. of the Garter, gave to his Father.

GREGORY LOVELL, Eſq; was of that Diſpoſition, that he did all he could to ruin the Eſtate, being too malicious againſt his half Brother, and in order thereto, he let the Manor-Houſe almoſt down, and when he perceived his Death grew near, married his Servant on purpoſe to keep his Brother out of it for her Life, he having liberty to jointure, by the Entail. He gave a perſonal Eſtate of above 6000 *l.* to ſee his Will performed, to Sir *John Buckworth*, and Mr. *Borret* of *Griſton*, his Executors, from whom *John Lovell*, Eſq; met with more Kindneſs and Generoſity, than from his Brother, they being ſo juſt, as to deliver up all the Evidences, and whatever belonged to the Eſtate to him, without any Diſturbance, notwithſtanding which, he was forced to ſell it, having prevailed upon his Son the preſent Mr. *Lovell* of *Bokenham* (as I am inform'd) to join with him in the Sale,

## *RECTORS.*

*Paganus* or *Pain*, Rector of *Eaſt-Herling*.
*William de Aldeberg*, Rector.
1283, Maſter *Elias de Aliuue Cherche*, Rector.
1289, [h] *Will: de la Menewaryn*, Rector.
1332, Prid: Id: *Oct.* *William*, Son of *Roger Bygot* of *Felbrigg*, Subdeacon. SIMON BYGOT of *Felbrigge*, this Turn. In 1347, this *William* called then, *William de Felbrigge*, was both Rector and Patron by his Brother's Gift.

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f Regr. Jankyn, in Cur: Perog: Cant: Q. 27.

g Lib: Cedularum 5. E. 6. fol: 34.

h In 1324, he convey'd 18 Meſſuages, 2 Mills, 220 Acres of Land, 7 Acres of Meadow, 1 of Wood, 40 of Heath, 6 Acres of Marſh Ground, and 48 *s.* Yearly-Rent in Edinthorp, Witton, Paſton, Baketon, North-Walſham, Honyng, Croſtweyt, Bradfield, Swafield, Rydelington, Alby, Depham, Wykelwode, Morley, Attleburgh, and Ellingham, to John de Wyleby and Elizabeth his Wife, and their Heirs.

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| 1349, 17 *July*, | Sir *John Gonvile*, Prieſt. JOHN DE HERLING. |
| 1357, 23 *Sept.* | *Hugh Pain*, on *Gonvile*'s Reſignation, *Ditto*. |
| 1373, 16 *Octob.* | Sir *John Herling*, Knt. recover'd the Advowſon upon the King's Writ, againſt Sir *Roger de Hales*, Knt. |
| 1374, 15 *Nov.* | *Richard Hunte*, Shaveling, with whom *Hulton* changed for the Prebend of *Heinbury* in *Salſo Mariſco* (or *Saltmarſh*) in *Worceſter* Dioceſe. *Ditto*. |
| 1374, 27 *Nov.* at *Eccles*. | *Reginald de Hulton*, Shaveling. JOHN DE HERLING. |
| 1393, 10 *Sept.* | *John Peyte*, (or *Poit*) Prieſt. STEPHEN DE HALES, Knt. this Turn. |
| 1414, | *Robert de Eſtgate*, Rector. [From a Deed.] |
| 1430, 7 *Febr.* | *Edmund Coupere*, Prieſt. (Maſter of *Ruſhworth* College) Sir WILLIAM BERDEWELLE, Knt *John Fitz-Rauf*, Eſq; *Oliver Groos*, Eſq; *John Kirteling*, Clerk, *Robert Palgrave*, and *John Intewood*, Sir *Rob. Herling*'s Feoffees, in the Manor and Advowſon. JOHN Duke of *Norfolk* claimed a right, but did not proceed in it. |
| 1448, 18 *Oct.* | *Laurence Gerard*, Prieſt, on *Couper*'s Death. Sir *John Faſtolf*, Knt. Sir ROBERT's Feoffee. [He was alſo Maſter of *Ruſhworth* College.] |
| 1474, | *John Aylward* on *Gerrard*'s Death, he reſign'd *Litcham* for this. ROB. WINGFIELD, and ANNE his Wife. |
| 1503, 15 *Nov.* | *Will: Borroſſe*, on *Elwarde*'s Death. Sir THO. LOVELL. |
| 1530, 23 *July*, | *Ralph Sparke*, A. M. on *Borrowe*'s Death. Sir FRANCIS LOVELL, Knt. |
| 1558, 26 *March*, | *Tho. Moore*, Prieſt, on *Spark*'s Death. Sir THO. LOVELL, Knt. |
| 1568, 1 *April*, | *James Love*, Clerk. *Tho. Moore* deprived. THO. PIGEON, Gent. by Grant from Sir THO. LOVELL. |
| 1579, 16 *Sept.* | *Tho: Chapman*, on *Love*'s Death. THO. LOVELL, Eſq; |
| 1595, 10 *July*, | *Henry Rewſe*, S. T. B, on *Chapman*'s Death. THO. LOVELL, Eſq; he was a Preacher licenced by the Univerſity of *Cambridge*, and held *Great Fakenham* in *Blackbourne* Deanry, *Suff.* with this. |
| 1631, 10 *Oct.* | *Will: Rewſe*, A. M. on *Henry Rewſe*'s Death. THO. STOUGHTON, Clerk, for this Turn. |
| 1665, 3 *May*, | *Will: Denny*, on *Will. Rewſe*'s Death. GLOVER DENNY of *Raningham*, Gent. this Turn, by Grant of *Andrew Knivet*, Knt. and Bart. and *Alice* his Wife, and *Gregory Lovell*, Eſq; of *Herling*, true Patrons. |
| 1678, 31 *Decem.* | *Theophilus Williams*, A. M. on *Denny*'s Reſignation. GREGORY LOVELL, Eſq; |
| 1716· 9 *June*, | *Mathew Goodrich*, Clerk, on *Williams*'s Death. THO. WRIGHT, Eſq, who died *Tueſday* Evening, *Dec.* 30, 1735, and is buried here. |
| 1719, 24 *July*, | *Tho: Macro*, on *Goodrich*'s Ceſſion. *Ditto*. |
| 1720, 19 *Dec.* | The Rev. *Robert Wright*, A. B. the preſent Rector, on *Macro*'s Reſignation. *Ditto*. He is now D. D. Rector of *Gnateſhall* in *Suffolk*, and of the Sinecure Rectory of *Hackney*, and Prebendary in the Church of *Litchfield*. |

This Rectory is in *Rockland* Deanry and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry; it hath a Rectory-Houſe and ſeveral Acres of Glebe.

| *King's Books.* | *Yearly Tenths.* | *Linc: Taxat:* |
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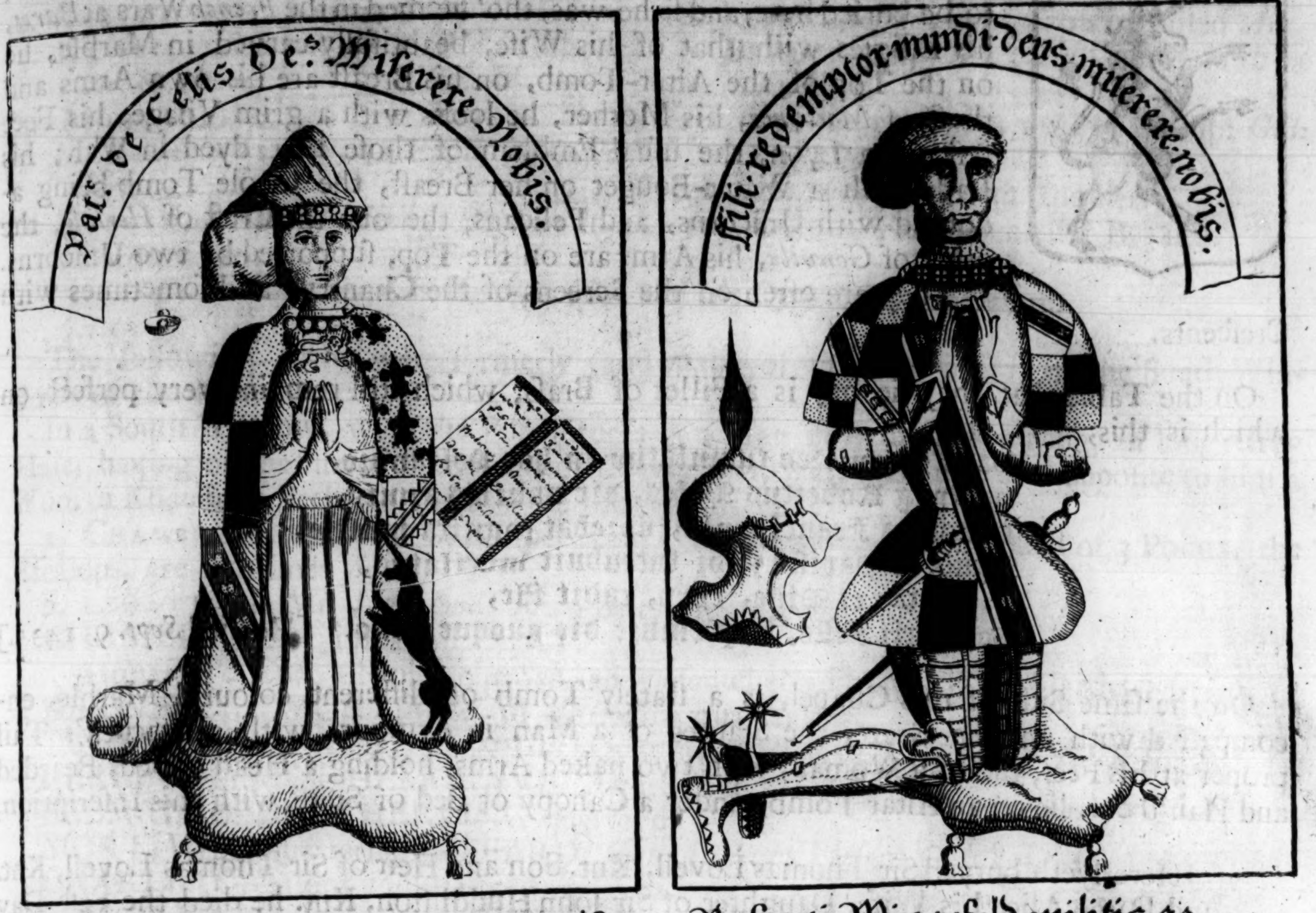
| 12 00 00 | 01 04 00 | 18 Marks. |

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Peter* and *Paul*, and is a fine uniform Building, having it's Nave, two Iſles, and South Porch leaded, a ſquare Tower, with a Spire thereon, and Freeſtone Ballifters inſtead of Battlements; it was built by Sir *William Chamberlain*, as appears from the many Blank Shields, encompaſſed with the Garter, cut on the Stones, finiſhed about 1449, but the Bells were not put up 'till 1465; the greateſt Part of the Church, if not the Whole, was Re-built by that Knight, the Windows (as the Arms and Effigies in them diſcover) were finiſhed by Sir *Robert Wingfield*, who married his Widow, whoſe Effigies, with that of his Wife, ſtill remain in this Manner.


Pat: de Celis De: Miſerere Nobis.
Fili redemptor mundi Deus miſerere nobis.

Orate p bono Statu & vita Anne uxis Roberti Wingefeld militis ac···

At the Eaſt End of the South Iſle is a Chapel dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, called *Herling*'s Chapel, it being the burial Place of that Family, Sir *Robert Herling*, Knt. (who rebuilt it) lies under an Altar Tomb, in an Arch in the South Wall; he founded a Chantry of one Prieſt in this Chapel, who was ſpecially bound daily to pray for his, and his Wife *Jane*'s Souls, for the Souls of Sir *William Chamberlain*, Knt. and *Anne* his Wife, Daughter and Heireſs of the ſaid *Robert*, for *John Herlyng* and *Cecily* his Wife, *Robert*'s Father and Mother, and for *John Herling* his Grandfather. [all buried here,] In 1458, it was endowed by Sir *Will: Chamberlain* and *Anne* his Wife with 9 Marks annual Rent, iſſuing out of *Fawconer*'s Manor, then worth 20 Marks a Year, according to Sir *Robert*'s Will, he order'd that if he died without Heirs, then his Manors of *Eaſt-Herling*, *Quidenham*, with their Advowſons, *Bokenham Wood*, and *Gnateſhall* Manor, ſhould be ſettled for 3 Chantry Prieſts in this Chapel, but if he left a Daughter, then ſhe was only oblig'd to ſettle a Proviſion for one Prieſt. It was not rated to any Taxes whatever, but had Inſtitution in the ſame Manner as the Rectory.

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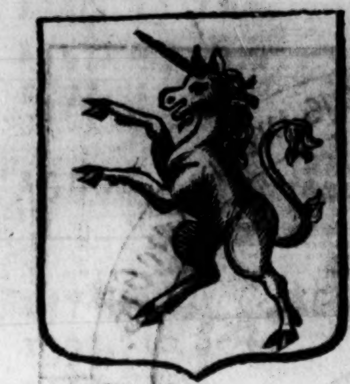
| 1458, 20 *Nov.* | *John Cavendyſſh*, Chaplain, the 1ſt Chantry Prieſt, was inſtituted at their Preſentation. |
| 1474, 30 *March*, | *Robert Cadyman* Prieſt. Sir ROB. WINGFIELD, and ANNE his Wife. |

The Preamble to the King's Licence which he granted to amortiſe the ſaid Rent, is very particular, for it ſays, that his Majeſty granted this Licence to his faithful Counſellor, Sir *Wm. Chamberlain*, Knt. without any *Fine* or *Fee*, in Conſideration of the *great* and *eminent* Service he had done him in his Kingdom of *France*, and Dutchy of *Normandy*, in the War there, and in other Places, and particularly for the great Damage he and his Family received, by paying his Fine of Redemption to the King's Enemies of *France*, (who took him Priſoner in 1446,) and alſo for the great Value he had for Sir *Robert Herling*, the Founder, who died in his Service as he Warr'd in *France*.



[b] This Sir *Robert Herling* order'd in his Will, if he died in *England*, to be buried here, and ſo he was, tho' he died in the *French* Wars at *Paris*, his Effigies with that of his Wife, beautifully carved in Marble, lie on the Top of the Altar-Tomb, on his Breaſt are his own Arms and thoſe of *Mortimer*, his Mother, he looks with a grim Viſage, his Feet reſt on a Lyon, the uſual Emblem of thoſe that dyed in War; his Lady hath a Water-Bouget on her Breaſt, the whole Tomb being adorned with Unicorns, and Pelicans, the one the Creſt of *Herling*, the other of *Gonvile*, his Arms are on the Top, ſupported by two Unicorns.

They are often on the Screens of the Chantry, and ſometimes with Creſcents.

On the Table that they lie on, is a Fillet of Braſs, which ſtill remains very perfect, on which is this,

**Saxo Marmoreo tumulatur in hoc Poliandro,**
**Harlyng Robertus Miles, vir nobilis armis,**
**Laus ſua Francigenis, florebat cognita multis,**
**Tandem Pariſibus vi ſuccubuit mutilatus,**
**C. quater et Mille, xxxv, cadit ille,**
**Gorgonii Feſto, Septembre die quoque nono.** [He died *Sept.* 9, 1435.]

On the ſame Side of this Chapel, is a ſtately Tomb of different colour'd Marble, encompaſſed with an Iron Grate, the Statues of a Man in Armour, with a Peacock's Tail proper at his Feet, and of a Woman, with two naked Arms, holding a Head eraſed, Bearded and Hair'd *Sab.* lie on an Altar Tomb, under a Canopy or Bed of State, with this Inſcription,

Here lyeth buryed Sir Thomas Lovell, Knt. Son and Heir of Sir Thomas Lovell, Knt. and Dame Alice his Wife, Daughter of Sir John Huddilſton, Knt. he died the 12th Day of Dec: 1604, in the Year of his Age 64, and ſhe dyed the 1ſt Daye of September 1600, in the Yeare of her Age 64; they had Iſſue 5 Sons and 3 Daughters, whereof 2 Sonns and one Daughter dyed in their Infancy, 3 Sonns, viz. Sir Francis Lovell, Knt. Charles Lovell, and William Lovell, Eſqrs. over-lived them, and 2 Daughters were married in their Life-time, viz. Katheryn, firſt to Sir Tho: [i] Knevet of Buckenham-Caſtle, Knt. 2dly, to Edward Spring, and 3dly, to Edward Downes, Eſqrs. and Elinor to Edward Waldegrave, Son and Heire apparant of Charles Waldegrave of Stanning-Hall, Eſq;

On the Top.

Olim qui Cubuit, jacet hic cum Conjuge Conjux
Hic Illa dubium eſt, hoc ſit an illa Prior,
Sive Illa, ſive hoc, (ſi demas hunc modo et illam)
Haud Prior (indubium eſt) alt'ra vel alter erat,
Atria dum titulis proavitis ſplendida Uterque,
Et Longâ ſerie ſtemmata nexa tulit,
Largus opum, nec decoctor, plebi Hoſpitus, almus
Pauperi, uterque homini carus, uterque Deo,
Ille animi Prudens, et Magnus, Doctus, et Artem
Quamve Sacer Codex, Quamve profanus habet,
Jura Tori ritè hæc coluit, pia, provida Virgo,
Virgo pudica, Pudens, Virgo probata, proba,
Cum jam Prole beati Eſſent, prolemque beaſſent,
Qua Locupletando, qua poliendo ſuam,
Octavo hos Luſtro dirimit mors, dividit Urna,
Jungit at hos Tumulus, Jungit et hoſce polus.

At the Head is HUDLESTON's Arms, and at the Feet LOVELL's.
At the Top LOVELL's Arms and Quarterings, Mantle and Creſt.
On the Side 3 Eſcutcheons, 1. LOVELL and his Quarterings, as before.
2. LOVELL and his Quarterings, impaling HUDLESTON and his Quarterings, *viz.*

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[b] Regr, Surflete, ſol: 187.

[i] Le-Neve's Monuments. vol. 1. p. 9:

1. HUDLESTON, *Gul:* Frette *Ar:* with a Creſ.
2. KNEVET with a Mullet *Sab.*
3. NEVILL, with a Labell of 3, Gobone, *Ar:* & *Az:*
4. MONTAGUE.
5. MONTHERMER, *Or*, an Eagle diſplay'd, *Vert.*
6. HOLLAND, Earl of *Kent*. *England* in a Bordure *Ar.*
7. TIPTOFT, *Ar.* a Croſs ingrailed *Gul.*
8. INGLETHORP, *Gul:* a Croſs ingrailed *Ar.*
9. BRADESTON, *Ar:* on a Canton *Gul:* a Roſe *Or.*
10. CHARLETON, *Or*, a Lyon Ramp: *Gul:* Lord POWIS.
11. DELAPOLE with an Annulet.
12. *Az.* on a Feſs indented 3 Bezants.

The third is HUDLESTON and his Quarterings as before.

The following Arms were formerly (and many of them now are) in the South Windows of the Nave.

In a South Window, were the Portraitures of a Man in Armour Kneeling, in long Grey Hair, having on his Surcoat the Arms of *Chamberlain*, with a Labell; and oppoſite to him a Woman Kneeling, between them were theſe Arms,

1. CHAMBERLAIN, *Gul:* a Chev: between 3 Eſcalops *Or*, with a Labell of 3 Points, the Eſcalops, are ſomtimes *Ar.*
2. LEGATT, [as Mr. *Leverland*] *Ar.* a Saltyr ingrail'd *Az.* quarter'd.

CHAMBERLAIN impales LEGAT.

A quarter'd Coat all loſt, but *Sab.* an Ineſcutcheon in an Orle of Martlets, *Or*,
HERLING and MORTIMER of *Attleburgh* quarter'd.
TUDENHAM Lozenge, *Ar:* & *Gul:* Quartering HERLING. GONVILE ſingle.
HERLING impaling HEMGRAVE, *Ar:* a Chief indented *Gul.*
BEDINGFIELD and HERLING quarter'd.
MORTIMER Quartering GIFFARD, *Gul:* 3 Lyons Paſſant Gardant, *Ar:* and
CHARLETON Lord *Powes.*
WINGFIELD Quartering BOVILE.
SCROOP Quartering TIPTOFT.
CHAMBERLAIN Quartering FITZ-RAFFE, *Or*, 3 Chev: *Gul:* on each 5 Delis's *Ar.*
FITZ-RAFFE Quartering ----- *Gul:* 2 Bendlets *Ar.*
CONIERS *Az:* a Maunch *Or*, Quartering FITZ-RAFFE.

In a high Eaſt Window of the Nave.

TIPTOFT, and ----- *Az:* a Bend *Or.*

On the North Windows of the Nave,

WINDHAM, *Az:* a Chev: between 3 Lyons Heads eraſed *Or*, impaling HOWARD.
LEGAT impaling WARREN. ERPINGHAM.
BOLLEYN *Ar:* a Chev: *Gul:* between 3 Bulls Heads cooped *Sab:* Quartering BUTLER, *Or*, a Chief indented *Az.*
HEYDON, Quarterly *Ar:* & *Gul:* a Croſs ingrailed counterchanged, impaling BOLEYN.
CALTHORP, impaling STAPLETON.
HEVENYNGHAM, impaling DARCY.
WINGFIELD, Quartering DOREWARD and BOVILE.
WINGFIELD, impaling FITZ-LEWIS, BRANDON, GLANVILE, and HONIPOT.
JENNY impales WINGFIELD, and ſo does ECHINGHAM and BOVILE.
FRAMLINGHAM. DELAPOLE, quarters WINGFIELD, who quarters *Ar:* 7 Torteaux, 2. 2. 2. 1.

A Man, having MORTIMER Quartering HERLING,
A Woman, GONVILE, *Ar.* on a Chev: between 2 Couple Cloſes outwardly ingrail'd *Sab:* 3 Eſcalops *Or.* } Sir ROBERT HERLING, and JANE GONVILE his Wife.

In the South Iſle Windows,

SCROOP, *Az.* a Bend *Or*, TIPTOFT, quarter'd. } their Effigies.
Effigies of a FITZ-WILLIAMS and his Wife, who was a HERLING.

In the Windows of *Herling*'s Chapel.

Sir *Robert Herling*, and *Jane* his Wife, Sir *Will: Chamberlain*, and *Anne* his Wife, with their Arms on their Surcoats, in the Eaſt Window over the Altar, and this,

**Orate pro Animabus Willi: Chamberlayn, Militis, et Anne uxoris eius et Roberti Harlyng, Militis, et Johanne uxoris.....**

The Screens between the Church and Chancel are finely carved and painted, being put up by Sir *Robert Harlyng*, whoſe Arms and Creſt are often carved thereon.

The Chancel is leaded, having two Chapels joined to the North Side; that moſt Eaſt, is dedicated to the Bleſſed Name of JESUS, the other to St. *Anne*, they are both leaded.

On the South Side of the Chancel Wall towards the Eaſt End, is a Stone Mural Monument, on which, LOVELL, and MUSWELL join'd per Feſs, impale PARIS, *Gul:* 3 Unicorns Heads cooped proper, in a Bordure, ingrailed. LOVELL's Creſt.

> Here lieth buried Syr Thomas Lovel Knyght, and Dame Elizabeth his Wyfe whiche lived together in Godly Mariage 29 Yeares, and hadde Yſſue, 9 Sonnes and 6 Daughters, the ſayd Sir Thomas deceſſed in the Year of our Lord God 1567, the 23 of March, & Dame Elizabeth deceſſed in the Yeare of our Lord God, 1591, the laſt of Marche.
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> Pray God to joy their Soules together in Heaven.

Oppoſite on the North Side, another Monument of the ſame Kind, but no Inſcription.

Ashby

LOVELL and MUSWELL impaling ASHFIELD of *Middleſex*, *Az:* a Chev: *Or*, between 3 Eagles diſplay'd with 2 Heads, *Ar.* LOVELL's Creſt.

The Arms ſhew, it was erected for Sir *Francis Lovell*, and *Anne Aſhfield* his Wife; he died *Jan.* 25, 1550: This is againſt JESUS Chapel, which is now a School-houſe.

More Weſt in the North Wall, is a moſt ſtately arched Monument, diſrobed of it's Braſſes, under which lie buried Sir *William Chamberlain*, Knight of the Garter, and *Anne* his Wiſe, Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Robert Harlyng*, this divides the Chancel from St. *Ann*'s Chapel, which was founded by his Lady, and dedicated to her Name's-ſake: The Tomb fronts both into Chancel and into the Chapel, the Chancel Side being adorned with his Arms, &c. and the Chapel's Side with her's; in the Arch is carved *Chamberlain*'s Arms, Quartering *Tiptoft*, which is again cut on the Side of the Monument next the Chancel, with Mantle, Creſt, and Supporters.

CREST, a Cameleopard's Head cooped.

The Supporters, 2 Beaſts of the ſame Kind.

On the Chapel's Side, *Herling* and *Mortimer* quarter'd, with an Eſcutcheon of Pretence of *Gonvile* and *Herling*. Creſt and Supporters.

[k] *Anne* Lady *Scroop* of *Bolton*, by Will dated 1498, *Aug.* 28, bequeathed her Body to be buried in the Chapel of St. *Anne*, adjoining to the Chancel of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, at *Eaſt-Herling*, in the Tomb of her late Husband, Sir *William Chamberlayn*; ſhe gave to the *Auſtin* Friers at *Thetford*, where her Great Grandame *Margarer Tudenham*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Jenney* was buried, together with Dame *Iſabel Hengrave* her Daughter, a Veſtment, and other Gifts to *Robert Wingfield* her Nephew, Lord *Scroop* her Son, &c.

From a Manuſcript of *Henry St. George*, Garter King at Arms, I find a part of the Inſcription that was on this Monument, and this Remark made by Mr. *Le-Neve*.

That here were their two Effigies, and that the Garter was on his Left Leg, and tho' Mr. *Aſhmole* ſays, that *Fitz-William*'s Tomb was the oldeſt, that had it ſo placed, yet this is older.

:::::: Harling Licite Dominus ::::: marite,  
Anna fuit Dicta, Chriſti mulier benedicta,  
Mundi diſerti fuit Harling nata Roberti,  
Militis :::: digna, Mortimer de Stirpe benigna.  
† :::::::::::::::::::::::  
C. quater et Mille Sexaginta et tres cadit ille,  
Perpetuo feſto, Deus illius memor eſto.

Many of the Memorials which were in this *CHURCH* are now loſt, one Account of them was taken by the Rev. Mr. *Leverland*, Rector of *Framlingham-Caſtle*, in *Suffolk*, (a Copy of whoſe MSS. I have by me) and others by different Perſons, as Mr. *Borrett* of *Griſton*, *Henry St. George*, &c.

In this Church is buried [l] *Elizabeth Truſſell*, Siſter to Sir *William Chamberlain*, who died the laſt of *April*, 1472, but the 4 Shields and Inſcription were loſt before theſe Accounts were taken.

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[k] Regr. Horne Cur: Prerog: Cant. fol. 16. In 1718. a large Stone Coffin was taken up, adjoining to the South Side of this Tom.

[l] Weaver.

† There are ſome Lines loſt here.

Charles Wright Eſq; lately glazed the Eaſt Chancel Window, with ancient Glaſs that he found in his Houſe, which formerly came out of this Window, and contains the principal Paſſages of the New Teſtament, from our Saviour's Incarnation, to his Crucifixion, The Effigies of Sir *Robert Wingfield*, and his Wife are now placed in this Window.

In 1479, *Robert Smith* was buried in the Church, in which there were then 4 Gilds kept, *viz.* of the *Holy Trinity*, St. *Peter*, *All Saints*, and St. *John Baptiſt*. The Lights of St. *Mary* and St. *Sithe*, were ſuſtained by the Benefactions of different People, as I find by the Wills in the Biſhops Office.

[m] In 1511, the *Gildhall Croft* belonged to the Inhabitants.

In 1528, The *Gildhall* in the *Hey-Town* Street, belonged to the Gilds, and was given by *John Dowe* of *Diſs*, Son and Heir of *John Dowe* late of *Eaſt-Herling*, *Anno* 1487.

In 1528, The Son and Heir of *Thomas Gonne* of this Pariſh, gave to St. *John*'s Gild 2 Acres of Land at *Kitheſend* in *Herling*.

In 1536, the Church-wardens and Inhabitants ſold to *Francis Lovell* Knt. and his Heirs, 21 Acres and 1 Rood plowed Ground of their Town Land, lying in *Eaſt-Herling*, and he

In 1538, granted 32 Acres and an half to the Inhabitants, to be Town Land for ever.

In 1548, *Roger Moore*, Executor of *William Deye*, at the Requeſt of *Adam Deye*, gave half an Acre, at the End of *John Deye*'s Croft, to the Inhabitants.

In King *James* the Firſt's Time, *John Hawkins* and other Feoffees, made a new Feoffment of the Town Land to *Thomas Porter* and others, there being then 60 Acres, beſides a Pightle called *Waſtells*.

Theſe Lands were given to repair and adorn the Church.

The Temporals of the Prior of *Bokenham* in this Town were taxed at 2*s.* 4*d.*

In 1510, *Rob: Banham* purchaſed of *Will: Banham*, a Meſſuage and 6 Acres of free Land in *Eaſt-Herlinge*, held of *Eaſt-Herling* Manor by 8 *d.* a Year, to find a Wax Candle burning before the Image of the Virgin *Mary* in that Church. In 1470, at a Court then held it is ſaid, that *John Robards* died ſeized of it, and that *John* his Son and Heir was a Scholar in Orders, that formerly it was Copyhold, but was now held free of the Church, the Lord's Anceſtor's, having perpetually pardoned the Fine and Rents, in Honour of the Bleſſed Virgin; this Year it was convey'd to *John Aylward*, Rector, and other Feoffees of the Pariſh.

Theſe ARMS were formerly in *Harling-Hall* Windows,

Lovell, impaling Bendish, Muswell, Rosse, or Roos, Woodhouse, Dethick, Huddleston, Pakenham, Ashfield, Brandon and Harling. Ashby

Thomburgh, *Erm:* Frettee, a Chev: *Gul:*

Colton, *Sab:* a Chev: between 3 Griffins Heads, eraſed *Ar.*

Vaux, Chequy *Ar:* & *Gul:* on a Chev: *Az:* 3 Roſes *Or.*

Chamberlain and Legate, Mortimer and Gonvile.

The Badges of the Red and White Roſe, of the Pomegranate, of a Lizard *Gul:* his Tongue *Or.* Henry the VIII*th*'s Arms, impaling *Caſtile*, *Leon*, and *Granada*.

Mr. John Wright bears, *Sab:* on a Chief *Or*, 3 Spears Heads *Az:* a Chev: between 3 Delis's, *Ar.*

[n] *Stephen de Giſſing* and *Lucy Maynewaryn* his Wife for 26*s.* in Hand paid, by Deed dated on St. *Dunſtan*'s Day, in 1283, releaſed to *Simon Maynewaryn* and his Heirs, all manner of Actions that they might bring againſt him, for not building her Houſes in *Herling*, that ſhe was to have had built for her, in lieu of part of her Dower, and they bound themſelves, their Heirs, and Executors, in 60*s.* Penalty, that no ſuch Action ſhould be brought, and ſubjected themſelves to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, or his Official, in this Caſe, who ſhould excommunicate them if the Penalty was not paid; further obliging themſelves to pay 100*s.* towards the Relief of the Holy-Land, if ever any ſuch Action was brought, and to confirm it, they promiſed it before Sir *Will: de Crungethorp*, Knt. Maſter *Elias Aliuue Cherche*, Rector of *Eaſt-Herling*, Sir *Geffry de Gerbaudeſham* Chaplain, and others. I could not omit taking Notice of this Deed, the Penalties being remarkable.

The Market is on *Tueſdays*, and not on *Thurſdays*, as the *Atlas* and the late *Deſcription of the Dioceſe of Norwich* (which is chiefly a Tranſcript from thence) tell you, tho' it is right, as to it's being chiefly for Linnen-Yarn, and Cloth, the Manufacture of this Part of the County. This Town in 1603, had 223 Communicants, and now there are about 400 Inhabitants. It paid 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 638*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to the Land Tax.

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[m] From the Evidences in the Town Cheſt.

[n] Autog: penes Ep: Aſaph.

# QUIDENHAM.

IS the next Town Eaſtward of *Herling*, the Church of this Village is dedicated to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, and is a Rectory, diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths.

| *King's Books.* | *Sworn Value.* | *Synodals.* | *Archd: Proc:* | Glebe, |
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| 08 04 09 1*q*. | 40 00 00 | 00 00 11 | 00 06 08 | 60 Acres. |

It is in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, hath a Rectory-Houſe, and 60 Acres 1 Rood, and 16 Perches of Glebe. It was valued in the *Norwich* Taxation at 10 Marks, and the Temporals of the Prior of *Bokenham* were taxed at 6*s*. 8*d*.

## RECTORS.

*Will: de Swannington*, Rector, ſold to *Thomas* Son of *Will: de Hakeford*, Knt. *Walter*, *William*, and *Alice*, Children of *Ralf Dod* (who were his Villains) with their Families.

1274, Sir *Will: de Eleford*, Rector,

1285, *Tho: de Haſtynges* Rector.

1305, 3 Kal: *March*, *Will: de Eleford*. MILES Son of *Phillip de Haſtyngs*.

1334, Non: *Jan.* *John Jordan* of *Grafham*, Clerk. MAUD late Wife of *Miles de Haſtynges*.

1375, 16 *Sept.* Sir *James de Heyham*, Prieſt. Sir JOHN DE HERLING, Knt.

1400, 9 *Nov.* *John Maundeville*, Shaveling.

1400, 19 *March*, *John*, Son of *John Balie* of *Blithe*, Shaveling, on *Maundevile*'s Reſignation.

1401, 20 *Octob.* *Tho. Maundeville*, Prieſt.

1410, 8 *Feb.* *Edmund Hemgrave*, Shaveling.

1411, 5 *June*, *John Joy* of *Lutcham*, Prieſt, on *Hemgrave*'s Reſig.

Margaret Tuddenham, late Wife of John de Herling, Knt.

1434, 14 *March*, *Laurence Gerard*, Prieſt, on *Joy*'s Death. *John Fitz-Rauff*, *Oliver Groos*, Eſqrs. *John Kirtling*, Clerk, and *John Intewode*, Feoffees of Sir ROBERT HERLING, in *Quidenham* Manor.

1448, 1 *Dec.* *Ralf Wode*, on *Gerard*'s Reſignation. Sir *John Faſtolf*, Knt. Feoffee.

*John Sterre*, on whoſe Death in

1465, 4 *Aug.* *John Caundyſſh* ſucceeded. ROBERT WINGFIELD and ANNE his Wife.

1504, 5 *Nov.* *John Butler*, A. M. on *Caundyſſh*'s Death. Lady *Margaret Bedingfield*, *James Hobart*, and *Tim: Bachcroft*.

1544, 5 *June*, *John Reder* Chaplain, on *Butler*'s Death. JOHN BEDINGFIELD, Eſq;

1560, 6 *July*, *Tho: Davye*, Prieſt, on *Reder*'s Death. *John Sulyard* and *Alice* his Wife.

1570, 7 *Dec.* *Robert Neuhſam*. JOHN SULYARD, Knt.

1579, 28 *July*, *Robert Downes*, A. M. by Lapſe.

1580, 27 *April* *Thomas Richards* on *Downe*'s Reſignation, the Biſhop collated by Conſent of BEDINGFIELD, the Patron.

1583, 27 *Nov.* *John Dalton* on *Richard*'s Reſignation. Lapſe.

1584, 8 *June*, *Daniel Reeve* on *Dalton*'s Reſignation. The Biſhop by Conſent of *Humphry Bedingfield*, Eſq; Patron.

1603, *Daniel Reeve*, D. D. and Rector of *Banham*, return'd in his Anſwer, that there were 80 Communicants here. *Henry Bedingfield*, Patron.

1621, *William Wood* Clerk.

1636, 16 *Nov.* *Henry Sulyard*, A. M. on *Wood*'s Reſignation. JOHN HOLLAND, Bart. he held it united to *Toſtock* in *Suffolk*.

1668, 15 *October*, *Arthur Womack*, Clerk. *Ditto*.

1685, *Will: Boſworth*, A. M. on *Womack*'s Death. *Ditto*. United to *Icklingham St. James*.

1705, 8 *Febr.* *James Baldwin*, A. M. on *Boſworth*'s Death. Sir JOHN HOLLAND, Bart. he held it with *Icklingham St. James*, reſign'd *June* 24, 1731.

1731, The Rev. Mr. *John Hull*, the preſent Rector. *Iſabella-Diana*, and *Charlotte Holland*, Siſters and Heireſſes of Sir *William Holland*, Bart. the preſent Patroneſſes, are Ladies of the Manor, and Owners of the whole Town.

The *CHURCH* is a ſmall Building, having it's Nave, Chancel, and South Porch tiled, the South Iſle and North Dormitory leaded, a ſmall Steeple, round at Bottom, and octangular at Top, in which are 3 Bells, two of them are thus inſcribed,

1. **Miſſus de Celis, habeo nomen Gabrielis.**

2. **Virgo Coronata, duc nos ad Regna beata.**

On a Braſs in the South Iſle,
HERE lyeth the Body of *RICHARD DAVYE*, who deceaſed the 29 of March, 1628.

On a Mural Monument on the South Side of the Chancel,
*CROMPTON*, *Ar.* on a Chief *Az.* 3 Pheons *Or*, impaling HOLLAND.

Sub hoc Marmore jacet Katherina Uxor et Relicta Roberti Crompton, Ordinis Equeſtris, Filiaque pulcherrima Thomæ Holland, ejuſdem Ordinis, Quæ Katherina obijt in Edibus Henrici North de Millnall, in Comitatu Suffolciæ, Armigeri, viceſimo Novembris, Anno Dom: 1653, atque Ætatis ſuæ triceſimo quarto, Qui Henricus in Honorem et Memoriam Dominæ iſtius præclariſſimæ, hunc Lapidem poſuit.

En! Pia Nata, Placens Uxor, Materque benigna,
Fæmina, dum vixit, dic mihi, Qualis erat?

On a Mural Monument, at the North Eaſt End of the North Wall,
*HOLLAND* impaling
*PANTON*, *Gul.* 2 Feſſes *Erm.* on a Canton *Sab.* a Ferdumolin *Ar.*

In Memory of the Merits of that excellent Perſon, the Lady Alathea Sandys, whoſe Bodie lyeth in the adjacent Dormitorie, is this Monument deſervedly erected; ſhe was the Daughter of John Panton, Eſq; firſt married with William, Lord Sandys, afterward with Sir John Holland, by whom ſhe had *6* Sonns, & 5 Daughters, and with whom ſhe lived happily 50 Years within 3 Months, and then in the *69* Year of her Age, upon the 22 Day of May, *1679*, ſhe Cheerfully rendred up her pious Soul to God that gave it,

Under this, is an Altar-Tomb cover'd with a Black Marble,
*HOLLAND*, *KNEVET*, and *WIGMORE*.

Here lyeth the Body of that Worthy Knight Sir Thomas Holland, who lived highly eſteemed in his Country, and died the 5. of Febr. in the 48 Year of his Age, and in that of our Lord One thouſand ſix hundred twenty and five, univerſally lamented.

On a Black Marble on the Floor, by this Tomb,
Here lyeth the Lady Holland, the ſecond Wife to Sir Thomas
Holland, and Wife to Mr. Edward Barker, and buried in the
Year 1648.

On a Mural Monument againſt the North Chancel Wall, more Weſt,
*HOLLAND* and *PANTON*.

Sir John Holland who erected this Monument for himſelf, 17 Years before his Death, maryed the Lady Alathea Sandys, he was ſent a Commiſſioner from the Parliament to K. C. the Firſt, and received Marks of Royal Favour, he lived an Honour as well as Benefactor to his Family, being Eminent for his perticular Abilities and Integrity, and dyed 19th of Jan: 1700, after he was created Baronet 72 Yeares, and in the 98th Yeare of his Age.

In a South Chancel Window, is the Effigies of the **VIRGIN** holding a Wafer, on which is this, **Hi Viſite ye.**

On the South Buttreſſes, **JESUS, JESUS Salvator.**

Upon old Stalls in the Chancel are the ARMS of VERE, BARDOLF, HERLING, PLANTAGINET, GARNISH, UFFORD with a Bendlet. A Feſs between *6* Delis's. 2 Feſſes. Gironne of 8. 3 Roundells, on each 3 Pales. On a Bend cotized 3 Eſcalops, a Roſe for Difference.

In the Parſonage Window, is an Eagle ſnatching a piece of a Sacrifice, with ſome of the Fire ſticking to it, which being carried to her Neſt, fires it, and burns her Young; under the Flaming Neſt is this,

So let him feare, who e're he be that dare,
Purloin God's Tribute, and the Churches Share.

and Round the Oval is this,

IT IS DESTRUCTIVE TO DEVOUR THAT WHICH IS HOLY.

Here are 13 Acres, 3 Roods, and 20 Perches Town Land, in divers Pieces, all which (with the Glebe) are abuttalled in a Survey of the Manor, taken A° 1587, [o] The Rent was 3 *l. per Ann.* paid to the Church-Wardens, and Overſeers, for the Relief of the Poor, and Repairs of the Church. [p]

In the Dormitory on the North Side, there are 7 Coffins of Lead, 1. Sir *John Holland* the firſt Baronet of the Family. 2. Lady *Alathea Sandys* his Wife. 3. *Thomas Holland*, Eſq; of *Bury St. Edmund*, their Son. 4. Sir *John Holland*, Bart. his Son. 5. Lady *Rebecca Paſton*, his Wife. 6. Sir *William Holland*, Bart. their Son. 7. *Elizabeth Holland* his Siſter. *

In 1723, at the Bottom of the Lime-Pits in this Pariſh, was found a large Copper Medal, thus circumſcrib'd, ANTONINUS. P.P. TR· COSS. III. on the Reverſe a *Genius*, and S.C. by which the *Romans* ſhould have worked in theſe Pitts.

This Town paid to the Tenths, 3 *l.* 10 *s.* is now aſſeſſed at 274 *l.* 10 *s.* and hath 9 Houſes, and about 50 Inhabitants. *Lete Fee* to the Hundred is 2 *s. per Ann.*

## *CUIDENHAM* or *GUIDENHAM*.

Undoubtedly ſignifies *(Villa Guidonis)* or the Country Seat of one *Guido* or *Guy*, but who he was we know not, one Part of it was *Godwic*'s a Freeman, under the Protection of the Abbot of *Bury*, who held it 3 Years after King *William* came into the Realm, but *Godwin Awnd*, a Man of Earl *Ralf*'s, unjuſtly took it from him, the *Soc* was at firſt in *Kenninghall*, it was worth 15 *s.* and after 30, it was then a Mile and a Quarter long, and a Mile broad, and paid 17 *d.* 1 *q. Geld*, being at the Survey in the King's Hands, who had taken it from *Godwin*, and committed it to Earl *Godric*'s Care.

Another Part was given by the Conqueror to be held at a Fee and half, to *Will: de Albany*, Earl of *Arundell* and *Suſſex*, who gave one Fee of it to *Warine de Munchenſi*, who granted it to *Miles Haſtyngs*, againſt whom, *William*, Son of *Warin de Munchenſi*, in 1194, brought his Action to recover it, but to no Purpoſe; this was after held at one Fee of the *Munchenſi*'s, (Lords of *Winfarthing*) and their Succeſſors, who held it of *Bokenham* Caſtle.

The other half Fee was given by the ſaid Earl, in King *Henry* I. Time, [q] to the Monks of *Rading* in *Berkſhire*, in pure Alms, who were obliged to grant it to *Ralf*, Sirnamed the GREAT, [*Magnus*] Conditionally, that he and his Succeſſors, ſhould for ever pay an Annual Rent of one Mark, for the Health of his own, his Anceſtors, and Succeſſors Souls, to make a good Dinner, or [*r*] Repaſt in that Convent, on his Uncle *Joceline*'s Anniverſary. It contained a Carucate of 100 Acres of Land in *Quidenham*, *Kenninghall*, and *Attleburgh*, and 40 Acres in *Ridleſworth*, and divers Rents and Services, with common of Paſture on all the Commons in *Quidenham*, and a Fold Courſe there: From this *Ralf* it came to *Brian* his Son, who ſettled it on *William de Hocham* for Life, and in 1198, *Wimar* Son of *William de Hocham*, had it confirmed to him and his Heirs, [s] by *William* the 3d of that Name, Earl of *Arundell* and *Suſſex*, from whom it was called

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[o] From the old Accounts of the Pariſh.

[p] The Vicar of Kenninghall hath 2 Acres of Glebe in Quidenham-Field, in the Furlong between Semere and Redmere, and 3 Roods in Brymleye Furlong, intermixed with the Lands of Mr. James Foyſter, and Kenninghall Pariſh hath 1 Acre and 3 Roods in divers Pieces in the Field; at the Survey aforeſaid, the Yearly out-going Rents of the Manor were theſe, to Kenninghall Manor, for Hockham's Tenement in Quidenham 16 *s.* 8 *d.* for Tho. Atbridge's Tenement there, 16 *s.* 5 *d.* for the Faldage and Paſturing of the Lord's Flock of Quidenham, upon the Ling of Keninghall, 3 Days in a Week 1 *s.* to the ſame Manor for the going of five Score Sheep more upon the ſame Ling 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Hundred Court at *Michaelmas* 4 *s.* Suit Fine 4 *d.* Blanch Farm 2 *d.* to the Sheriff's Turn 6 *d.* for Froward Rent to be paid on Whit-Sunday 2 *d.* In all 2 *l.* 5 *s.* 11 *d.* to Banham *Manor* Yearly 44 *s.* alſo 4 *s.* 5 *d. ob*: Free-Rent, 2 *d.* for Forwath, 5 *s.* for Paſturing great Beaſts on the *Moor*, 5 *s.* and 3 Capons, for 200 Sheep going on the *Moor*, from Lammas Time, 'till Weaning, and Shack in the adjoining Field, to the *Manor* of Bokenham 4 *d.* See Kenninghall fol: 150. The Meer called Semere, belongs to this manor, two Thirds of which is in this Pariſh, and the reſt in the Pariſh of Kenninghall, it contains about 14 Acres of Water, and had a Decoy formerly. Redemere or Reedmere, lies on the Right-Hand of the Road to Kenninghall, and is now quite grown up, there being no remains of it, but a large Reedy Swamp.

The Hall is a good Seat, pleaſantly ſituated. In the Library there was a fine Miſſal with this wrote in it,

Virgo, Parens vixit, Sexaginta tribus annis,
Quatuor et decem fuit in partu Salutari,
Triginta Tribus, cum Nato vixerat ejus,
Terque decem annis, poſtquam Deus aſtra petivit.

* 1565, July 1, Tho. Terryll, Eſq; Son and Heyr of Sir Hen: Tyrell, Knt. married Mrs. Margaret Sulyard, Daughter of Sir John Sulyard of Quidenham, Knt. and the ſame Day, Edw. Son and Heir of Sir John Sulyard Knt. married Mrs. Anne Heydon, Daughter and Heireſs of Tho. Heydon, Eſq; 1543, John Butler Rector, buried. 1570, 10 Aug. Tho. Davye Rector, buried. 1658, Frances, Daughter of Mr. John Lentall, and Lady Frances Garniſh his Wife baptized.

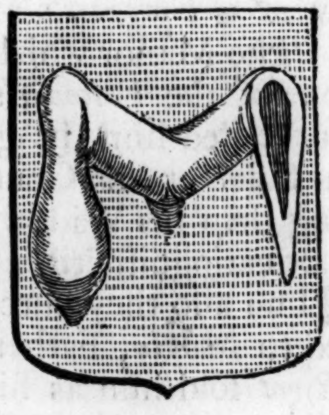
[q] Mon: Ang. Tom: 1. 418.

[r] The Donations of this Nature in Colleges, are now called, EXCEEDINGS.

## HOCKHAM's Manor or Free-Tenement,

JOHN, Son of *Brian*, agreed to this Confirmation, on Condition that he ſhould pay 1 *s.* a Year to him and his Heirs, and a Mark *ſterl.* every *Michaelmas-Day* to the Earl and his Heirs, and in 1200, *Wimar* and *John* jointly convey'd it [t] to *Miles Haſtyngs* of *Quidenham*, who join'd it to his other Part, with which it now continues, it was always held of the Manor of *Kenninghall*, as of the Caſtle of *Bokenham*.

One Manor and Moiety of the Advowſon, belonged to * *Bury* Abby, with the whole *Soc* of it, in King *Edward*'s Time, and was in the Abbot's Hands, 'till *Baldwin* Abbot there, infeoffed his Brother *Frodo* in it, in the Conqueror's Time, who infeoffed *Joſceline*, who held it at the Survey; this *Joſceline* was ſirnamed *de Lodne*, and was Uncle to *William de Albani*, Earl of *Suſſex*, as he ſays in his Deed. In 1196, *Ernald de Charneles* had it, between whom and *Sampſon* Abbot of *Bury*, there was a Fine levied this Year, by which he acknowledged, that he held it at one Fee of the Abbot, by the Service of 20 *s.* *Scutage*, and Caſtle-guard to *Norwich*; it then extended into *Quidenham*, *Aclee*, *Turiſton*, *Elyngham*, and *Norton*, and had 60 Acres in Demean, two Villains, and one † *Bordarer*; and in 1199, it was in *Miles de Haſtyngs*, § a younger Son (as I take it) of *William de Haſtyngs*, Steward to King *Henry* I. He ſealed with *Haſtyngs*'s Arms, I can't ſay whether with any difference or not, tho' I have a Seal of *Nicholas de Haſtyngs*'s about this Time, which hath a Labell of 5 over the Maunch.



MILES his Son and Heir, was Lord in 1264, being then married to *Dioniſe*, Daughter of *Peter Goldington*, of *Goldington* in *Bedfordſhire*. In the Roll of the Rebells and Adverſaries to King *Henry* III. and Prince *Edward* his Son, after the Battles of *Lewes* and *Eveſham*, this *Miles* was found to be one, being then Lord and Patron, and holding 80 Acres in Demean, all which were ſeized, it being proved that he had taken the Barons Part, it was afterwards reſtored, as all thoſe Eſtates were, which were ſeized upon this Account, his Brother *Will. de Haſtyngs* lived here, *Miles de Haſtyngs*, Son of *Miles*, was Lord of *Stoke-Goldyngton*, and *Cavendiſh* in *Suffolk*, *Elesford* in *Oxfordſhire*, and *Dayleford* in *Worceſterſhire*, he ſettled *Elesford* on *Thomas* his youngeſt Son, who was Rector of this Pariſh; he married *Maud*, who was Lady in 1280, and ſoon after married to *Pigaz*, whoſe Widow ſhe was in 1288; they had 3 Sons and one Daughter *Margaret*, who married *Richard de Noers*, *Nicholas* the 2d Son was Alive in 1282, at *Phillip* his eldeſt Brother's Death, who left *Alice* his Widow, who in this Year recovered againſt *Miles de Haſtyngs*, her Father-in-Law, 10 *l.* a Year, in Land, in *Cavendyſch*, for her Dower, but it appearing that thoſe Lands were ſettled on *Thomas*, *Nicholas*, and *Margery*, the younger Children of *Miles*, with the Conſent of her Husband, ſhe had 20 *l.* a Year in *Quidenham*, with a Water-Mill there, inſtead of it. *Miles* Son of *Phillip* was 30 Years old in 1304, and at his Grandfather's Death became Heir, he had two Wives, *Dioniſe*, and *Maud*, who out lived him, and was Lady in 1334, and ſo continued 'till after 1345. In 1355, *John de Herling* purchaſed a 3d Part of the Manor and Advowſon, of *Wil-*

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[s] Autog: inter Evid: Holland.

[t] In 1256, the Abbot of Rading ſued Rob: de Holkeham or Hocham for the Rent iſſuing out of this Land, but upon his anſwering, that it was ſold by his Anceſtors to Miles Haſtyngs, he was diſmiſſed.

* Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat Gillecros. H. (fol. 33.)

Cuidenham tenuit Godvic Liber Homo T. R. E. de quo Abbas Sancti Eadmundi habuit commendationem tantum. T.R.E. i car: terre ſemper ii vill: et ii bord: et iii acr: prati et i mol: tunc dim car: in dominio, poſt et modo i. ſemper hominum ii bov: ſemp: i. r. et vi. porc. xvi. Oves. Tunc valuit xvs. poſt et m° xxx. Hanc terram tenuit Idem Godricus tres annos de Abbate poſt quam Rex Will: venit, hanc eandem abſtulit ei Godvinus Avunds Radulfi comitis injuſte. Soca T. R. E. in Keninghehala Regis. Totum habet v. quar: in longo, et iiii quar: in lato, et xvii d. et i Ferding de Gelto.

Terra Rogeri Bigoti H. Gillecros (fol. 128.)

In Guidenham i Liber homo xxiiii. T. R. E. m° iii. Liber: homines ii. acr. prati tunc dim: car: et val. ii. Sol: Soca in Keninchala. This was after part of Fawconer's Manor.

Terra Abbatis de Sancto Eadmundo Gildecros H. (fol: 177)

Guidenham tenet Goſcelinus de Abbate quod tenuit Sanctus Edmundus pro dimid: car: terre cum Soca, ſemper ii Villi: i bor: iii acr: prati dim car: in dominio et ii bov: hom: tunc: i mol. val: xs. (This was Haſtyng's Manor.)

† Bord Lands, are thoſe which the Lords at firſt kept in their own Hands, for the maintainance of their Board or Table, whence the Border, Bordar, or Bordarer, was a Tenant that held Lands by ſome Service, towards finding his Lord's Table.

§ See Giffing, fol. 111.

*liam Furneaux* of *Sheffield*, who had married one of the three Daughters and Co-heireſſes of *Miles Haſtyngs*, and another 3d Part Anno 1362, of *William de Ingaldeſthorp*, Knt. and *Eleanor* his Wife, and in 1371, the other 3d Part of *Tho. Caus* and *James de Hegham*, by which Means he had the whole Manor, from which time it paſſed as * *Eaſt-Herling*, 'till Sir *Edmund Bedingfield* ſold *Herling*, and continued this, in his Family.

## Fawconer's MANOR,

Was made up of different Parts; it belonged at the Survey, to *Roger Bigot*, and went to *Walter Bygot* of *Fornſete*, a younger Brother of that Family, and from him to *Richard Bygot* his Son, who convey'd a part to *Ralf* of *Kenninghall*, called the *Falconer*, *Edmund de Bello Campo*, or *Beauchamp*, had 30 Acres of it, and the Moiety of the Advowſon; he left it to *John de Beauchamp* his Son, who in 1287, by Deed enrolled in the King's-Bench, granted it to *Edward*, Son of Sir *Will: Charles*, Knt. of whom it was purchaſed by *Miles Haſtyngs*, who join'd it to his Manor, and ſo had the whole Advowſon: Another Part went to *Simon Bygod* who was Lord in 1280, *John Le Fauconer* being then Lord of *Richard Bygot*'s Tenement. In this Year *Richard Le Baxter* and *Agatha Maynwaryn* are ſaid to have a Manor here, but it was only a part of *Maynwaryn*'s Manor in *Eaſt-Herling*, that extended hither, and ſoon after *John Le Fauconer* got *Simon Bygod*'s Part, and ſo became Lord of both; *Will: Haſtyngs* of *Quidenham*, gave *Simon Fawconer*, Father of *John*, a Meſſuage and Lands here, which he added to this Manor, and *Maud de Haſtyngs* convey'd a Quarter of a Fee out of her Manor to him, this whole Manor being then held of her Manor, at half a Fee, and paid 20*s*. Relief, and from the Time it was purchaſed by *Ralf Le Falconer*, always went as *Fawconer*'s Manor in *Eaſt-Herling*, to which I refer you.

The Manor which belonged to the Family ſirnamed *de Quidenham*, was join'd to this, by one of the *Falconer*'s. *William de Quidenham* lived in *Henry* the IId's Time, *Adam* his Son ſucceeded him, he granted divers Lands to be held of his Manor, by the Service of 4 annual Suits at his Courts here. *Hugh* his Son had *Gilbert*, who was dead in 1319, *Igred* being then his Widow, I take it he was the laſt of this Family that was Lord, tho' it did not extinguiſh 'till after 1400, for then *William Quedenham* lived at *Quidenham*. About this Time alſo they purchaſed the Meſſuage and all thereto belonging, which *Richard Bygot* granted to *Martin*, Father of *Adam de Quidenham*, to be held of him in *Villenage*, and after that, *Bygot* ſold him as his *Villain*, to *Adam Neve* of *Quidenham*, who ſold to *Rob. de Sutwode* of *Wymondham*, *Adam* Son of *Martin de Quidenham* his Villain, with all his Cattle, and Family, Born, or to be born, and all their Appurtenances.

The Family ſirnamed ¶ *De-ponte de Quidenham*, or *atte Brygge*, continued here from *Henry* the IIId's Time, to about 1500, and had a Free-Tenement held of *Kenninghall* Manor, at 16*s*. 5*d*. a Year, which is now join'd to the other Manor; and thus all the Manors and Free-Tenements became join'd in

## Sir Henry Bedingfield, Knight of the *Bath*,

In Right of the Heireſs of the * *Tudenham*'s, he left it to *Peter Bedingfield* his 4th Son, who ſettled here; he had two Wives; by his laſt, who was Daughter of *John Moninges* of *Greynford* in *Kent*, he had *John Bedingfield*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, who married *Alice*, Daughter of *Humphry Kervile* of *Wigenhall St. Marie*'s, who out-lived him, and after married Sir *John Sulyard*, Knt. who was Lord here in 1550, her firſt Huſband dying [*u*] *Jan.* 1, 1545, at her Death *Humphry Bedingfield*, Eſq; her Son, became Lord, he married *Margaret*, Daughter of *Edward Cocket* of *Ampton*, by whom he had *Dorothy* that died without Iſſue, and *Frances* his ſole Heireſs, who married *Anthony Twaits* of *Hardyngham*, whoſe only Daughter and Heireſs *Elizabeth*, married *Jeffery Cobb* of *Sandringham*, whoſe Son *Will: Cobb* of *Sandringham*, was living in 1664.

This *Humphry* in 1572, ſold it to *John Holland*, Gent. and his Heirs.

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* See Eaſt-Herling fol: 215.

¶ Walter atte Brygge had Thomas, who had Richard, Bartholomew, and Amy Widow of William Humfrys of Quidenham, Anno 1323.

(*u*) At his Death the Inquiſition ſays, he held Quidenham Manor and Advowſon, of the Duke of Norfolk, as of Kenninghall Manor, by Fealty, and 34s. 1d. Rent, 1 lb. of Pepper, it containing 300 Acres of Land, 200 of Meadow, 100 of Heath and Furze, and 10 *l*. Rent, and alſo 100 Acres of Land and Paſture in Quidenham, called Chamberlain's, held of Tho. Tirrell, Knt. as of Banham by Fealty and 44s. Rent, and alſo of Hocham-parva Manor, &c.

## HOLAND, *or* HOLLAND,

This honourable Family flouriſhed in the time of the Confeſſor, and took their Name either from *Holand* in *Weſt Derby* Hundred, in the County of *Lancaſter*, or from *Holand* in *Lincolnſhire*, both which were the antient Poſſeſſions of this Houſe. || Sir OTHO DE HOLLAND, lived before the Conqueſt, and left Sir STEPHEN his Son, whoſe Grandſon Sir RALPH, Son of Sir RALPH, lived at the Conqueſt, and held divers Lands of the Conqueror's Gift; he married *Sibill*, Daughter to *William de Well*, and left Iſſue, Sir JOHN, Father of Sir JOHN, and Grandfather of † Sir ROBERT DE HOLLAND, Knt. who was ſummoned a Baron of Parliament, *July* 29, the 8th of *Edward* the II$^{d.}$ (A° 1314,) he founded the Priory of Black Monks at *Holand* in *Lancaſhire*; by his Wife *Maud*, Daughter and Co-heir to *Alan* Lord *Zouch* of *Aſhby*, he had a numerous Iſſue; his eldeſt Son ROBERT, was a Baron in Parliament in the Time of *Edw.* III. and dying without Iſſue Male, left only *Maud*, married to *John Lovell* of *Tichmarſh*, afterward Lord *Lovell*. * Sir OTHO, OTES, or ETON HOLLAND, Knt. of the Garter, was at the Siege of *Calais*, attended with 3 Eſquires, where he was taken Priſoner, he bore a Croſs Patee *Gul.* upon the Shoulder of his Lyon, for his Gentilitial Diſtinction, Sir THO. HOLLAND alſo was at that Siege, attended by 4 Eſquires, and 4 Archers on Horſeback, he was ſummoned as a Baron in Parliament the *27th* of *Edw.* III. and was Earl of *Kent*, and Baron *Wake* of *Lydell*, in right of *Joan* his Wife, Siſter and Heir to *John Plantaginet*, Earl of *Kent*, and of his Wife *Margaret*, Siſter and Heir to *Thomas*, Lord *Wake*, which Lady afterwards married the *Black PRINCE*. From this THOMAS proceeded the HOLLANDS Earls of *Kent*, one of which was advanced to the Dignity of Duke of *Surrey*; and by a younger Son, the Dukes of *Exeter*, and Earls of *Huntington*, ſometime enjoying the Title of Earl of *Ivory* in *Normandy*, and EDW. HOLLAND, Earl of *Montaigne*: The Line of *Kent* expired the *9th* of *Edw.* IV. for want of Male Iſſue, as did alſo about that Time, the Lines of *Exeter* and *Huntington*, their Lives are written at large in Mr. *Dughdale*'s *Baronage*, from fol. 73, to fol. 83 of the 2 Vol. for which reaſon I have no occaſion to repeat it here.

The *4th* Son of Sir ROBERT DE HOLLAND firſt mentioned, was JOHN, who by the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Andrew de Medeſtede*, was Progenitor to the HOLLANDS of *Weare* in *Devonſhire*, his *5th* Son was WILLIAM of *Denton* in *Lancaſhire*, and from him branched the HOLLANDS of *Clifton*, and from them by a 2d Son, the HOLLANDS of *Sutton*; his eldeſt Son was alſo named WILLIAM, who had Iſſue, RICHARD HOLLAND of *Denton*, who by a Daughter of *Harington* of *Hornby-Caſte* in *Lancaſhire*, had a Son named THURSTAN, and by *Amery* his 2d Wife, Daughter and Heir of [x] *Adam Kenyon*, had another Son named RICHARD.

THURSTAN HOLLAND of *Denton*, Eſq; his eldeſt Son, married *Jane*, Daughter of *John Arderne* of *Hawardine*, in the County of *Cheſter*, Eſq; and had Iſſue 5 Sons; ROBERT, who married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Richard Aſhton* of *Middleton*, Eſq; the 2d was Sir RICHARD HOLLAND, Knt. who married twice, and left Iſſue by both Wives; 3d JOHN, 4th RALPH, 5th TERENCE.

JOHN the third Son had Iſſue, BRIAN HOLLAND, Eſq; of *Denton-Hall*, with whom I ſhall begin the Pedigree, his third Son JOHN being the firſt of the Family that ſettled in *Norfolk*.

Among the Evidences of the HOLLANDS, there is a very large Genealogical Table of the Family of the *HOLLANDS* in *Lincolnſhire*, from which Houſe all the Families of this Name are deſcended. It was collected by *Geo. Holland*, one of the Family, in 1563, and continued ſince to 1601, it begins thus: " *Eſtovinghall*, Here enſueth the Pedigree of the " *Hollandes* of the Houſe of *Eſtovenhall*, in the Partes of *Holland*, in the Countie of *Lincolne*, " and do dwell there, without Alteration or Change, eyther of Houſe or Name, by xiij$^{th.}$ " Deſcent before the Conqueſt, *&c.*

Before which Time they all bore, party per Pale indented, of *6*, *Or*, & *Gul.* which the Houſe of *Eſtoven* always continued, and ſince the Conqueſt their Deſcendants bore the preſent Arms, with their proper Differences.

Sir RALPH HOLLAND who deſcended in a direct Line from that Sir RALPH that lived in the Conqueror's Time, was entombed in *Swineſhed* Abbey, Ao 1262, Sir JOHN HOLLAND

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|| From the Pedigree.

† Dug: Bar: Vol. 2. makes this Robert Son of John, and Father of Ingelram de Holland, but I rather chooſe to follow the Pedigree.

* From the Roll of the Knights that were with the Noble and Victorious Prince, King Edward III. in his Wars in France and Normandy, and at his winning of Caen and Calais In the Hands of Mr. Gooch Waites of Lyn.

x Ex Indentura, 33. Ed. 3.

his Great Grandſon, was buried in the Pariſh Church of *Swineſhed*. In 1340, his Great Grandſon's Grandſon, was Sir Thomas Holland, who married the *Deviliſh Dame*, called *Elizabeth*, Daughter to Sir *Piers Tempeſt*, Knt. he ſpent his Life in the Holy Land, and came home but every *7th* Year, his Son Sir Thomas lived about 1457, and dwelt two Years at *Crowland*, then at *Boſton*, *Eaſton*, and at *Lynn*, where he is buried in St. *Nicholas*'s Church, his Son Thomas Holland was buried at *Bury* Abbey, Tho. Holland his Son, was firſt Comptroller of the Houſhold, and after Treaſurer to the Duke of *Richmond*'s good Grace, and Hamond Holland his Brother, was firſt Apprentice in *London*, and after by great Conjectures, was thought to be of great Authority under the Grand Turk; this Thomas had 3 Wives, by *Jane* his firſt Wife, he had George, Secretary to Thomas Duke of NORFOLK, who died without Iſſue; by his 2d Wife he had Tho. Holland, Eſq; and by *Jane* his 3d Wife, Daughter of *Henry Smith* of *Norfolk*, he had Hen. Holland, who in Midſummer 1563, proceeded Maſter of Arts in *Gonvile-Hall* in *Cambridge*, and Christ. Holland, then Student in *Pembrook-Hall*, whoſe Son Edw. Holland in 1601, was Student alſo in *Cambridge*.

Note, "At the Diſſolucion of the Abbaye of *Swineſhead*, I my ſelfe, [*ſc.* George Holland] with my elder Brother, and divers other Gentlemen being there, ſawe the Body of Sir *Ralf. Holland* our Anceſtor, entombed there in the Right-hand of the Quyre, by the High Altar, as the chief Founder of the Houſe, who was there buried A° 1262, lye as wholy to the Sight of the Eyes, as might be, 'till being touched with a little Stone falling from the Brincke of the Tombe, that wholly diſſolved to Duſte; *Cuthbert Tunſtall*, late Biſhop of *Durham* in his Youthe, near ij Yeres, was brought up in my Great Grand Father Sir *Thomas Hollandes* Kitchin unknowne, 'till being knowne, he was ſent home to Sir *Richard Tunſtall* his Father, and ſo kept at Schoole, as he himſelf declared in Manner the ſame unto me.

"*Note*, Sir *Robert Holland* was had in great Favour and Reputation with *Thomas*, Earl of *Lancaſter* in 1321, as my poore Father was the like with the mighty Prince *Henry*, Duke of *Richmond*, in the Time of his Father King *Henry* the Eight": (This Duke married a Daughter of [*] *Thomas Howard*, Duke of *Norfolk*, by whoſe means this *George Holland* became that Duke's Secretary, and dying without Iſſue, left much to *John Holland*, Gent. of *Wortwell* his Succeſſor to his Place in that Family, by which Means the Pedigree came into this Family.) "My Grandfather lieth buryed at *Burne* Abbey, he had among other Children, 7 Sonnes, and made them all Religious, *viz.* *Davy* and *Laurence* to *Ramſey*; *Daniel* and *George* to *Crowland*, where I dwell next Houſe to the late Abbey; *Richard* to *Walſyngham*; *John* to *Barkyng*, after that to *Newbowe*; *Nicholas* Parſon of *Thurleby*, a Bachelor of Divinitye; and Sir *Antony* of *Twynne*, and this *John*, Channon of *Barkyng*, twynne Brother to Sir *Antony*, was the firſt that ever King *Henry* the VIIIth by his Supremacie diſpenſed with, and ſo was ſecular Prieſte, and after that, Parſon of *Feltwelle* in *Norfolk*. Doctor *Makeryll*, Abbot of *Barkynge*, who in the Commotion, was called Captaine *Coblerne*, killed him in Perſon.

"*Henrye Holland* was Bachelor of Divinitye in *Cambridge*, and after Vicar of *Boſton*, and ſo died.

"*Note*, That the Cuntry of *Holland* being at the Conqueſt very ſtrong, by abundance of Waters, the *Hollands*, the *Welles*, and the Lords of *Kyme*, being Confederate together (as by Old Men, from Man to Man I have heard credibly reported) kept out the Conqueror by force, 'till at length he had it by Compoſition and Agreement, that they ſhould keep their Lands ſtill, and ſo the Grant to the *Hollandes* at that tyme from the Conqueror, paſſed in this ſorte.

> "Noteſcat omnibus Anglis Francis et Alienigenis nos Willum: Regem, Redidiſſe Radulpho Militi de Holand totum dominium ſuum de Eſteveninge, tam libere Honorifice, quiete et in pace ſicut aliqui alij de Baronibus Noſtris de nobis Tenent. Teſte, &c.

"This Manor or Lordſhip of *Eſtevening*, continues his Name and Place, and never went from the *Hollands* ſince, and now *Thomas Holland* my Brother is Heire, and enjoyeth it; the ſame Lordſhip hath by ſpecial Charter very great Privileges and Liberties, *viz.* Free-chace and Free-warren, Wyeſſe, Stray, Fellons Goods, and ought to pay no manner of Towle, nor payes no Rent, but 5 *s.* to Caſtle-Warde, and a Marke for his

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[*] In the Tyme of the olde moſt worthy Duke of Norfolk, my moſt ſingular good Lord and Maſter, who departed thys Lyfe in the Tyme of Q: Mary, who moſt honorably delivered him out of his long undeſerved Ympriſorment in the Towre.

“ Liberties, whereby he may keep Seſſions within the Lordſhip, as Sir *Thomas Holland* my Grandfather did, who executed two Fellons at *Drayton*, within the Lordſhipp, arraigned and condemned at the ſaid Seſſions.

“ *Edmund Holland*, Earl of *Kent*, who was killed beyond Sea, was brought home and buried at *Burne* Abbey, about 10 Miles from *Eſtoveningehall*, where I ſee him lye entombed in the midſt of the Quire, with 5 or 6 of my Anceſtors, entombed round about him, and there did my Grandfather in his latter Days keep Houſe, and lies buried hard by; the ſaid Earl alſo, part of his tyme, kept Houſe there, and was either Founder, or a great Benefactor to the Priory of St. *James* at *Deeping*: None of the *Hollands* are buryed at *Swyneſhed* Church, but only Sir *John*, who lies flat with the *Hollands* Quire there, the Scripture of his burial being in *French*, the Date worn out, he married *Margaret*, but further appears not, moſt of the *Hollands* were buried in Abbeys, and Friers Houſes; I have ſeen them lye in great Number at *Bourne*, *Swyneſhed*, *Barkyng*, *Bardeney*, *Sempring*, *Gryſted*, *Strikſwold*, *Spalding*, *Crowland*, and the Friers at *Boſton* and *Stamford*, now being the Dukes of *Suffolk*, and my Father lies in *Spaldynge* Church, to which Houſes of Religion, my ſaid Anceſtors to my Knowledge, have been too great Benefactors, my Mother lies buried in the *Holland*'s Quere at *Swineſhead*, and my Uncle *Blaſe* at *Boſton*. *Geo. Holland* was Secretary to the moſt worthy and mighty Prince, THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*, Grandfather to the preſent Duke, and ſerved him in that Calling, and Clerk of the Counſail in the Warrs both in *France*, *England*, and *Scotland*, and when he was committed to the Tower, and his Son of *Surrey* beheaded in the laſt Year of King *Henry* the VIIIth, and being moſt worthily delivered thence by Q: *Mary*, I ſerved him in that Callinge 'till his Death, and was with him againſt Sir *Tho. Wiatt* his Godſon, where he was moſt ſlenderly appoynted by his owne Men & Capt: trayterouſly.

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§ Thuanus in his Hiſtory, Vol. 2. p. 520. ſays, that one Brian Holland was executed in 1569, by Catlyn the Chief Juſtice, for the Conſpiracy in which the Duke of Norfolk was Principal; (whoſe Family the Holland's ſerved faithfully, being their Truſtees and chief Managers of their Eſtate in this County) whither he means this Brian, I can't poſitively ſay, but imagine he does, and if ſo, his being executed is a Miſtake, for I find a Pardon paſſed the Seal, March 8, 1573, by which the Queen out of her abundant Grace, at the humble Requeſt of John Holland, Eſq; pardoned Brian Holland, late of Rednall, Gent. his Father, and Edward Fiſher, late of Cringleford, Yeoman, who were indicted for being in a Conſpiracy with John Appleyard of Norwich, Eſq; John Throgmerton of the ſame Gent. George Redman, late of Cringleford, Gent. and Tho. Brook, late of Rollesby, Gent. with abundance more, unlawfully aſſembled at Cringleford on the 24th of June, in the 12th Year of her Reign (which was 1569, the ſame Year that Brian is ſaid to have ſuffer'd) deſigning treaſonably to compaſs the Queen's Death, and to make open War againſt her in her Realm, and that they put ſuch Conſpiracy in Effect on the 25 Day of June, at Trowſe in the ſaid County, and at divers other Times and Places In the County, with Arms offenſive and defenſive, as Hand-Gonnes, Daggers, Piſtolets, Privie Coats, and Coats of Defence, and that at Trowſe on the ſaid Day, and at other Times and Places, they openly declared theſe Words, “ We will procure the Commons to riſe, and expulſe the Strangers out of the Cyty of Norwiche, and other Places in England, and when we have levied a Powre, we will loke about us, and ſo many as will not take our Partes, we will hange them up”: And the ſaid Brian and Edward Fiſher, with Chriſtopher Platers of Norwich, Gent. Clement Harwarde of the ſame, Gent. Anthony Nolloth of Yarmouth, Gent. and John Rocheſter of Norwich, Yeoman, well knowing the traiterous Deſigns of Appleyard and his Rebels, and their Intentions, yet went to Cringleford on the 24th of June, to be aiding and abetting to their treaſonable Deſigns.

* She had Iſſue by Garrard, Thomas baptized 1675, John 1681, both died unmarried, and 2 Daughters, Alathea the Eldeſt, married Sir Francis Beckley of Attleburgh, and Sarah the Youngeſt, to Sir Charles Downing of Bury St. Edmund's, Brother to Sir George Downing of Bedfordſhire.

⁂ There is a Stone lately laid in the Church for Ann, Relict of Thomas Slapp of Ruſhford, Daughter of Tho. Goddard of Wretham, who died Decem: 12, 1729, aged 57 Years 11 Months, and alſo for Sarah Slapp her Daughter, who died Nov: 25, 1729, aged 22 Years 9 Months.

There is an Altar Tomb in the Church-yard for John Buckenham, who died April 22, 1731, aged 54 Years.

# *BANHAM.*

THERE were three Manors in this Town, all which are now united, tho' each retains it's Name in the Stile of the Court, which is,

*Banham*, *Marſhalls*, *Beckhall*, and *Greys*.

The CUSTOMS of which are, that the Lands deſcend to the eldeſt Son. The Fines are at the Lord's Will, it gives a third Dower, and the Tenants cannot fell Timber on the Copyhold without the Lord's Licence, unleſs to repair their Copyhold Premiſes.

## MARSHALL's

Was the head Manor, part of which [y] was owned by the Abbot of *Ely*, at the Confeſſor's Survey, of whom it was held in the Conqueror's Time, by *William De'Schoies*, *L'Eſcois*, or the *Scot*, [z] who in his own Right, then held another Part and the Advowſon. At this time the Church had 30 Acres of Land belonging to it; part of this Manor *Ordar* then held of the ſaid *William*, at one Carucate, which with the Advowſon, was afterwards given to *York* Abbey, and in the Confeſſor's Time was held (together with the Manor and Advowſon of *Wylby)* by *Fader*, *L'Eſcois*'s Predeceſſor. The whole Town of *Banham* was 3 Miles long, and 2 Miles broad, and paid 14*d. ob: Geld* or *Tax*, out of every 20*s.* that was laid on the Hundred.

In the Time of *William Rufus*, *William de Eſchois*, for the health of the Soul of that King, his Lord, gave to the Monks of St. *Mary*'s Abbey by *York* Walls, the Advowſon of this Church, with a Carucate of Land here; together with the Advowſon of *Wilby*, and two Parts of the Tythes of his Demeans, which were after valued at 8 Marks *per Annum.* and for that Sum, lett to the Rector and his Succeſſors: This Pention was after granted by that Abbey, to their Priory or Cell at *Rumburgh* in *Suffolk*, in which it continued, 'till it was diſſolved by Cardinal *Wolſey*, who procured Bulls to diſſolve this and ſome other ſmall Monaſtries, in order to erect two Colleges, one at *Oxford*, and the other at *Ipſwich*; and beſides thoſe Bulls and Letters Patent that he had obtained of the King, he procured Releaſes of them from the Patrons, for the Abbot of St. *Mary* at *York*, releaſed to *Tho. Capon*, Dean of the Cardinal's College at *Ipſwich*, all his Right in the Priory of *Rumburgh*, and all it's Poſſeſſions, lying in *Banham*, *Wilby*, *Coſſey*, *Bawburgh*, and *Swaffham* in *Norfolk*, and in other Places in other Counties. This Portion was iſſuing out of his Demean Lands in *Banham* and *Wilby* jointly, but yet the whole was paid out of *Banham*, that Rectory being by far the beſt; the Donation was confirmed by *Henry* I. and by *Everard* Biſhop of *Norwich*, and *Theobald* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; after this the ſaid *William*, ſold the Manors to

WALTER GIFFARD, [a] who gave the Advowſons to the Abbey of *Nutley*, which he had founded in his Park at *Crendon*, near *Tame* in *Buckinghamſhire*, but it appearing that *William de Eſcois* had given them to *York* Abbey before the Sale, *Giffard*'s Grant had no force.

WALTER GIFFARD, Son and Heir of the aforeſaid *Walter*, ſold it to

JOHN LE MARESHALL, whoſe Son *John Le Mareſchall* was Lord in 1276, in which Year he brought an Action againſt the Abbot of *York*, in order to recover the Advowſon, but without Succeſs: In 1285, *Haviſe*, Widow of *John le Marſchall* was Lady, and had

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[y] Terre Sancte Adeldrede, Gildecroſs H. (Domeſ. fol. 187,) In Benham i Soc. ii car: terre tenuit Sancta Adeldreda, T.R.E. tunc et poſt x Villani. $m^{o}$ iiii. ſemp. vi bord: tunc. iiii ſerv. xxiiii acr: prati, Silva C. porc. tunc ii car: in dominio poſt. dim: $m^{o}$ i et i car: poteſt reſtaurari tunc et poſt. i car: hominum $m^{o}$ i. et alia poteſt reſtaurari, tunc iiii. anim: $m^{o}$ ii. tunc. xvi porc. modo ii. Hoc manerium tenet Will: de Schoies, de Abbatia et iiii Soc: xx acr: terre. ſemp. dim: car: ii acr. prati. tunc valuit lx Sol: $m^{o}$ xl. In eadem iii. Liberi homines. dim. car: terre et v acr: de quibus non habuit niſi commendat: Soca in Keninchala Regis vi. acr: prati. tunc. i car. et dim: $m^{o}$ i. val: x*s.* Hos Liberos Homines tenuit Rafridus, poſt Will: de Schoies, et Abbas Saiſivit eos propter Commendationem ſuam. (fol. 99.) Totum (ſc. Benham) habet i Leug et dim. in longo, et i Leug in lato, et xiiii *d.* et i obolum de Gelto, Quicunque ibi teneat.

[z] Terra Willi de Schoies. (fol, 205) Hund. Gillecros. In Benham ii car: terre pro manerio, tenuit Fader liber homo, T.R.E. ſemper v. Villi: & vi bord: et i. ſerv: et xx acr. prati. Silva C. porc: ſemp: i car: in dominio et i car: hom. et i runc: et ii anim: tunc viii. porc: tunc xxx ov: et xvi Soc: xxiiii acr: terre, tunc et poſt, ii car: modo i car: et dim: et i car: poſſet reſtaurari. i Ecclia: xxx acr: et val: xxii Sol. tunc et poſt, val: xl. modo l. de hoc manerio tenet Odarus i car: terre, et ii bor: et i car. ſemp. val. xx Sol.

[a] Mon: Ang: Tom. 1. 155.

Free-warren, View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Beer, allowed her to this Manor, which was then valued at 40*l.* a Year, ſhe held it in Dower of the Inheritance of *John le Marſhall* a Minor, then the King's Ward; It ſeems *John* died under Age, for in 1314, ſhe held it in Dower, of the Inheritance of *William le Marſhall*; in 1332, Sir *Anſelm Marſhall*, Knt. was Lord, who in 1345, held it at the 3d Part of a Fee, of the Earl of *Glouceſter*, and paid 13*s.* 4*d.* Relief. This Sir *Anſelm* united the Manors, for he held the Manor which *John le Grey* and his Tenants formerly held, at one Fee of the Earl *Marſhall*, he of the Earl *Warren*, and he of the King, and paid 40*s.* Relief; and the ſaid Sir *Anſelm* jointly with *William de Banham* and his Tenants, held half a Fee of *John de Beck*, who held it of *Hugh le Vere*, he of the Earl *Marſhall*, and he of the King, which Manor *Haviſe le Marſhall*, and *Will: de Banham* lately held, and for this he paid 20*s.* Relief: [*b*] after Sir *Anſelm*'s Death.

William de Morley, Marſhall of *Ireland* was Lord, who in 1361, granted to Sir *John de Herling* and his Heirs, free Commonage in *Banham*, for all Manner of Beaſts; it was after in

Haviſe le Marshall, Wife of *Robert de Morley*. In 1380, *Thomas de Felton*, Knt. and *Joan* his Wife, had theſe and *Wylby* Manor, *Joan* held them to her Death, which was long after her Husband's, they left two Daughters their Heireſſes.

Mary the Eldeſt married to Sir *Edmund Hengrave*, Knt.

And Isabell or Sibill, to Sir *Thomas de Morley*.

In 1401, the ſaid *Joan* ſettled them after her Death, on her two Daughters and their Husbands, and their Heirs, *Robert Braybrook* Biſhop of *London*, Sir *Tho. de Erpingham*, Knt. Sir *Will: Rykill*, Knt. and others being Truſtees.

In 1415, they were ſettled by *John Spencer*, and others, on Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, *John Hubard* and others, in Truſt for *Sibill de Felton*, Abbeſs of *Berkyng*.

In 1420, they were convey'd to Sir Lewis Robesart, Knt. who ſettled them on *Catherine*, Widow of *John Spencer*, for Life, Remainder to him and his Heirs, Sir *Simon Felbrigge*, *John Hubard*, Clerk, *Robert Aſhfield*, and other Feoffees, releaſing their Rights.

In 1430, they were convey'd to *John Eaſtfield*, and *Will: Alnwyk* Biſhop of *Norwich*, Sir *Ralf Cromwell* and other Truſtees, by *Tho. Chaucer*, and *John Arundell*, Dean of the Free College of St. *George* at *Windſor*, and others, *John Tirrell* at that time holding them, during the Life of *Katerine* his Wife, who was Widow (I ſuppoſe) of *John Spencer*.

In 1432, Sir Tho. Morley, Knt. and Isabell his Wife convey'd them in Fee to *Will: Alnwyk*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, Sir *John Tirrell*, Knt. *Ralf Cromwell*, Knt. and their Heirs, and in the ſame Year, *Tho: Greene* of *Weſt-Creeting* in *Suffolk*, Couſin and Heir of *William*, formerly Vicar of *Eaſt-Dearham*, releaſed to them all his Right in the Manors of *Marſhall*'s and *Grey*'s, and the Moiety of *Beckhall*, which formerly were the ſaid *Thomas Green*'s, and extended into *Banham*, *Wilby*, *Quidenham*, *Old Bokenham*, *Winfarthing*, and *Tibenham*, from which time they went with *Bokenham* Caſtle, 'till they were ſold to

* Thomas Duke of *Norfolk*, in whoſe Family it ſtill continues, the Duke of *Norfolk* being now Lord. In 1558, Sir *John Tirrel* of *Gipping*, granted all his Right in the Manor, with many Lands here, to the DUKE, who gave him *Cotton* and *Bacton* Manors in exchange.

## GREY'S MANOR,

At the firſt Survey, belonged to § *Leſſius* a Freeman, who had one Carucate in Demean; it was *William* Earl *Warren*'s, at the Conqueror's Survey, and belonged to his Caſtle at *Lewes*.

It went from *William* the 2d Earl *Warren*, who died in 1135, to *Reginald de Warren*, a younger Son, whoſe chief Seat was at *Wirmegay* or *Wrongay*, in *Norfolk*, which he had by marrying *Alice*, Daughter and Heireſs to *William de Wirmegay*; at his Death, *William* his Son ſucceeded, who died in 1209, leaving *Beatrice* his Daughter, then Widow of *Dodo*, or *Doun Bardolph*, his Heir, by which Marriage this Manor came to the ſaid *Doun*, who very ſoon after parted with it to *Hugh Bardolph* his Couſin, who was Son of *Hameline*, Brother to *Will: Bardolff*, Grandfather to the ſaid *Doun*; This *Hugh* was Sheriff of *Cornwal*,

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[*b*] See Dug: Vol. 1, fol, 600, for this Family.

* See Fersfield, it having paſſed as that did, ever ſince it was in the Norfolk Family.

§ Terre Willi: de Warrenna H. de Gildecros. (fol. 91.) In Benham tenuit i Liber homo Leſſius, T. R. E. i car: terre. ſemp: ix villi: et vi bord: tunc. i ſerv: et xii acr: prati. tunc et poſt i car. in dominio, modo ii. ſemp: i car & dim: hominum. ſilva de C. porc. et val: xl *s.* et v Soc: ten& idem de xxxi acr: terre et ii acr. prati. tunc et poſt i car. & dim. poſt et modo i. et valet v Sol. Totum eſt de Caſtello de Laqueis.

Anno 1184, one of the King's Lieutenants in *England*, when he was in *Normandy* in 1186, aſſociate to the Biſhop of *Durham* and *Ely*, to adminiſter Juſtice in the Realm, during the King's Abſence in the Holy Land, being in ſuch high Eſteem with King *Richard*, that in the 3d Year of his Reign [1191,] when he was in the Holy Land, and ſuſpected his Chancellor (to whom he had chiefly committed the Charge of Governing in his Abſence) he wrote his Letter to *Hugh Bardolph* and others, requiring them, that if the Chancellor did not do as he ought, they ſhould take upon them the Rule in all things; from which time he was one of the King's Juſtices for ſome Years, as alſo Juſtice Itinerant, of whoſe warlike Actions, and Honours, more may be ſeen in Mr. *Dughdale*'s *Baronage*, [Vol. 1. 284.] He died in § 1203, the 5*th* Year of King *John*'s Reign without Iſſue Male, leaving *Robert Bardolph*, his only Brother his Heir, and a Widow, who after married *John de Brahoſe*, whom ſhe out-lived: This *Robert* was a Prieſt, and Parſon or Rector of no leſs than 30 Churches, an Argument of his Intereſt with the Pope at that Time, who uſually uſed to grant by way of Proviſo (as it was called) many Rectories to one Man, under Pretence, that the Income over and above ſerving them, ſhould go towards the Expences of the Holy War, the darling Enterprize of that Age. *Robert* died in 1224, leaving his Inheritance diviſible among his five Siſters, of which *Iſolda* (as the *Latin* Records) or *Odoyne* (as the *French*) the Eldeſt, married Sir *Henry de Grey*, Knt. to whoſe ſhare this Manor, with others, was allotted, by *Iſolda* he had ſix Sons, to the 2d of which, he gave this Manor, *viz. John*, ſometime Juſtice of *Cheſter*, Progenitor to the *Grey*'s of *Wilton*, and *Ruthyn*, he was a moſt remarkable Man in King *Henry* the IIId's Time, of whom you may ſee a large Account in *Dug: Bar:* Vol. 1, 713. In 1265, he held it of the Earl *Warren* at one Fee, and died this Year, leaving it to *Reginald* his Son, who in 1277, had Free-warren allowed him, he died in 1307, leaving *Henry* his Son and Heir, 40 Years old, and *Roger* a younger Son, || by a 2d Wife, from which *Henry*, the *Grey*'s of *Wilton* deſcended, and from *Roger*, thoſe of *Ruthyn*: *Roger* died in 1352, but long before had parted with this Manor, for in 1328, Sir *Robert de Morley* had an Intereſt in it, if not the Fee, and in 1345, Sir *Anſelm Marſhall* was ſole Lord, and held it united to *Marſhall*'s Manor.

## BECKHALL MANOR

Was in two Parts in the Conquerors Time, the cheif of it belonged to *Aluric* * a Freeman who held it of Biſhop *Oſbern*, who own'd it in King *Edward*'s Time, it had then one Carucate in Demean, and Woods that would maintain 100 Hogs, the whole of that Part being then worth 20*s.* and 40 at the Survey. ¶ The other Part was only one Socman, and his Services, of 2*s.* Value, which formerly belonged to *Ely* Abbey, but after the Conqueſt, *Roger Bygot*'s Anceſtors had him, of whom *Berard* held him.

[*c*] This Manor afterwards came to the Crown, for when King *Henry* II. (Anno 1175,) aſſeſſed his Demeans, his Tenants of *Banham* were taxed at half a Mark.

It was after in the *Bygod*'s, and then in the *Munchenſies*, of whom *John de Jerpenville* held it, who divided it, for *William*, Son of [*d*] *Will: de Banham* in 1218, held a good Part of it, of the ſaid *John*, and in 1235, the ſaid *William* held it of *Warin de Munchenſi*, as part of the Fees of *Roger Bigot*.

In 1237, *Peter de Kenet* and *Iſolda* his Wife, ſettled a Moiety on *Amy*, Widow of *Ralf de Banham* in Dower.

In 1249. *Warin de Munchenſy* and *John de Pleſſy*, had that part called *Banham Haugh*, which was excepted when the Manor was ſold.

In 1288, *Robert Roſe*, *Wm- Genner*, and *Wm. le Parker* held it.

In 1305, *John de Bek* of *Banham*, ſettled it on *Nicholas de Stanhou*, and *Iſolda*, Wife of the ſaid *John*.

In 1311, *John*, Son of *John de Bek* of *Banham*, divided it into ſeveral Parts, he convey'd to *Richard le Foreſter* (or *Foſter*) of *Herling*, 25 Acres, with a part of the Manor, and divers Bondmen; *Iſolda de Bek* his Mother, convey'd her Right in 40 Acres of Land, to the ſaid *Richard*, which *John de Bek* her Huſband had ſettled on her, and *Nicholas de Stanhou*,

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* (Domeſd. 163.) Terre Oſberni Epi: Gildecroſs Hund. In Benham tenuit Aluricus, T. R. E. i car. terre ſemp: iii villani et v bordarij tunc i ſerv: & x acr. prati ſemp: i car. in dominio et dim: car. hominum. ſilva de D. porc. et iii Soc: v acr. mo: i runc: ſemp: iii anim: tunc vi porc. modo xxvii tunc vi Oves, mº xxx tunc v capr: mº xxx. tunc val. xxs. mº xl.

¶ (Domeſd 118) Terre Rogeri Bigoti, Gildecroſs Hund. In Benham i Soc: cum omni conſuetudine Sancte Adeldrede T.R.E. poſtquam venit W. Rex, in Anglia Anteceſſor R. Bigot habuit commendationem tantum et habet x acr. et terre, et val 11s. mº tenet Berardus.

|| Compare Dug: Bar: Vol. 1, fol. 82. Ibidem 681. Ibidem 709. Ibidem 684. Monaſt: vol. 1. 644, 645.

[c] Mag: Rot: 22, H. 2. Rot. 5. a. Madox Hiſt: of the Excheq: p. 486.

[d] See Garboldeſham, fol. 173.

[e] See Beckhall Manor in Wylby, for the Becks:

§ See his Effigies in this Church:

her Truſtee; ſoon after the Manor was ſettled by *John* and *Iſolda*, on *Robert Cleryz* (or *Clere*) of *Stokesby*, who had another Conveyance of it, from *John*, Son of *James de Eggemere*, at which time he ſettled it on himſelf and *Maud* his Wife, *Robert Cleryz* his Son, and *John* his 2d Son. In 1317, *John de Bek* convey'd a part to *Will: de Crungethorp* and *Alice* his Wife. In 1323, it was held of *Will: de Banham*, but was divided by this *John*, into ſo many Parts, and each called *Bekhall* Manor, that it is impoſſible to know how they all went, except the biggeſt Part, to which all the reſt were afterwards join'd; and that in 1329, was owned by *William de Claydon*, and *Eleanor* his Wife, and ſoon after was ſettled by *Thomas de Newton*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, (Daughter and Co-heireſs of *Claydon*) on *John Oliver* of *Stanway* in *Eſſex*, to whom *Bartholomew de Bek* releaſed his Right in 1338: In 1345, the Heirs of *John de Claydon*, and his Tenants of the other Part, *viz.* *Walter Snovile*, *Simon Le-Cotere*, *Nicholas de Stanhowe* and others, held a Moiety of it of *Hugh Le-Vere*, he of the Earl Marſhal, and he of the King. * In 1374, *Peter de Bekhall*, convey'd his Right in the Moiety (which was now reckoned as a whole Manor) to *Thomas Aſty* and his Heirs, *Tho: de Chaunticlere* being Truſtee, and ſoon after it was ſettled in Revertion on *John Oliver* of *Stanway* in *Eſſex*, after *Thomas de Hardel*'s Death, who held it by the Courteſy of *England*, after his Wife's Death who was Heireſs to it.

In 1381, THO. DE NEWTON and ELIZABETH his Wife, ſettled a Moiety of *Bekhall*, on *John Clervaux*, Clerk, *&c.*

In 1401, JOHN DARLINGTON had it, and from that time 'till it came to the DUKE of *Norfolk* in *Henry* the VIIIth's Time, I am ignorant how it went, but at his Attainder, it was given to Sir *Francis Calthorp* of *Ingham*, and in 1558, *Will: Calthorp* of *Hempſtead* had it, after which it ſoon came to the *Norfolk* Family again, ** Sir *John Tirrell* releaſing it as aforeſaid.

In 1226, STEPHEN DE EBROIC, Lord of *Wylby*, (who held part of the Carucate of Land in *Banham*, that was given to *York* Abbey, which Part always was included in *Wilby* Manor, after he had purchaſed it of *Walter*, Son of *Walter Giffard*, who ſold the reſt to the *Marſhals*,) had a Grant for a Fair and Market in *Banham*, the Market hath been diſuſed Time immemorial, but the Fair is ſtill kept on St. *Barnabas*'s Day.

In 1285, ROGER BIGOT, Earl of *Norfolk*, claimed Aſſize of Bread and Ale in *Lopham* and *Banham*, but as to *Banham* he acknowledged that it belonged not to him, but to *Roger de Montealt*, Lord of the Hundred. It was thought to belong to him, on Account of *Bekhall* Manor, which was held of him; the Counteſs of *Arundell* had Liberty of a Gallows here in 1256, and *Grey*'s Manor was then held of her.

## The *HAWE*

Was part of *Beckhall* Manor [f] which was excepted when it was ſold, and therefore that paſſed with *Winfarthing* Manor, in the *Munchenſie*'s, *Vere*'s, and other Families that owned it, it was no Manor, but was originally part of the Demeans of *Beckhall*, and contain'd 220 Acres of Wood and Paſture, with a Meſſuage thereon built; it abutts Eaſt and South on *Banham Heath*. In 1311, Sir *Hugh Le-Vere* and *Dioniſe* his Wife, then Owners of it, purchaſed of *Richard Le Foreſter* of *Herling*, a parcel of Land of *Overhaghe* in *Banham*, under the ſaid *Hugh*'s Wood, called *Banham Haghe*, extending itſelf from the Common Paſture, lying at the Head of the ſaid Land, and was only 10 Feet broad, it being in order to incloſe the *Haghe*. This came with *Winfarthing* Manor to the *Norfolk* Family, and was farmed under them, by Sir *Henry Dye*, Knt. in 1607, it was after ſold off, and hath continued in private Hands ever ſince.

## *Banham HEATH*

Is a large Common containing above 1200 Acres of Land, lying in the Pariſhes of *Banham* and *Winfarthing*, and in antient Evidences is divided into 3 Parts: the whole that lies in *Winfarthing*, is called *Winfarthing Chaſe*, (See fol: 124, 125.) the Part that joins to *Tibenham*, *Carleton*, and *New Bokenham*, is called *Banham Outwood*, and contains 300 Acres, the Part that joins to *Banham*, is called *Banham Green*, and contains 300 Acres more, on all which, the Tenants and Inhabitants of *Banham* and *Winfarthing* only, have Right of Commonage, and are Intercommoners, each having the Drift of their ſeparate Parts, and can common all manner of Great Cattle, as well as Sheep, at all Times of the Year. In King *James* I. Time, *viz.* 1618, there was a long Suit between the Townſmen of *Banham*, and the Townſmen of *Tibenham*, concerning the right of Commonage upon this Heath, the Subſtance of which was this, the Townſmen of *Tibenham* claimed an original Right of Commonage on the 300 Acres called *Banham Outwood* in *Banham*, in Right of their Coppy-hold Lands and Tenements, held of the Manor of *Tibenham*, and Common of Vicinage on *Banham Green*, there being no Fences or Ditches between *Banham Outwood*, and *Banham Green*, but upon the Tryal, the Townſmen of *Tibenham* were caſt, and paid 30*l.* Damages and Coſts, it being found by the Jury, that the Lord of *Tibenham* Manor, and his Tenants, had no original Right on *Banham Outwood*, nor no common of Vicinage on *Banham Green*; and whereas there were divers Tenants of the Manor of *Tibenham*, that claimed right of Commonage for ſet Numbers of Sheep, going on this Heath, by the Grants of divers of the former Lords of the Manor of *Banham*, † all which Commonages were held by Copy of Court-Roll of the Manor of *Banham* in Fee, by a Fine of 10*s.* paid at every Death, and two Hens a Year for the Paſturage of every ſix-ſcore Sheep thereon, *John Clark* of *Banham* (in behalf of the Pariſh of *Banham*) brought his Action againſt *Mathew Buxton* of *Tibenham*, for feeding 60 Sheep and one Ram on the Heath, according to the Grant of the Lord of the Manor of *Banham*, made to the Owner of his Tenement, called *Eaſthangles* in *Tibenham*, and recovered Damages and Coſts, it being found by the Jury, that ſuch Cuſtomary Paſturage and Commonage, was not to be demiſed, neither was it demiſſible by Copy of Court-Roll, by the Lord of the Manor of *Banham*, to any Cuſtomary Tenant whatever: upon which all the Commonages of this Nature were ſet aſide. An Exemplification of the whole under Seal, dated *Febr:* 13, 1625, now lies in *Banham* Town Cheſt.

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* The other Moiety was now join'd to the other Manors, Sir Anſelm Le-Marſhall, having purchaſed it ſome Time before of John de Bek.

(f) See Winfarthing fol: 123.

** See fol. 235.

In 1611, there were 3 ſeparate Juries, one for each Manor, and the *Lete* belonged to the Manor, the *Lete Fee* being 3*s.* 4*d.*

This Town paid 4*l.* for a whole Tenth, and is now aſſeſſed at 1439*l.* 5*s.* to the Land-Tax. In 1603, it had 400 Communicants, and now there are 126 Dwelling-Houſes, and 650 Inhabitants. It is a pretty Village ſtanding round a ſmall Green, the Church being on it's Weſt Side.

This Rectory is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry and *Rockland* Deanry, it hath a good Parſonage Houſe joining to the Weſt Side of the Church-Yard, and 37 Acres 2 Roods of Glebe.

| King's Books. | Tenths. | Synodals. | Archd: Procur: | Lincoln Taxat: | *† Thetf. Pent: | * York&Rumburgh Pent: |
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## RECTORS.

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| 1310, Kal: *March* | Sir *James de Salucijs*, Son of the Noble Sir *John de Salucijs*, was inſtituted by his Proxy, *Belengarius de Quibano*, Rector of *Clippeſtone* in *Lincolnſhire*, at the Command of ‖ *R.* Abbot of *Meſſendene* in *Lincolnſhire*, Executor of the Apoſtolic Indulgence, granted to the ſaid Sir *James*, by Pope *Clement* V. The Abbot of St. *Mary* at *York*. |
| 1329, 18 Kal: *Jan.* | *Robert de Caue*, Prieſt. The KING on Account of the late Vacancy of the Abby, in his Father's Hands. |
| 1331, 17 Kal: *June*, | *Thomas de Staunton* Prieſt, *Caue* reſigned. The KING, the Abby being void. |
| 1344, 4 *October*, | *William Galeys* Prieſt, *Stanton* reſigned. The Abbot. |
| 1350, 21 *March*, | *James Bek* Prieſt. MARY Counteſs of *Norfolk*. |
| 1360, | *William de Hawe* Parſon of *B.* [from a Deed.] |
| 1361, 13 *Aug.* | *William de Cotyngham* Prieſt. |
| 1361, 11 *Octob.* | § *John Clervaux* Prieſt, on *Cotyngham*'s Reſignation. They exchanged |

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† E Rot: Manerij pen: me.

*† The Thetford Portion was for the Tythes of the Lands of Albred, or Aubrey de Banham, in this Town, who granted them to Thetford Priory which was confirmed by K. Hen. II. as you may ſee in Mr. Dugd: Mon: Vol: 1. 667.

* The Abbot of York's Portion of Tythes was 8 Marks, Thetford Monks 1 Mark, Rumburgh Priors 1 Mark Thetford Pention is now paid to the Duke of Norfolk, in right of Thetford Abbey, Rumburgh, and York's Portion were compounded for, at 1 l. 16s. which was ſome time paid to the Earl of Tankerville but now to his Excellency Horatio Walpole, Eſq; the Temporals of the Prior of Bokenham were taxed at 6s. 1d. and were part of thoſe Lands in Banham and Attleburgh which Wm. Ketringham, and others conveyed to that Houſe in 1377; in 1428, the Prior of Thetford (then Collector of the Tenth, granted to the King out of all Spirituals) deſired a Diſcount for York and Rumburgh's Portions in this Town, they being exempt (I ſuppoſe) by the King's or his Predeceſſor's Grant.

‖ He was to provide him a Living when any fell, which was in a Monaſtry's Gift.

§ This John in 1370, acknowledged the Yearly Pention of 8 Marks, due from the Rectory to the Abbot or the Priory at Rumburgh.

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| | for a Prebend in the Chapel of St. *Mary* and all the *Engliſh* Saints at *York.* The Abbot. |
| 1378, 4 *Dec.* | Mr. *Adam de Lakinghith* Prieſt, *Clervaux* reſigned. He exchanged for *Groundesburgh* in *Suffolk.* |
| 1391, 7 *Auguſt,* | *Andrew de Bondeby,* Prieſt. |
| 1393, 3 *April,* | He changed with *Henry Harburgh,* for the Rectory of *Collingbourne Abbots* in *Salisbury* Dioceſs. |
| 1393, 20 *Dec.* | *Harburgh* changed with *Tho. atte Ende* for a Cannonry in *Well's* Church, and the Prebend of *Codeworth* there. |
| 1394, 8 *June,* | *Atte Ende* exchanged with *John Juel,* for *Anneport* Vicarage in *Wincheſter* Dioceſs. |
| 1394, 5 *July,* | *Thomas Juel* exchanged with *Nich: Saresbury,* for *Stockton* in *Salisbury* Dioceſs. |
| 1401, 12 *June,* | *John Pygot* Shaveling, on *Saresbury*'s Reſignation. |
| 1443, 8 *April,* | *John Cottyngham* Prieſt. |
| 1445, 8 *October,* | *Stephen Cloos* Prieſt, Scholar in Divinity, on *Cottyngham*'s Death. JOHN Abbot of *York.* |
| 1452, 18 *July,* | *Cloos* reſigned, and ‖ *Henry Coſſey* ſucceeded. |
| 1483, 24 *Sept.* | *Richard Hoog* on *Coſſey*'s Death. |
| 1496, 24 *Febr.* | *John Longe,* A. M. on *Hoog*'s Death. WILLIAM, Biſhop of *Carliſle,* Abbot of St. *Marie*'s at *York.* |
| 1516, 9 *June,* | *Roger Darley* on *Longe*'s Reſignation. |
| 1518, 4 *June,* | Sir *Brian Stapleton,* on *Dorleigh*'s Death. |
| 1520, 26 *Octob.* | *Rowland Lee,* Doctor of the Decrees, on *Stapleton*'s Death. In 1534, he was conſecrated Biſhop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry,* and ſo voided this Living. |
| 1534, 23 *May,* | *George,* or *Gregory Greves.* [all theſe were preſented by the Abbot.] |
| 1539, 14 *Aug.* | *Barnaby Kirkebride,* on *Greves*'s Death. *Percivall, Michael,* and *John Kirkebride,* and *John Snell,* by Grant of the Turn from the late Abbot. |
| 1562, 14 *July,* | *William Tompſon* Prieſt, on *Kirkebride*'s Death. JOHN EGLESFIELD, Eſq; by Grant of the Turn, from WILLIAM, late Abbot of *York.* |
| 1577, 18 *July,* | *Richard Stokes.* Queen ELIZABETH ; from which Time it hath been in the Crown, and ſo continues. |
| 1587, 27 *June,* | *Daniel Reeve,* S. T. B. in 1603, D. D. and Rector of *Quidenham.* |
| 1628, 9 *May,* | *Humfry Tovey,* B. D. buried here. |
| 1640, 23 *June,* | *Robert Caddiman* or *Cademan,* on *Tovey*'s Death. |
| 1671, 13 *June,* | *John Gibbs,* A. M. on *Cademan*'s Death, who was ſucceeded by Mr. *Charles Kidman,* who held it united to *Twait* in *Suffolk,* of which he is now Rector, having reſigned *Banham.* |
| 1735, 12 *April,* | The Rev. Mr. *John Kerrich* the preſent Rector, on Mr. *Kidman*'s Reſignation. The KING. |

Mr. KERRICH bears *Sab.* on a Pile in Point *Ar.* a Caltrap of the Field, a Martlet for Difference.

The TINDALS, *alias* KENDALS, had a very good Eſtate here, to which Family *Cambden,* Clarencieux, granted Arms in *July* 1611, *viz.* to JOHN TINDALL of *Dicleburgh,* Son of JOHN TINDALL of *Banham,* Son of JOHN TINDALL of *Bokenham.*

*Or,* 5 Maſcles in Croſs and a Chief indented *Gul.*

CREST, a Hand proper, holding a Croſs of 5 Maſcles *Gul.*

This Grant in 1685, was in the Hands of Mr. *Tindall* of *Banham* ; the Heir Male of the Family is Mr. *Robert Tindall,* who lately ſold the Eſtate at *Banham,* and lives at *Ratleſden* in *Suffolk.*

* The Family of the KENDALS, CLARKS, LECHES, and COLBYS, were all conſiderable Owners in this Pariſh in 1483, and none of them are yet extinct.

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‖ In 1476, he had Wilby, and in 1472, was elected Maſter of Ruſhworth College, and died poſſeſſed of them all.

* 1571, John Kendal, alias Tendal, 1587, John his Son and Heir, &c. 1571, John Clarke of Weſtgate in Banham, and John his Son; John Clark of Church-Green in Banham, and Clement his Son, 1483, Robert Son and Heir of John Colby, late of Banham, 1549, Thomas Colby, 1571, Edward Colby, and Edward his Son, 1587, Chriſtopher, Son and Heir of Thomas Colby, Gent. 1631, Thomas Colby, Son and Heir apparent of Thomas Colby, S. T. P. 1473, John Leche of Banham, &c. From the old Feofments in the Town-Cheſt. The Cann's, and the Goldingham's are Extinct.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Mary* the Virgin, and is a regular Building, 45 Yards long, having a Nave, two Iſles, Chancel, South Porch, and Veſtry, all leaded, a ſquare Tower with a Spire of Wood cover'd with Lead on it's Top, and in it 5 Bells, a Clock and Saints Bell; in the South Iſle is an Altar Tomb for

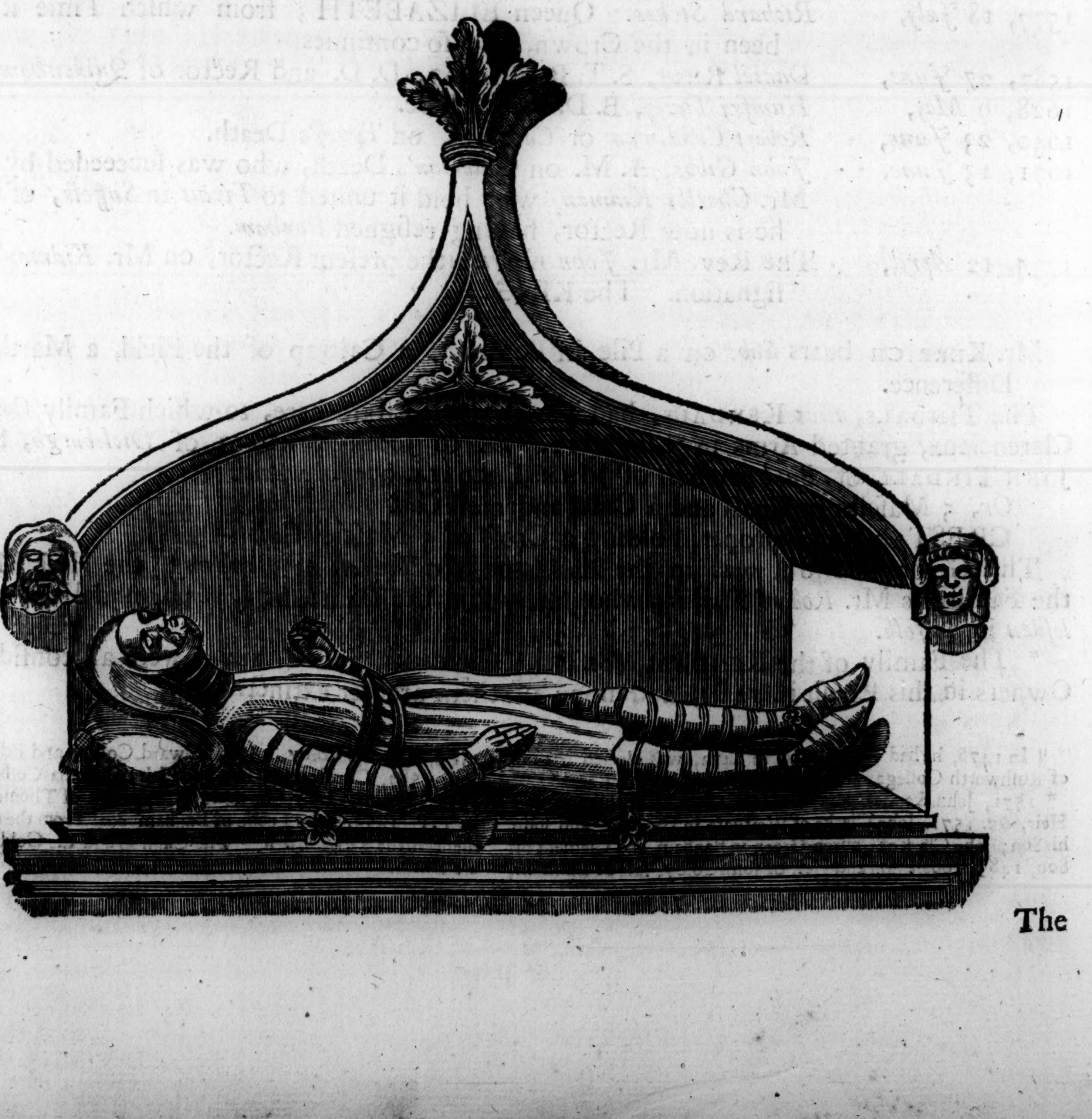
Mr. Robert Clark, who died June the 18, 1685, aged 59.
† But is Clark dead? What doſt thou ſay,
His Soul's Alive, his Body here doth lie,
But in a Sleep, untill the Judgment Day,
And live he ſhall unto Eternity.
Men ſay he's dead, I ſay ſo too,
And e're a while, they'll ſay the ſame of you.

On Stones in the Chancell,

‖ Hic jacet Humfridus Tovey, in Theologiâ Baccalaureus, nuper hujus Eccleſiæ Rector, qui obijt Viceſſimo primo die Maij Anno Domini 1640.

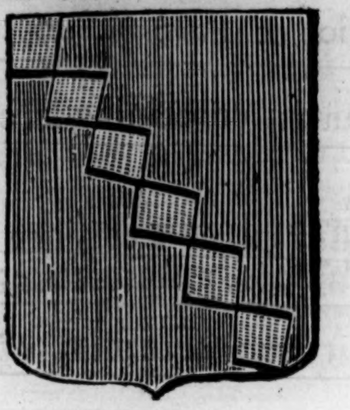
§ John Bringloe, Gent. died the ninth of March, 1683, John his Eldeſt Son July 3, 1714, aged 60 Years. Alſo Awdry, Wife of the laſt John, 26 Jan. 1713.

In the North Iſle at the Eaſt End, is a Chapel or Chantry, divided from the Church by Screens handſomely painted; in a Nich in the Wall lies a Knight in Armour, (Founder of the Church, if not, of this Iſle at leaſt, tho' I am apt to think the former, becauſe the whole Building appears as if built at one time,) it is Oak carved, there is no Inſcription remaining, but yet it is plain that it was made for Sir HUGH BARDOLPH, Knt. ſometime Lord of *Grey*'s Manor in this Town, who died 1203, for under his Left Arm is a large Cinquefoil, which is the Badge of that Family, and in the adjoining Window, are his Arms, impaling *Morley*, which induces me to think he married one of that Family. [*g*] This Sir *Hugh* was with King *Richard* I. at *Meſſina* in *Sicily*, being one of thoſe who on the behalf of that King, undertook that the Articles of Peace and Friendſhip, which were then agreed on, betwixt King *Richard*, and *Tancred* King of *Sicily* ſhould be firmly kept, in order to carry on the Holy Wars as they were call'd. This Tomb is very antique and perfect, as the following Repreſentation will ſhew you, for which I own myſelf much obliged to the Rev. Mr. *Kerrich* the preſent Rector.



The Windows of the Chapel and thoſe of the Church were adorned with the following Arms, of the Lords of this Town, and others related to them, many of which now remain.

MARSHALL.



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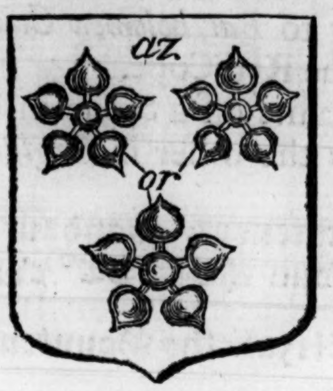

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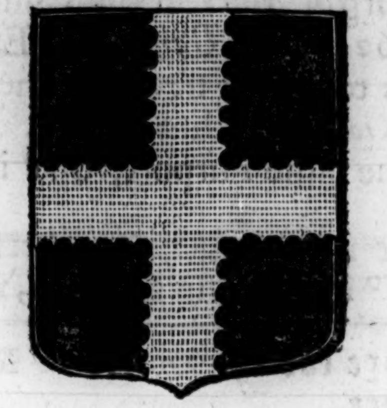

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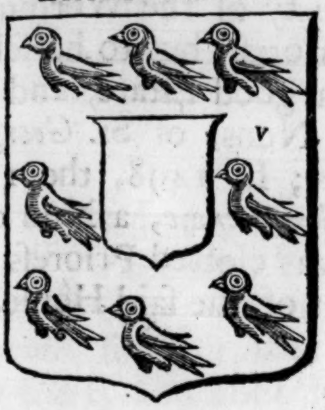

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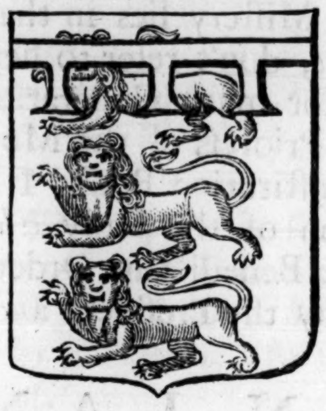

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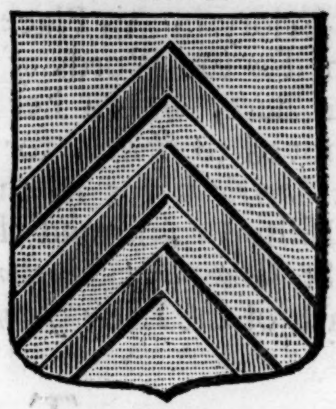

And beſides theſe, there were the Arms of MORLEY, KERDESTON, CAILY, BAVENT, impaling *Arg.* a Croſs ingrail'd *Az.* MARSHALL impaling TIRRELL. TIRRELL Single. BASSINGBOURNE and GAWDY. CLARE impaling PLANTAGINET.

In the Eaſt Window a broken Effigies of *Bardolph*.

This Chapel belonged to the Lords of the Manors, who founded a Chantry Prieſt to ſing for the Dead in it, and in 1419, *Will: Morley* was Chaplain; In 1392, *Hen. Colred*, and in 1474, *Tho: Sething*.

Oppoſite in the South Iſle was another Chapel, heretofore belonging to the Gilds of the *Holy Trinity* and St. *Mary* in this Town, to both which *William Gye*, was a Benefactor in 1479.

1410, *Reginald Manifrey*, Chaplain.

1474, *John Wiſſe*, Chaplain.

1479, *Reginald Benitownne*, was Chaplain here.

1505, *John Glover* Chaplain, to whom *Roger Midilton*, who was then buried in this Church, gave a Legacy, and 53 *s.* 8 *d.* to repair the Church.

[g] In the Chancel in a North Window, was an Effigies in a Religious Habit, with a broken Scrowl from his Mouth, on which,

Supplicat hic ......... Thomas .........

Here was a Parcel of Land given in *Henry* VII. Time, to find Lamps before *Trinity* Altar, called Lamp-Lond.

The antient Names of the Streets are, *Cherchegate*, *Tycknald*, *Freſchenale*, *Weſtmor*, *Hardwick*, and *Weſtgate*.

The Croſſes were, *Smalmor-Croſs*, *White-Croſs*, *Atte Borghe*, and *Alforth-Croſs*. Seynt *Maries-Meer*, and *Banham-Gapp* are often mentioned in Evidences.

1429, *Peter Payn* of *Banham*, gave to *Weſt-Acre* Prior 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Canons there 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Bretheren of every Houſe of Friers in *Norwich* x *s.* to ſay 100 Maſſes for his Soul, to each Houſe of the Friers at *Thetford* x *s.* for 100 Maſſes for his Soul, to the Prioreſs of the Nuns at *Thetford* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and to the Convent 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Chapel of the Bleſſed Virgin at *Thetford* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the repairing St. *Peter*'s Church, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* he order'd to be buried in *Banham* Church-yard, and gave 40 *s.* to be divided among the Poor at his Burial, to every Lazer-Houſe at *Norwich* 3 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Chapel of the Bleſſed Virgin at *Buckyngham* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to mend *Hardewyk* Way in *Banham* 40 *s.* and 40 *s.* more to ſet up a Croſs at the End of it,

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† Le-Neve's Monuments, vol. 4. p. 67.

‖ Le-Neve. vol. 188.

§ Le-Neve. vol. 4 p. 64.

[g] I have it as it was tranſcribed before it was broken, but ſo ignorantly, that I can make nothing of it, viz. Supplicat hic tiby mas Genetorix de Stantora Thomas Day. Int: Coll: P. L. N.

where the Way parts, *Edmund atte Welle*, Clerk, and others were Executors, the Will was proved the ſame Year.

In 1437, *John Ropere* of *Banham*, gave 12*s.* to the Lamp that burns before the Image of the Virgin *Mary* in the Church.

In 1462, *Jeffry Canne* was Executor to *Bartholomew Canne*, Senior of *Banham*, who gave 5 Marks to buy a new Veſtment to the Red Cope.

Mr. *Kidman* hath 2 Braſſes which came off a Stone in this Church, containing Inſcriptions of the ſame Purport, one in *Latin* the other in *Engliſh*, *viz.*

Hic iacet Dna. Elizabetha Mounteneye, quondam Prioriſſa, huius Loci, que obiit xx° die Menſis Aprilis, Anno Dom: MCCCCC° xviii° cuius aie: propicietur Deus.

Praye for the Sowle of Dame Elizabethe Mounteney, ſometime Prioreſs, of this Place.

It hath occaſioned much Surmiſe, how this Inſcription ſhould be true, when there was never any Priory in this Place, but the Miſtery lies in the impropriety of the Wording the Inſcription, for the Words *of this Place*, don't refer to her being Prioreſs, but to herſelf, ſhe being born here, where her Family for many Generations had a good Eſtate, and afterwards removed to *Wilby*, for ſhe was Prioreſs of the Monaſtry of Nuns, of St. *George* the Martyr at *Thetford*, for in the 12*th* Inſtitution Book, I read thus; In 1498, the 15*th* of *Sept.* the Biſhop confirmed the Election of the Lady *Elizabeth Mownteneye*, a Nun of the Priory of St. *George* at *Thetford*, of the Benedictine Order, who was elected Prioreſs there, at the Death of the Lady *Joan Eyton*, by the Preſident and Convent of the ſaid Houſe.

## TOWN-LANDS.

In 1631, *Thomas Canne* only ſurviving Feofee of the Freehold Townlands of *Banham*, renewed the Feofment to *Thomas Colby* Son and Heir apparent of *Thomas Colby* S. T. P. *Thomas* Eldeſt Son of *Richard Tindal* Gent. *Robert* Son of *Daniel Clark* Gent. *Warwick* Son and Heir of *Robert Dade* of *Thelvetham* Clerk, and Heir apparent of *Rowland Warwick* of *Banham* his Grandfather, and others, ſetling all the following Lands on them and their Heirs, "for the " Profit and Advantage of all the Inhabitants of the Town of *Banham* for ever.

A Cloſe of Paſture by *Oxneye Meere*, in 3 Peices, the whole containing One Acre, one Rood and an half, abutting on *Banham Great-Green*, Eaſt. One Rood of it was purchaſed in 1438, the Reſt in 1471.

One Acre in 2 Peices in *Banham*, the Firſt lies at *Langcroft*, and abutts on the Way leading from *Alforth-Croſs* to *Banham-Moor*, South, and upon *Wilby-Lawnd*, now called *Wilby-Warren*, North; the ſecond Peice lies at *Thwert-Furlong*, this was given in 1473, by *Edward Knith* Clerk.

Two Roods in *Banham* in two Peices, the Firſt Rood lies at *Muſpeſe*, and the Second in *Brimli-wong*; This was Town-Land in 1484.

Two Acres in *Broad-Meadow* at *Wanſen* in *Lancroft-Furlong*; One Acre of this, was purchaſed by the Inhabitants in 1571, and the other Acre was Town-Land, in 1512.

One Pightle called *Le Leete* Pightle, containing 1 Acre and an Half, abutting on the Common called *Griſſell-Moor*. The *Lete-Fee* is to be paid yearly out of the Rent of this Land.

One Cloſe called *Semere-Wong*, containing 7 Acres and three Roods in *Banham*, abutting on *Nete-Gate* Way which leads to the *Moor*, Eaſt. This was Town-Land in *H.* VIII. Time.

One Cloſe called the *Breche*, and now the *Town-Cloſe*, containing 10 Acres in *Banham*, which formerly was *Edward Cann*'s, and then abutted on the Land of *Ambroſe Norris*, Jun. Weſt, the Lord's Lands, Eaſt, the Lord's Wood called the *Great Wood*, South, and the Land of *Tho. Reve* Senior, North. The Inhabitants had it of Sir *Tho. Tirrel* of *Gipping* in *Suff.* Knt. A° 1564.

* In 1544, *Henry Coteſſey* or *Coſſey* Clerk, Rector here, ſetled a Meſſuage called the *Gild-Hall*, (which was Coppy-hold on *Grey*'s *cum Beck-hall* Manor) on *Edward Colby* and *Tho. Canne*, who were to hold it to this Intention and Uſe, *viz.* to keep the *Obit* of the ſaid *Henry* in the Church of *Banham*; on the Vigil and Day of St. *Margaret* the Virgin, and to cauſe Maſs to be celebrated for him on that Day &c. they held it 'till 1549, for that Uſe, and then it fell to the Lord by Vertue of the Statute, who ſeized it accordingly, and then granted it to diverſe Feofees, who were to hold it " to the Uſe and Profit of all the Copyhold Tenants of *Banham*

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* Cop: Cur.

Manor, inhabiting in *Banham*, upon Condition, That the Lord of the Manor and his Heirs, by himſelf, his Servants, Officers, or Deputies, ſhall for ever have Liberty to hold and keep his Courts and Lete for the ſaid Manor, in the ſaid Meſſuage, with free Ingreſs, Egreſs, and Regreſs, for all the Tenants, to do their Buſineſs at ſuch Courts, without the Contradiction, or Moleſtation of any one.

The Feoffees alſo hold by Copy of Court Roll of the ſaid Manor, a parcel of Ground, with a Houſe thereon built, being 27 Feet broad, and 13 Feet long.

Here was a ſmall Oratory or Hermitage, at a Place called *Stonebridge*, the Foundation of which may ſtill be ſeen.

The Half of this **HUNDRED** towards *Thetford* is Champion, the Land being very light and ſandy, the other is heavy Ground and encloſed, it produces plenty of Grain of all Kinds, and in the Champion Part there are good Flocks of Sheep; the Soil there is chiefly a Chalk under the Sand.

## ERRATA.

fol. 153, line 24, for *John*, read *Thomas*, l. 35, for *thatched* r. *leaded*, fol. 161, l. 44, for *Jenny* r. *Jermy*, ditto l. 47 48. fol. 162, for *Jenny* in the Pedigree, r. *Jermy*, fol. 168, l. 25, for *Sons* r. *Grandſons*. fol. 182, l. 18, for *choſen* r. *had choſe*. fol. 215, l. 26 for *Sir Henry* r. *Edmund*. fol. 217, l. 31, for *Charles* r. *Thomas*. In Holland's Pedigree at fol. 232, r. *Uſtler Town-Clerk*, and not *Uſtler Down, Clerk*.

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inhabiting in *Banham*, upon Condition, That the Lord of the Manor and his by himself, his Servants, Officers, or Deputies, shall for ever have Liberty to hold keep his Courts and Leet for the said Manor, in the said Messuage, with free Ingress, s, and Regress, for all the Tenants, to do their Business at such Courts, without the radiction, or Molestation of any one.

The Feoffees also hold by Copy of Court Roll of the said Manor, a parcel of Ground, with a House thereon built, being 27 Feet broad, and 45 Feet long.

Here was a small Oratory or Hermitage, at a Place called *Stonebridge*, the Foundation of which may ſtill be ſeen.

The Half of this HUNDRED towards *Thetford* is Champion, the Land being very light and ſandy; the other is heavy Ground and encloſed, it produces plenty of Grain of all Kinds, and in the Champion Part there are good Flocks of Sheep; the ſoil there is chiefly a Chalk under the Sand.

## E R R A T A.

fol. 153, line 24, for *John*, read *Thomas*; l. 35, for [illegible] r. [illegible] fol. 164, l. 44, for [illegible] r. *James*, ditto l. 47 48. fol. 166, for *Jenny* in the Pedigree, r. [illegible] fol. 180, l. 26, for [illegible] r. *Greenhaw*. fol. 183, l. 18, for [illegible] fol. [illegible] l. 26 for [illegible] r. *Edward*. fol. 217, l. 31, for *Charles* r. *Thomas*. In *Hovland*'s Pedig. as at fol. [illegible] *Town-Clerk*, and not [illegible] *Clerk*.

# THE HUNDRED OF SHROPHAM

IS bounded on the Eaſt by *Depwade* and *Diſs*, on the North by *Wayland* and *Forehoe*, on the Weſt by *Grymſhoe*, and on the South by *Giltcroſs*, from which 'tis parted, by the Rivulet that runs from *Quidenham-Meer*, into the *Little Ouſe* at *Thetford*, by the *Atlas* called *Thet*, without any reaſon, for I do not find it ſo named in any Evidences whatever. This is a large Hundred, (or Half Hundred, as it is ſometimes called,) * the Fee of which from the Confeſſor's Time, to the latter End of King *Henry* VI. conſtantly attended the † *Caſtle* Manor of *Bokenham*, being ſometimes whole, ‖ and ſometimes divided, as that was, but then it was wholly in *William De-la-pole*, Marqueſs and Earl of *Suffolk*, who levied a Fine of it between himſelf and his Truſtees. It was in *John De-la-pole*, Earl of *Lincoln*, who died in 1487, after in *Edmund De-la-pole*, Earl of *Suffolk*, who was beheaded for Treaſon in 1513, and ſo it became forfeited to the Crown, immediately after, it was granted to *Charles Brandon*, Duke of *Suffolk*, and his Heirs, who about 1545, exchanged it for other Lands with the Crown, in which it continued ſome Time. In 1573, the Queen lett it to *Edw. Fludd*, Gent. for 21 Years, at 10*l.* a Year, who ſurrender'd his Letters Patent to be cancelled in 1584, and the Queen for 15 *l.* Fine, lett it to *Tho. Lovell*, Gent. for 21 Years. In 1622, it was granted by Letters Patent to Sir *George Marſhall*, Knt. *Robert Cauſfield*, Eſq; and their Heirs in Fee, to be held by the Fee-Farm Rent of 10 *l.* a Year; in 1628, Mr. *Robert Tichbourne*, and Mr. *Andrew Palmer* held it in Truſt with others, for *Robert Hethe*, Serjeant at Law, who jointly with his Truſtees in 1634, ſold it to § *Rob. Wilton*, Eſq; and his Heirs, in whoſe Family it continued, 'till *Nicholas Wilton* of *Wilby*, Eſq; ſold it to *Henry Kedington*, Eſq; of *Hockham*, who ſold it to ¶ *Ralph Hare* of *Harpham*, Eſq; and *Hugh*, Son of *Tho. Hare*, Eſq; of *Hargham*, the Heir of that Family, is now Lord, who holds it by the aforeſaid Yearly Fee-Farm Rent. The antient Rent that it paid before the Forfeiture, was only half a Mark; the *Letes* of the whole Hundred belong to it with all ſuperior Liberties, except thoſe of *Eccles*, *Hockham-Magna*, and *Old Bokenham*. All the Towns are in *Rockland* Deanry (which is made up of this and *Giltcroſs* Hundred) except *Thetford*, which tho' it be in this Hundred, I look upon as ſingle, it being a Deanry of itſelf belonging to the Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, as this doth to the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*.

This Hundred paid for every Tenth 100*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* out of which the Deductions came to 7*l.* 1*s.* ſo that the King received clear 93*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

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* In the Conqueror's time the whole Hundred belonged to the King, of whom Godric farm'd it, and paid 40*d.* Rent. (Domſ. fol: 33.)

† See Bokenham Caſtle, or Old Bokenham.

‖ See Wilby.

§ See Hargham.

¶ In 1285. the King brought an Action for this Hundred, againſt Robert de Tateſhale, to know what Right he had in it, who anſwered that he held it jointly with Roger de Montealt, Margaret Baſſet, John Le-Strange, Maud de Erdington, Mabell de Suthley, and Richard Fitz-Alan, a Minor, of the Inheritance of Hugh de Albany, who died Seized of it, and being called upon in the ſame Manner, in Relation to his Market at Attleburgh, and Market, Fair, and Priviledges, in Wilby, and New Bokenham, he returned the ſame Anſwer.

*Wilby* joins to *Banham* on the North, and had at the Conqueror's Survey two Manors, the Head Manor which hath been ſince called by divers Names, according to thoſe of it's different Owners, and now

## WILBY-HALL MANOR;

Belonged to * *Fader* in the Confeſſor's Time, and to *William de Schoies*, or *Eſcois*, [*ſc.* the *Scot*, or *Will.* of *Scotland*, as he is ſometimes called] in the Conqueror's, it had a Church then, and 10 Acres of Glebe, the whole Town being a Mile long, and as much broad, and paid 15 *d.* out of every 20 *s.* taxed upon the Hundred. The Advowſon belonged to this Manor, and in the Reign of *William Rufus*, *William de Eſcois*, or *Schoies*, [*a*] by the Name of *William de Heſtois*, gave the Advowſon of *Wilby*, along with that of *Banham*, and a Carucate of Land there, together with two Parts of the Tythes of his Demeans in both Places, to the ‖ Abbey of St. *Mary* at *York*. In 1226, *Stephen de Ebroic* was Lord, he is ſometimes called *Ebrois*, *D'Ebrois*, *Deveres*, and *D'Evereux*, and this Year he had grant for a Market and Fair in *Banham*, he was ſucceeded by

WILLIAM D'EBROIS his Son, at his Death *Maud* his Widow held it in Dower, and in 1256, WILL. D'EVERES was Lord; he and *Maud* his Mother ſold it to

Sir RICHARD DE BOYLUND, and *Maud* his Wife in 1278, who had a Charter of Free-warren for all his Lands here and in *Briſingham*. This *William D'Everes* pretended a Right to the Moiety of the Advowſon, againſt *Simon*, then Abbot of *York*, but was caſt in the Suit, and forced to releaſe all his Pretenſions. In 1295, *Richard de Boyland* and *Ellen* his Wife had it, and *John* their Son and Heir was 24 Years old, who in 1314, ſettled it on himſelf and *Emme* his Wife, and their Heirs, but notwithſtanding this, in 1315, *Richard* his Brother was Lord here, who in 1321, ſettled it on himſelf and *Alice* his Wife, *John Le-Claver*, and *Adam Le-Long*, being his Truſtees: In 1345, Sir *John Boyland*, Knt. of *Boyland-Hall* in *Briſingham*, held it at 3 Quarters of a Fee, half of *John Waleys*, the other Half of *John Berdewell*, who held it of the Heirs of *Hugh de Bokenham*, they of the Earl of *Arundell*, and he of the King, all which *Maud de Boyland* aforeſaid, lately held, and paid 30 *s.* Relief; this Part ſeems to be the Freeman and his Services, which was *Roger Bygod*'s at the Conqueſt, afterwards the Earl of *Arundell*'s, then *Hugh* § *Bokenham*'s, Lord of *Weſt Herling*, after that the *Berdewells*, by whom it was ſold to the *Boylands*.

In 1363, Sir THO. DE FELTON, Knt. had it ſettled on him, by Sir *Will. Ingaldeſthorp*, Knt. and *Eleanor* his Wife, it being convey'd to him during the Life of *Eleanor*, great part of this Manor was ſold by Sir *John de Boyland*, for it had now only two Meſſuages, 108 Acres of Land, 6 of Meadow, and 16 *s.* Rent. In 1372, Sir *Tho. Felton*, Knight of the Garter, was Lord, [*b*] by whom it was ſettled, as *Riburgh* was, of which he was Lord.

In 1380, Sir THO. DE FELTON, Knt. and *Joan* his Wife held it, *Mary* his eldeſt Daughter, was then marry'd to Sir *Edmund Hengrave*, Knt. and [*c*] *Sibilla de Morlai* was his 2d Daughter, 1386, *Nicholas Coterell*, Chaplain, releaſed all his right in it, to *Joan*, Widow of Sir *Tho. de Felton*, who in 1388, ſettled it on herſelf for Life, after on *Robert*, Biſhop of *London*, and other Truſtees. In 1414, JOHN, Son of Sir *John Curſon*, Knt. releaſed all his right in the Manor, late the Lady *Felton*'s, to *John Clifton*, *Tho. Lopham*, and other Feoſfees, together with *Ingaldeſthorp*, *Belagh*, and *Derſingham* Manors in *Norf.* and *Barrow* in *Suff.* In 1470, Sir JOHN CURSON, of *Beckhalle* in *Belagh*, Knt. gave this Manor to *Thomas* his Son and Heir, [*d*] reſerving ſeveral Annuities, he was Lord of *Ingaldeſthorp*, &c. and died this Year. In 1511, it appears by the Will of *Thomas Curſon*, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir *John*, that he gave *Wilby*, and *Darſingham* Manors to *John* his Son, it being then held of the Earl of *Arundell*, as of *Caſtle-Acre* Manor. In 1546, JOHN CURSON, Eſq; died ſeized, and *William* was his Son and Heir, who had now Livery of this, *Ingaldeſthorp*, *Darſingham*, *Byntre*, *Beckhall* in *Belagh*, *Harple*, and many other Manors.

In 1565, WILLIAM [*e*] CURSON, Eſq; and *Thomaſine* his Wife, ſold the Manor to Sir *Tho. Lovell*, Knt. and his Heirs.

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* Terre Willi de Schoies, H. Serepham. [Domeſd. fol. 205.]
In Wilgeby ii car: terre tenuit Fader, T.R.E. tunc x villani poſt et m° vi ſemp. ix bord: iiii ſerv. m° i et xiiii acr. prati. tunc. i car: et dim: in dominio poſt et m° ii tunc. i car. et dim: Hominum, poſt & m° i Silva x Por: tunc i r. modo iiii. ſemper v. anim: et ix. Porc. tunc xl Oves, m° lx. Et habet dim: Leug. in longo, et dim: in lato, Quicunque ibi teneat, & xv *d.* de Gelto i Eccleſia x acr. & val: iii Sol.

[*a*] Mon: Ang: Tom. 1. 387, Ibidem 390.

‖ See Banham,

** See Briſingham, fol. 38, 39.

§ See Weſt-Herling.

[*b*] See Riburgh.

[*c*] See Banham Marſhals.

[*d*] See Belagh in Einesford Hundred.

[*e*] It had than 40 *s.* a Year Quit-Rent, Free-Warren, a Fold-courſe for 1000 Sheep, and it extended into Wilby, Old Bokenham Banham, Quidenham, Eccles, Harpham, Beſthorp, Attleburgh, and Keninghall.

In 1570, It was in **Tho. Lovell**, Eſq; it being then called, **WILBY-HALL**, otherwiſe *Curſon's*, in this Family it continued 'till 1627, and then *Charles Lovell* of *Herling*, Eſq; ſold it to *Edward Hobart* of *Langley*, Eſq; in Truſt, it had then a Fold-courſe but no Rents. In 1631, **Edward Hobart**, ſold to *Charles Lovell* of *Hockering*, Eſq; and *Edward Barkely* of the ſame Gent. the Manors of *Wilby*, which late belonged to Sir *Tho. Lovell*, Knt. deceaſed, Father of the ſaid *Charles*, Sir *Francis Lovell*, Knt. deceaſed, and *Will. Lovell*, Eſq; Brothers of the ſaid *Charles*, and *Peter Pretiman*, Gent. they being convey'd to the ſaid *Edward*, to the Uſe of Sir *Thomas* and the reſt. In 1565, **Charles Lovell** of *Eaſt-Herling*, Eſq; ſold it to

**Robert Wilton** of *Wilby*, Eſq; and his Heirs, and ſo it became join'd to

## BECK-HALL MANOR,

Which was owned by * *Ailid* in the Confeſſor's Time, [g] and by *Ralf Bainard* in the Conqueror's, under whom it was held by *Solidarius*, and had a Carucate of Land in Demean, which ſhews, that it was an exact Half of the Town, the other Manor being of the ſame Extent and Value. In 1104, *Juga Bainard* (his Widow I ſuppoſe) had it, and in 1106, *Jeffry Bainard* her Son and Heir, who was a great Benefactor to St. *Mary*'s Abby at *York*; he was ſucceeded by *Will. Bainard*, who taking Part with *Elias*, Earl of *Main*, *Phillip de Braoſe*, *Will. Malet*, and other Conſpirators, againſt King *Henry* I. loſt his Barony, the chief Seat of which was called *Bainard*'s *Caſtle*, ſituate below St. *Paul*'s, near the *Thames*; upon this Forfeiture, it was given by the King to *Robert*, a younger Son to *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, Progenitor to the antient Earls of *Clare*, as this *Robert* [h] was to the Noble Family of the *Fitz-Walters*, of whom it was always held of *Bainard Caſtle* at half a Fee, *Fulk Baynard* held it of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, and in 1228, *Robert de Cokefield*, held it of *Walter Fitz-Robert*, as did *Richard de Cokefeud* his Son, whoſe Son and Heir *John*, was a Minor in the Wardſhip of *Simon de Kokefeud* in 1249: About 1272,

**Robert de Beckhall**, firſt had that half Fee, which was formerly *Robert Cockfield's*, and another quarter of a Fee join'd to it, held of the Lady *Maud de Boyland*, from whoſe Manor he had purchaſed it; in 1315, he held the half Fee of *Fulk Bainard*, he of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, and he of the King, and in 1386, it was held of *Walter Fitz-Walter*, Knt. and *Phillipa* his Wife, as of their Manor of *Hemenhale*.

In 1345, the *Nomina Villarum* reckons *John de Brandon*, and *John de Hereford*, as Lords here, but it was only on Account of their Manors of *Hargham*, *&c.* extending hither.

In 1360, and 1399, **Peter de Bekhall** had it, and held the Quarter of a Fee of the Lady *Felton*.

In 1429, *Nov.* 4, Sir **Richard Carbonell**, Knt. by Will, ordered his Manors of *Wilby*, *Stodhagh*, *Witton*, and *Peneſthorp*, to be ſold to pay his Debts; in 1459, *Alice*, Widow of Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. of *Bokenham Caſtle*, after of Sir *Hugh Cokeſey*, Knt. died ſeized of a part of it, which always went with that Caſtle, 'till Sir *Edmund Knevet* ſold it.

In 1495, **Tho. Mownteney**, and **Tho. Curson**, Eſqrs. were Lords, it being held of the ſaid *Curſon*, as of his Manor of *Wilby-Hall* by 4*s.* Rent.

In 1526, **John Mounteney** of *Foxele*, Gent. convey'd to *John Green* of *Wilby* Gent. all his Manors, Lands, *&c.* in *Wilby*, reſerving 8 Marks a Year to *Alice Mounteney* his Mother for Life.

In 1532, **Richard Bainard**, Gent. **Edm. Knevet**, Knt. and **John White**, Eſq; ſold *Bekhall* Manor to

**John Green**, *John Grey*, Eſq; *John Crofts* of *Weſt-Stow*, Eſq; *Edm. Bacon* of *Troſton*, Eſq; and *John Brampton*, Gent. his Truſtees; and ſo all the Parts were join'd again by *Green*'s Purchaſe.

In 1564, **Tho. Green** of *Wilby*, Gent. Son of *John Green* died, he married *Cecilia*, Daughter of *Tho. Guybon* of *Lyn*, and *Roſe* his Wife, leaving his Manor of *Beckhall*, in *Wilby*, *Hargham*, *Eccles*, *Banham*, *Bokenham*, *Croſtwick*, and *Ruſton*, to *Francis* his Son and Heir, then 3 Years old, it then contained 12 Meſſuages, 220 Acres of Land, 220 Acres of Paſture, 4*s.* 8*d.* Rent, *&c.* all which were held of *Chriſtopher Heydon*, Knt. in right of *Temperance* his Wife, Relict of *Tho. Greye*, as of his Manor of *Bainard*'s-*Hall*, in *Bunwell*, he died ſeized alſo of *Hargham*, &c. In 1571, *Mathew Bacon*, Gent. was Lord, in right of *Cecily* his Wife, Relict of *Tho. Green*, as Guardian to *Francis Green* her Son, who died without Iſſue in 1580, leaving it diviſible among his 5 Siſters.

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* Hund. Scrépham, Terre Radi Bainardi. (Domſd. fol. 257. Willebeith tenuit Ailid i car. terre T.R.E. modo tenet Solidarius ſemp: ii. Villi: et ii. bordar. tunc i ſerv. et vi acr. prati. Silva v porc: ſemp. i car: in dnio: et dim car: hominum, ſemp. i runc: tunc, iiii. an: m° v. modo por: tunc. cxx oves, m° cix. tunc. et poſt. val: xl*s.* m° lx.

Terra Rogeri Bigoti, Hund. Scerepham. [fol. 127.] In Wileby i (ſc. Liber homo) Soca in Bucham Regis.

[g] Dug: Bar: vol. 1. 461.

[h] See Diſs fol. 3.

Rose, married firſt to *Butterworth*, then to *Paul Gooch* of *Hargham*.
Prudence, to *John Launce* of *Haliſworth*.
Thomasine to *Tho. Edgar* of *Glemham* in *Suffolk*.
The 4*th*, to *John Prettiman*, Knt. and
The 5*th*, to *Will: Stokes*, Gent. of whom
John Wilton of *Topcroft*, Gent. bought the ſeveral Parts, and compleated his Title in 1622.

John Wilton of *Topcroft*, Gent. purchaſed the Advowſon, and joined it to the Manor, he left one Daughter *Cecily*, married to Sir *John Brewſe* of *Wenham* in *Suff.* and *Richard Wilton* of *Topcroft*, Gent. his Son and Heir, who married *Anne*, Daughter of *Rob. Buxton*, of *Channons* in *Tibenham*, Eſq; he conveyed *Beckhall* to *Robert* his Son, reſerving an Annuity of 50*l.* a Year to be paid in his Houſe at *Tunnegate-Green* in *Topcroft*, where he had a good Eſtate, he died in 1637: *Robert Wilton* of *Wilby*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, was born in 1599, he purchaſed *Wilby-Hall* Manor, and the Hundred of *Shropham*, and by ſo doing, joined the [*i*] *Lete* to the Manor, and made the Eſtate compleat; he had 3 Wives, by *Hannah*, Daughter of *John Jay*, Gent. he had only one Daughter *Hannah*, who married to *Robert Buxton*, Eſq; *Aug.* 24, 1654, by whom he had *Robert Buxton*, born *April* 9, 1659, and *Elizabeth*, born *Dec.* 16, 1661; by *Suſanna* his 2d Wife, youngeſt Daughter of Sir *Anthony Drury* of *Beſthorp*, he had no Iſſue, but by *Bridget*, Daughter of *Sir John Mead*, of *Lofts* in *Eſſex*, he had two Daughters, and one Son only, *viz.* *Nicholas Wilton* of *Wilby*, Eſq; who married a *Clinch*, he ſold the Manors, Hundred and Advowſon, to *Ralf Hare* of *Hargham*, Eſq; whoſe Deſcendant HUGH HARE, now a Minor, Son of *Thomas Hare* of *Hargham*, Eſq; deceaſed, is Lord and Patron.

The Advowſon of the RECTORY after the Diſſolution, came to the Crown, and in 1558, was held by *Edward*, Lord *North*, and *John Williams* and their Heirs, in free *Soccage* by fealty only, as of *Eaſt Greenwich* Manor in *Kent*, and went afterwards as the Inſtitutions ſhew you, 'till it was ſold to *John Wilton*.

In 1504, *William Hammond*, Senior of *Wilby*, infeoffed a Cloſe called *Nells* in *Wilby*, in *Robert Walden* Rector there, *Will· Mounteney*, Gent. and others, to the uſe of the Repairs of the Church for ever, he had it of *John Mounteney* of *Wilby*, Chaplain, and *Robert Hamond* deceaſed, it abutts Weſt on the Street, [*k*] and was given in 1480, by *John Nell* of *Wilby*.

In 1637, *Richard Wilton* of *Topcroft* in *Norf.* gave a Rood of Ground, and built an Alms-Houſe thereon, over the Door of which, his Arms ſtill remain.

The Manor of *Old Bokenham* extended hither, in 1366, *Hugh Bernak* had a Meſſuage, and 39 Acres of Land, &c. and 20*s.* Rent in *New Bokenham*, *Wilby*, *Attleburgh*, and *Elingham*, held by the 20*th* Part of a Fee, which at his Death was to revert to *Alice Bernak*, and *John*, Son of *Will. Bernak*.

In 1367, *Will. Le Latimer* had Lands here, in which he was allowed Free-warren.

*Eccles* Manor extended hither, for in King *Henry* the VIII*th*'s Time, *Robert Wyngfield* held half a Fee here of that King, and paid 18*d.* to the Wardſhip of *Norwich* Caſtle, it being Part of the Biſhop's Manor of *Eccles*, which was part of his Barony before the Exchange.

This Rectory is valued thus in the

| *King's Books.* | *Synodals.* | *Norw: Taxat:* |
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and being ſworn of the Value of 48*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* it is diſcharged both of Firſt Fruits and Tenths. It hath a good Rectory-Houſe, and ſeveral Acres of Glebe, ¶ it is in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norf.* Archdeaconry.

It paid 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* every Tenth, and is now aſſeſſed at 455*l.* to the Land-Tax. In 1603, there were 88 Communicants, and now there are about 160 Inhabitants.

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* From the Collections of John Hare, Richmond.

[*i*] Lete Fee, 4s 4d.

[k] From a Deed in the Hands of the Reverend Mr. Baldwin, Rector of Bunwell. ¶ Mortuaries are paid in this Pariſh to the Rector, according to the Act; The Temporals of Bokenham Priory in this Town, were taxed at 7s. 10d. In 1507, the Town of Beſthorp had Lands here, lying by the Gildhall. In 1633, a Fire broke out in the Parſonage-Yard, occaſioned by carrying a lighted Stick thro' it which burned down the Barn, Stable, Gatehouſe, the Roof and Seats of the Church, and Chancel, and all the Timber-Work of the Steeple, to 790 l. Value.

Here were two Gilds kept in the Gildhall, one dedicated to *All-Saints*, the other to St. *Peter*, to the Bretheren of each of theſe Gilds. *Robert Hammond*, gave 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and a new Bell to the Church.

*William D'Eſchoies*, [or *Le-Scot*] gave this and *Banham* Advowſons, and a part of the Tythes of his Demeans, to St. *Mary*'s Abby near the Walls at *York*, which was confirmed by [l] *Everard*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, and *Theobald*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; part of this Portion of Tythes with that [m] at *Banham*, was ſettled by the Abby on their Cell at *Rumburgh* in *Suff.* and in 1528, was granted with it to Cardinal *Wolſey*, towards building his Colleges in *Ipſwich* and *Oxford*, by Patent dated *Dec.* 30, 20 *H.* VIII.

## RECTORS.

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| 1310, 16 Kal: *Aug.* | *John Le-Straunge*, Prieſt, inſtituted to *Wilby*, in the Biſhop's Palace at *Eccles*. *York* Abbot. |
| 1330, 7 Kal: *May*, | *John de Wilby* Prieſt. ALAN, Abbot of *York*. *Nic: de Wilby* Parſon of *Naketon* was his Executor. |
| 1362, | *John de Hemeling*, Rector. (from a Deed.)<br>Sir *Ralf de Clifton*, he reſign'd in |
| 1370, 12 *March*, | To *Robert de Twiwell* Subdeacon, in exchange for *Dighton* Rectory. *York* Dioceſs. |
| 1404, 11 *May*, | *John Hawkeſwell* Shaveling. |
| 1424, 13 *Sept.* | *Mich. Wolmer* on *Hawkeſwell*'s Reſignation. |
| 1426, 3 *Aug.* | *Tho. Corky* Prieſt, *Wolmer* being deprived. |
| 1452, 21 *Oct.* | *Rich: Howſon* on *Corkby*'s Death. |
| 1460, | *Robert Marchall* Chaplain, on *Howſon*'s Reſignation. |
| 1460, 14 *March*, | *George Marchal* Chaplain, on *Robert*'s Reſignation. |
| 1463, 24 *Oct.* | *Tho. Stanton* by Lapſe; *John Baſham* Chaplain, farm'd it of him at 13 Marks a Year, and ſerving the Cure, and three Gowns a Year, fitting the ſaid *Thomas*'s Degree. |
| 1476, 30 *May*, | *Henry Coſſa*, or *Coſſey*, A.M. on *Stanton*'s Death. THO. Abbot of *York*. He had *Banham*, and was Maſter of *Ruſhworth* College. |
| 1483, | *Richard Grey* on *Coſſey*'s Death. |
| 1502, 6 *Oct.* | *Robert Walden*, on *Grey*'s Reſignation; all theſe Rectors were preſented by the Abbots. |
| 1530, 11 *June*, | *Miles Spencer*, Doctor of Laws, on *Walden*'s Death. WIL. CLEYDON, Dr. of Laws, by Grant from the Abbot. [n] He was after Archdeacon of *Sudbury*, Rector of *Hevingham* and *Redenhall* in *Norf.* Vicar of *Soham* in *Cambridgeſhire*, Dean of *Chappel-Field* College, Principal Official, and Vicar-General. |
| 1532, 21 *March*, | Sir *John Milgate*; the Abbot. [o] He was the laſt Prior of *Bokenham*. |
| 1540, 7 *Jan.* | *Guy Kelſay* Chaplain. JOHN FOLBURY, *&c.* by Grant of the Turn from the late Abbot. |
| 1553, 16 *May*, | *Kelſay* reſigned, *Tho. Peyrſon* Prieſt, ſucceeded. King EDWARD VI. |
| 1555, 16 *Sept.* | *George Vicars* on *Peyrſon*'s Reſignation. LEONARD PALMER, Gent. |
| 1563, 8 *Sept.* | *Ottinwell Wetwode* Prieſt, on *Viker*'s Death, Lapſe; buried at *Eccles*, where he was Rector. |
| 1586, 13 *April*, | *Peter Tytley*, A.M. EDWARD GRIGG, Notary Publick, by Grant of the Turn. |
| 1586, 6 *Oct.* | *Tho. Irland* on *Titley*'s Reſignation. PETER GOOCHE of *Hargham*, by Grant of the Turn from *Ralf Mulley*, who had it of the Grant of *John Chitham*, Gent. true Patron. |
| 1587, 24 *Febr.* | *Tho. Bludde* on *Irland*'s Reſignation: THO. GOOCH, Dr. of Phyſick, by Grant of *John Chetham*, Gent. true Patron. He had *Hargham*. |
| 1587, 16 *July*, | *John Hatfield*, on *Bludd*'s Reſignation. JAMES WRIGHT, Gent. by Grant of *John Chetham*, Gent. Senior, true Patron. |
| 1627, 10 *Sept.* | *Robert Boothe*, A.M. on *Hatfield*'s Death. JOHN BAGLEY of *Old Bokenham*, Yeoman, true Patron, (of whom the *Wiltons* purchaſed it.) |
| 1644, | *John Stukely*, on *Boothe*'s Death. |

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[l] Dug: Mon: vol. 1, 404.

[m] See Banham.

[n] Antiq: Capellæ, &c. publiſhed with Browne's Poſthumous Work. Lond. 1712, p. 51.

[o] See Kenninghall, fol. 147, 8.

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| 1657, | *Richard Waddelow*, Rector. |
| 1679, 4 *March*, | *Jonathan Norton*, A. M. NICHOLAS WILTON, Eſq; |
| 1686, 19 *Aug.* | *Tho. Baron*, on *Norton*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1686, 11 *March*, | *John Laſt*, A. M. on *Baron*'s Death. NICHOLAS WILTON. *Laſt* was alſo Curate of *Old Bokenham*. |
| 1720, 26 *Oct.* | *Nicholas Neech* on *Laſt*'s Death. ANNE HARE, Widow, he held it with *Shropham*, and reſigned it for *Snitterton*, and |
| | The Rev. Mr. *John Hare*, LL. B. the preſent Rector ſucceeded; who was preſented by THOMAS HARE of *Hargham*, Eſq; his eldeſt Brother. |

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to the Honour of all the *Saints*, the Chancel, and South Porch are tiled; there is a low ſquare Tower, and 5 Bells.

On Stones in the Chancel,

KEDINGTON impales BUXTON, with 2 Falchions for KEDINGTON'S Creſt.

Henry Kedington, Eſq; died March 21 Anno Dom: 1713, aged 40 Years.

KEDINGTON, *Arg.* on a Bend *Sab.* 6 Falchions in Saltyr proper, impales BUXTON.

Margaret, Relict of Henry Kedington of Hockham in Norff: Eſq; eldeſt Daughter of Robert Buxton of Channons-Hall in Tybenham, Eſq; died Oct: 21, 1711, aged 56 Years.

Here lyeth the Body of that faithful Patriot, and true Lover of his Country, Rob. Wilton of Wylby, in the County of Norff: Eſquire, Son of Richard Wilton of Topcroft in the ſame County, Gent. by Anne the Daughter of Robert Buxton of Tybenbenham, Eſq; his firſt Wiſe was Hannah, Daughter of Robert Jay, Gent. by whom he had Iſſue Hannah, living at the time of his Death: His ſecond Wiſe was Suſan, one of the Daughters of Sir Anthony Drury of Beſthorp, Knt. by whom he had 3 Daughters, Bridgett, Ann, Elizabeth, living at the time of his Death: His laſt Wiſe was Bridgett, one of the Daughters of Sir John Mead, Knt. of Lofts in the County of Eſſex, by whom he left 2 Daughters, Joanna and Dorothy, and only one ſo much beloved Son Nicholas, he exchanged this Mortal, for an immortal Liſe, the 19 of Nov. 1657, in the 58 Yeare of his Age.

WILTON'S Arms with 3 Eſcutcheons joined to it, *viz.* JAY, *Gul.* on a Bend ingrailed *Sab.* 3 Cinquefoils *Arg.* a Creſcent *Or* for difference. DRURY. MEADE, *Sab.* a Chev: *Or*, between 3 Pelicans *Az.* vulning themſelves proper, a Creſcent.

S. M. Dominæ Brigitæ, Roberti Wilton, Armigeri, conjugis ſuaviſſimæ, Johannis Mede, Equitis aurati Filiæ, quæ quicquid uſpiam Amoris, Sanctimoniæ, Prudentiæ, Veritatis, Honoris, repertum erat, in Terris experta, neque beata ſatis, adhuc inde cœlitum in album adſcribi voluit, 15 Cal. Apr. An° Dni. 1652, Ætatis ſuæ 32°.

Arms againſt the North Wall are, WILTON impaling MEDE, DRURY, and JAY.

BELL impaling KNEVETT, which was put up for, Muriell, Widow of Sir Robert Bell of Beaupre-Hall in Norff: Knt. Daughter of Sir Tho. Knyvet the Elder, of Aſhwell-Thorp in Norff: Knt. who (they ſay) was buryed here.

Per Feſs embattelled, 3 Suns proper, a Coat of Pretence, Girone of 8, on a Chief 3 Annulets. CREST, a Hawk.

Here lyeth the Body of Elizabeth Peirſon, the ſecond Wife of Tho. Peirſon of Middleton, in the County of Norfolk, Eſq; She dyed at this Place the 27*th* of Oct. 1727. The Few Years She lived in Norfolk, She gained a great Eſteem by her good Nature, and Humanity to all People, an Account of her Family, which was very Honourable, as ſhe was deſcended, from ſeveral Biſhops, as well as other Clergy of uncommon Credit, is to be ſeen in the Church of Midleton.

The following Inſcriptions in the Church,

Hic jacet Corpus Johannis Hatfield, Clerici, qui obijt 8vo die Sept. Anno Domini, 1627.

WILTON impales DRURY.
D. N. Suſannæ Roberti Wilton, Armigeri, Conjugis ſecundæ, Anthonij Drury Equitis aurati Filiæ, Tranquilli Cineres, cujus Pars purior, Turbine fatigata terreſtri, ad Cœli Quietem advolavit, Calendis Auguſti, A° Dni. 1643. Ætat. ſuæ 34.

A broken Inſcription for, Hannah, Daughter of Henry Jay of London, Clothier, Wife of Robert Wilton, who died the 16 of April, 1635, aged 31.

Another Inſcription for Jay himſelf, who died the laſt of Jan. 1635.
Anne, Siſter to John Hatfield, Clerk, died the 29*th* of Jan. 1648.

# OLD-BUKENHAM.

RECeived it's Name from the Number of Bucks, with which the Woods here formerly abounded, *Bucham*, *Bukham*, and *Bukenham*, being plainly the Village of Bucks, and not of [*p*] Beech-Trees, as Mr. *Camden* imagined, there being none of them in this County, as [*q*] Sir *Henry Spelman* rightly obſerves, and the additional Title of *Old*, was afterwards added, to diſtinguiſh it from *New-Bukenham*, which was taken out of it.

[*r*] RALF GUADER Earl of * *Norff.* owned the whole Town (except the Carucate which belonged to *Bury* Abbey) in the Confeſſor's Time, when there were 3 Carucates in Demean and Woods ſufficient to maintain 182 Swine, 21 Socmen of his own, and 43 that were under the Protection of other Men, all which the Earl join'd to his Manor; In the Conqueror's Time it was worth 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and 2 Sextaries of Honey, and when all was join'd, it was riſen to 32*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and 20*s.* as a Preſent or Gift; it was 2 Miles long and as much broad, and paid 19*d.* *Geld* or *Tax*, out of every 20*s.* raiſed on the Hundred. This Earl fled the Realm. and ſo forfeited all his Eſtate to the Conqueror, who own'd it at the Survey, when it was one of his Manors, that he intruſted Earl *Goderic* with the Management of. At this Time there were only 2 Pariſhes, *viz.* *All-Saints* and St. *Andrew*'s, and a Caſtle which ſtood juſt by the Abbey; the Land on which *New-Bukenham* was after built, was that part of St. *Andrew*'s Pariſh, which belonged to the Biſhop of *Thetford*'s Manor of *Eccles*, and was called *Biſhop*'s-*Haugh*, the Tythes of which now are, and always were paid to the Rector of *Eccles*, the Land belonging to that Manor originally, and the Biſhop granting them to the domeſtic Chaplain of his Palace at *Eccles*, to whom he generally gave that Rectory.

# ALBINI.

The Conqueror gave the Caſtle and Manor, and all that belonged to Earl *Ralf*, [*s*] to *William de Albany*, (*Albini*, *Albigny*, *de Albenio*,) who came into *England* with him, together with *Wymondham*, *Sneteſham*, and [*t*] *Kenninghall*, to be held by the Service of being Butler to the Kings of *England*, [*u*] on the Day of their Coronation, for which reaſon he was always ſtiled *Pincerna Regis*, or the *King*'s *Butler*; he founded *Wymondham* Abbey, where he was buried before the High Altar, by *Maud* his Wife, Daughter of *Roger Bigot*, Earl of *Norfolk*, with whom he had 10 Knights Fees in *Norfolk*, of Earl *Roger*'s Gift, he was Son of *Roger de Albini,* [x] by *Amy de Molbray* his Wife, and Brother to that famous *Nigell de Albini,* whoſe Poſterity aſſumed the Name of *Mowbray,* or *Molbray,* from that of his Mother.

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[*p*] Gibſon's Cambden, fol. 384,

[*q*] Spelman's Icenia.

* Serpeham Hund. (fol. 32.) Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat. Bucham tenuit Radus: Comes, T. R. E. iiii car: terre et m° iiii. et dim: tunc et poſt ix Villi: tunc xxiiii. m° xv. m° xxviii bord: et tunc xii acr. prati m° xx. tunc i car: in dnio: poſt et modo ii. ſemper iii car: hominum Tunc Silva Cxx porc. m° lx. hic jacent xxi Soc: ii car: terre et x acr. prati et i bor: ſemp. iii car: Silva x porc. ſemp. iiii. animalia xii porc. et lxviii oves, & xliii Soc. x car. terre, lx acr. prati, Silva xxxx porc. ſemp. xii Villi: et xlvi bord: Tunc xxiiii car: poſt et m° xvi. et ii mol: et in predictis xliii Sochemanis habuere alij homines commendationem, ſed Radulfus eos omnes addidit huic manerio Tempore Regis Willi, totum valuit tunc. vi. lib: & xiii Sol: & iiii d. et duos Sextarios mellis. poſt et modo xxxii lib: Blancas, & xiii Sol: & iiii d. et xx Sol: de Gerſuma ad numerum. Totum habet i Leug. in longo, et i Leug. in lato, et xviii d. de Gelto.

[*r*] Domeſd. fol. 32.

[*s*] Mr. Le-Neve obſerves, this William had no Lands in Norfolk in the Conqueror's Time, but it is a Miſtake, for all Records ſay, he had it of the Conqueror's Gift, tho' indeed the greateſt Part of his Eſtate, no leſs than 42 Fees, was infeoffed in William his Father, by Henry I. [Dug: Bar. vol. 1. 120. Vincent againſt Brook fol 19.]

[*t*] See Kenninghall fol. 143.

[*u*] This Service is ſtill performed by the ſeveral Manors in their reſpective Turns.

WILLIAM his eldeſt Son ſucceeded him, [y] he was called, *William with the ſtrong Hand,* becauſe among other valiant Exploits, he ſlew a fierce Lyon, the Occaſion was thus, as Mr. *Dugdale* relates it: "It happened that the Queen of *France,* being then a Widow, and a very beautiful Woman, became much in Love with a Knight of that Country, who was a comely Perſon, and in the Flower of his Youth; and becauſe ſhe thought that no Man excelled him in Valour, ſhe cauſed a Tournament to be proclaimed throughout her Dominions, promiſing to reward thoſe who ſhould exerciſe themſelves therein, according to their reſpective Merits; and concluding, that if the Perſon whom ſhe ſo well affected, ſhould act his Part better than others, in thoſe military Exerciſes, ſhe might marry him without any Diſhonour to herſelf.

"Hereupon divers gallant Men, from foreign Parts, haſting to *Paris,* among others, came this our *William de Albini,* bravely accoutred, and in the Tournament excelled all others, overcoming many, and wounding one mortally with his Launce; which being obſerved by the Queen, ſhe became exceedingly enamoured of him, and forthwith invited him to a coſtly Banquet, and afterwards beſtowing certain Jewels upon him, offer'd him Marriage. But having plighted his Troth to the Queen of *England,* then a Widow, refuſed her: whereat ſhe grew ſo diſcontented, that ſhe conſulted with her Maids, how ſhe might take away his Life; and in purſuance of that Deſign, enticed him into a Garden, where there was a ſecret Cave, and in it a fierce Lyon, into which ſhe deſcended by divers Steps, under colour of ſhewing him the Beaſt. And when ſhe told him of his Fierceneſs, he anſwered, that it was a Womaniſh and not Manly Quality, to be afraid thereof, but having him there, by the Advantage of a folding Door, thruſt him in to the Lyon. Being therefore in this Danger, he rolled his Mantle about his Arm, and putting his Hand into the Mouth of the Beaſt, pulled out his Tongue by the Root; which done he followed the Queen to her Palace, and gave it to one of her Maids to preſent to her.

"Returning therefore into *England,* with the Fame of this glorious Exploit, he was forthwith advanced to the Earldom of *Arundell,* [z] and for his Arms the Lyon given him, nor was it long after, that the Queen of *England* accepted him for her Huſband, whoſe Name was *Adeliza,* (or *Alice*) Widow to King *Henry* I. and Daughter to *Godfrey,* Duke of *Lorrain,* which *Adeliza,* had the Caſtle of *Arundell,* and County, in Dowry from that King." And in the beginning of King *Henry* the IId's Time, he not only obtain'd the Caſtle, and Honour of *Arundell* to himſelf and his Heirs, but alſo a Confirmation of the Earldom [a] of *Suſſex,* granted to him by the 3d Penny of the Pleas of that County, which in antient Times was the uſual Way of inveſting ſuch great Men, in the Poſſeſſion of any Earldom, after thoſe Ceremonies of Girding with the Sword, and putting on the Robes were performed, which have ever, 'till of late, been thought eſſential to their Creation. In the Time of King *Stephen,* he founded the Abby here, and built the preſent Caſtle, as you may ſee in the Accounts of them, and dying in 1176, was buried by his Father at *Wymondham.*

WILLIAM DE ALBINI his eldeſt Son, Earl of *Arundell,* became Lord at his Father's Death, and paid 100*l.* for his Relief, for his Eſtate in *Norfolk*; he married *Maud,* Daughter and Heireſs of *James de Sancto Hillario,* and dying at *Waverley* in 1176, was buried at *Wymondham.*

WILLIAM DE ALBINI, or *Albany,* Earl of *Arundell* and *Suſſex* his Son, ſucceeded, he married *Mabell,* Daughter of *Hugh Kiviliock,* Earl of *Cheſter,* by whom he had 2 Sons and 4 Daughters, *William* and *Hugh,* both Earls of *Suſſex,* he died in 1199, and was buried at *Wymondham.*

WILLIAM DE ALBANY, Earl of *Arundell* and *Suſſex,* Son of *William* aforeſaid, and *Mabell* his Wife, died in his Return from *Damieta* in *Paleſtine,* Aº 1221, and was brought over into *England,* by *Thomas,* a Monk of St. *Albans,* and buried by his Anceſtors at *Wymondham* Abbey, leaving his Brother

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[x] Dug: Bar. vol. 1. 121.

[y] Dug: Bar. vol. 1. 118.

[z] I am ſenſible how much Mr. Vincent ridicules this Story, (fol. 21.) but as I find it in Authors of as good Authority as himſelf, and ſome of the antient Bearings of the Arundell Family having the Lyon without a Tongue, I could not omit inſerting it.

[a] Tho' he was moſtly known by the Titles of Arundell and Chicheſter, at which Places his chief Reſidence uſed to be, yet it was the County of Suſſex, that he was really Earl of. Dug: Bar: vol. 1 119. He founded the Little Priory of Pynham near Arundell, and the Chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr in Wymondham. (Vincent 653.)

HUGH

[b] HUGH DE ALBANY,† Earl of *Arundel* and *Suſſex* his Heir, whom *Hugh de Burgh* Chief Juſtice of *England*, had the Cuſtody of, which he aſſigned to *William* Earl *Warren*, who in his Right ſerved King *Henry* III. at his Nuptials, with the Royal Cup, the ſaid *Hugh* being then a Youth and not Knighted; he married *Iſabel*, Daughter of the ſaid Earl *Warren*, who after his Death, founded the Nunnery of *Marham*, at her own Charge, out of her Dowry, and died in 1242,‖ without Iſſue, leaving his great Inheritance to be divided among his four Siſters his Heireſſes, and was buried with his Anceſtors, in the Abby Church of St. *Mary* at *Wimondham*, *Iſabel* his Widow having the Manors of *Wimondham* and *Kenninghall* aſſigned for her Maintenance, 'till her Dowry was ſet out, which was done ſoon after, * and the Manors of *Sneteſham*, *Wimondham*, *Pleſſet*, and *Kenninghall*, with the Hundred of *Giltcroſs* in *Norfolk*, beſides many others in other Counties, were allotted to her.

ROBERT DE TATESHALE, and [c] MABELL his Wife, who was the eldeſt, had the Caſtle and Manors of *Bukenham Wimondham* &c. for their Capital Seat.

JOHN Son of JOHN FITZ-ALAN, and ISABEL his Wife, who was fourth Siſter, had *Arundel* Caſtle, Manor *&c.* for their Capital Seat.

ROGER DE SOMERY, who married NICHOLEA, the third Siſter, had *Barwe* in *Leiceſterſhire* &c. for their Chief Seat.

ROGER DE MONTEALT, who married CECILY, the Second Siſter, had the Caſtle of *Riſing*, with the Manors of *Kenninghall*, *Sneteſham* &c. for their Principal Seat; together with the Hundred of *Smithdon*, and the fourth Part of the *Toll-Booth* at *Lynn*, which was now divided into 4 Parts, ſo that a 4th Part attended each of the Inheritances: And thus the Caſtle and Manor came to

# Sir ROBERT DE TATESHALE,

Who made it his Principal Seat; He was deſcended from *Eudo*, who with *Pinco*, his ſworn Brother in War, (tho' no other Way related) came into *England*, with Duke *William*, and merited ſo well from him in that Service, that in Recompence thereof, he gave them the Lordſhip of *Tateſhale*, with *Thorp* Hamlet, and *Kirkeby* Town in *Lincolnſhire*, to be equally ſhared between them; *Eudo*, to hold his Part of the King, and *Pinco* his, of St. *Cuthbert* of *Durham*. *Eudo* ſetled at *Tateſhale*, and aſſumed it's Name for his Sirname; His Arms were Chequy *Or.* & *Gul.* a Cheif *Erm.* he was ſucceeded by *Hugh* his Son, who founded *Kirſtead* Abby in *Lincolnſhire*. In 1139, *Robert* his Son inherited, who left *Philip*, whoſe Son Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, was ſo great a Benefactor to *Bukenham* Priory, that the Canons of that Houſe alter'd their Common Seal, and put in his Arms along with their Founder's; Among other things, he gave the Church of St. *Martin* in *New-Bukenham*, and half an Acre of Land in *Gunneby*, called *Munkwell*, with the Advowſon of the Church of *Gunneby*, for a yearly [d] *Pittance*; he left

Sir ROBERT DE TATESHALE, who married MABELL aforeſaid, his Son and Heir, who granted to the Canons here, Liberty of *Faldage* for 200 Sheep in *Atleburgh*, with Free Paſturage for them there, and 53 Acres arable Land in *Bukenham*, beſides other Gifts. In *Lovell's* Book in the Exchequer, [e] he is found to hold this Caſtle and Manor, by the Service of the *Botelry*, and the Manors of *Babingle*, *Tibenham*, *Topcroft* and *Denton*, in Capite, as Parcel of his Barony; after *Mabell's* Death, he married a Daughter of *John De-Grey's*, and died in 1248, leaving

ROBERT his Son and Heir, then 26 Years old, who married *Joan* Daughter of *Ralf Fitz-Ranulf*, Lord of *Midleham* in *Yorkſhire*, and died in 1272, ſeized of *Bukenham* Manor and Caſtle, of *Tibenham*, *Topcroft*, *Denton*, &c. with all the Knights Fees held of the Lordſhip or Honour, together with the Advowſons of *Reydon*, *Stanhow*, *Congham* St *Mary*, and two Parts of *Atleburgh*, of *Wimondham* Abby, the 4th Part of *Lynn Tolbooth* &c. leaving

Sir ROBERT DE TATESHALE his Son and Heir, then 24 Years old, who in 1285, had View of Frankpledge, Free-warren and Gallows, and a *Saturday* Market, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, and a Fair Yearly on St. *Martin*'s-Day, and another Market every *Thurſday* in *Attleburgh*, belonging to his Manor of *Bukenham* Caſtle, and *Plaſſing-Hall* in *Beſthorp*. In an old Roll about this Time, it appears that there were many Manors, held by Knight's Service of this Caſtle, and among the Free-Tenants by Scutage, were theſe, Sir *William de Montecaniſo*, *Giles de Wacheſham*, Knt. Sir *Harvy de Stanhaw*, Sir *William Cumyn*, Sir *Richard de Quatefeld*, the Lady *Lora de Bayliol*, the Heirs of *Simon de Keninghall*, *Ralf de Morley*, *Richard de Snittertone*, Sir *Robert de Sheltone*, *John de Berdewelle*.

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[b] The Pedigrees and Accounts of this Family vary much, as may be ſeen by comparing Vincent, Brook, Mr. Dughdale, and others, of all which I have choſe to follow the firſt, his Account beſt agreeing with ſuch Records as I have ſeen, tho' it varies much from Mr. Dughdale's. Vincent on Brook, fol. 19 to 22, Dug: Bar. Vol. 1. fol. 118, to 132.

† This Hugh at the Coronation of Eleanor, Daughter of Hugh Earl of Provence, then married to the King, deputed the Earl Warren to ſerve his Office of the Botelry, he being incapacitated to ſerve that Office himſelf, as being then excommunicated by the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, becauſe when the Archbiſhop was Hunting in the ſaid Hugh's Foreſt in Suſſex, he took away his Dogs; the Archbiſhop claiming it as his Right, to hunt in any Foreſt in England, whenever he pleaſes, which Matter was not then determined.

[c] Amabillia, Dug: Bar. vol. 1. 440.

[d] *Pittances*, were ſmall Portions at Meals, added to the common Allowance of the Monks, and in moſt Religious Houſes, the Care of them belonged to an Officer for that Purpoſe, called Pittanciarius.

‖ Vincent 653.

* See fol. 141. 143.

[e] fol. 29.

*Mathew Cachevache*, *Robert de Bukenham*, *&c.* were Tenants in Soccage.

*William*, and *John de Hargham*, *Richard*, Son of *Will. de Snitterton*, *Tho. de Aſcheby*, held Lands in *Hargham* by Soccage, and ſo did *Richard de Lirling*, and Sir *Will. de Lirling*'s Heirs; *John de Methellond* in *Lirling*, *Roger de Caſton* in *Ellingham*, *Will.* and *Richard de Mortimer*, *Peter de Thelvetham*, *Will.* Son of *Will. de Foſſato*, in *Attleburgh*, *&c.* In 1288, he was Lord of the Caſtle and Manor of *Bukenham*, the Manor of *Lathes* in *Old-Bukenham*, the *Burgage*, and the Court belonging to the Weekly Market in *New-Bukenham*, the Manors of *Wimondham*, *Topcroft*, *Denton*, *Tibenham*, *Freebridge* Hundred *&c.* and died in 1297, leaving his Eſtate to

Sir [f] ROBERT, his Son and Heir, then 24 Years old, married to *Eve* Daughter of *Robert de Tibetot*, who after his Deceaſe married to Sir *John de Cove*, and held *Shropham* Hundred, *Topcroft* and *Denton* Manors in Dower, 'till 1349. He died in 1302, leaving

ROBERT DE TATESHALE his Son and Heir, then 15 Years old, who died a Minor, without Iſſue in 1305, leaving his Inheritance diviſible among his 3 Aunts, or their Heirs.

EMMA or AMY, married Sir *Oſbert de Caily*, Knt.

JOAN * Sir *Robert de Driby* Knt.

ISABEL, Sir *John de Orreby* Knt. Among whom the Eſtate was divided, as follows.

## CAILY, DRIBY, *and* BERNAK, ORREBY.

[g] THOMAS † DE CAILY, Son of Sir *Oſbert*, had Livery of his Mother's Inheritance in 1306, when he had *Bukenham* Caſtle, and the Advowſon of the Priory there, the 4th Part of the Manor and the half Parts of other Manors thereto belonging, 2 Parts of *Wimondham*, the 4th Part of all the Lands in *Atleburgh*, and the third Part of thoſe in *Tibenham*, the 3d Part of 2 Parts of the 4th Part of the Profits of *Lynn* Toll-Booth called the *Green-Garth*, and 11 *l.* 2 *s.* yearly Rent in *Norfolk*, of all which, together with *Cranwich*, *Eaſt-Bradenham*, *Hildeburghworth* or *Hilburgh*, the Advowſon of *Hilburgh* Church, and of St. *Margaret*'s Free-Chapel there; he died ſeized in 1316, leaving *Adam* Son of Sir *Roger de Clifton*, by *Margaret* his only Siſter, his Couſin and Heir, then nine Years old.

JOAN DE DRIBY, had the Caſtle of *Tatſhale* &c. and the 8th Part of *Bukenham* Manor, the 3d Part of *Wimondham*, 150 Acres of Land, ſeveral Parcels of Meadow and Paſture, 7 *s. ob.* Rent, and the Rent of 2 Sparrow or Spar-Hawks, in *Old* and *New-Bukenham*, *Atleburgh*, and *Elingham*, and a third Part of the Hundred of *Shropham*, which then divided, and each had an equal Share attending their Inheritances, all which this *Joan* then Widow of *Robert de Driby*, ſetled on *Gilbert de Bernak* Parſon of *Tateſhale*, and *John de Giſlingham* Parſon of *Wolfreton*, her Truſtees, who were to hold it for her Uſe during her Life, Remainder to *William Bernak* and *Alice* his Wife, who died about 1340, ſeized of the 3d Parts of *Wimondham*, and *Bukenham* Manors, and the 3d Part of *Plaſſing-hall* or *Pleſſetts* in *Atleburgh* and *Beſthorp*.

In 1340, the aforeſaid *Hugh* || *Bernak*, Clerk, died, when he held *Old Bukenham* Part, for Life, by Feofment from *Alice Bernak*, and *John*, Son of *William Bernak*, Remainder to *John* and his Heirs, who died in 1345, ſeized of the whole Manors of *Hetherſet*, *Denton*, and *Plaſſinghall*, and the 3d Part of *Wymondham* and *Bukenham*, and this Year *Joan* his Widow,

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[f] This Sir Robert, granted a Manor in Denton, and Aldebergh, to William Bernak, and Alice his Wife and their Heirs, as the Original Grant in my own Collections, informs me.

[g] He had Liberty of Free-warren in all his Demeans of Wymondham, Wulferton, and Babingle in Norfolk; all which he died ſeized of, and they went to Adam de Cliſton, This Thomas was in the Scotch Warrs, with King Edward I. was ſummoned to Parliament in Edward II. Time, Roger de Cliſton was his Eſquire, and got into ſuch Favour with him by his good Service that he gave him, his Siſter Margaret in Marriage. Some call this Thomas de Caili, Adam.

* Others ſay, Simon de Dryby.

† The Cailli's took their Name, from that Town in Normandy. [Neuſtria Pia. p.15]

|| This Hugh held the Manor of Old-Bukenham for Life, (Except the Park) of the Gift and Feofment of Alice Bernak, and John, Son of Will: Barnak, on Condition that after his Death it ſhould return to John, Son of Will: Barnak and his Heirs, it being held of the King in Capite, by the Service of the 8th Part of a 3d Part of the 4th Part of the Botelry; he held alſo 1 Meſſuage, 39 Acres of Arrable Land, and 9 of Meadow 7 of Paſture and 20 *s.* Rent in New-Bukenham, Attleburgh, Elingham, and Wilby, by the Service of the 20th Part, of the 3d Part of the 4th Part of the Botelry, to remain as aforeſaid, and alſo 1 Meſſuage 43 Acres and the 6th Part of a Water-Mill &c. in Denton, by the Service of the 10th Part, of the 3d Part of the 4th Part of the Botelry.

dow, was allowed her Dower out of all the ſaid Manors, but ſoon after, it was ſettled wholly on particular Manors; *John Bernak* his eldeſt Son died a Minor, leaving his Inheritance to *William* his Brother and Heir, who died in 1359, leaving *Maud* his Siſter, then Wife of Sir *Ralf de Cromwell*, Lord of *Tateſhale*, his ſole Heir.

JOHN DE ORREBY, and *Iſabel* his Wife, had among others, the Manor of *Tibenham* in *Norfolk*, (except the 3d Part of the Park, which *Tho. de Caily* held, in part of his Portion) and the 8th part of *Bukenham* Manor, in Recompence of the 8th Part of the Parks of *Bukenham*, which was aſſigned to the ſaid *Thomas*, and the 8th Part of the Lands in *Attleburgh*, *viz.* 19 Meſſuages, *&c.* in *Attleburgh*, *Bukenham*, *Beſthorp*, *Elyngham*, and *Tybenham*. *Phillip de Orreby* was their Son and Heir, whoſe Son *John de Orreby*, died in 1352, leaving *Margaret* his Widow, who died in 1368, and *Joan de Orreby* his ſole Daughter and Heireſs, who marry'd firſt to Sir *Henry Percy*, who died in 1367, and after to Sir *Conſtantine Clifton*; ſhe had one Daughter *Mary Peircy* her ſole Heireſs, who was married to Sir *John Roos* of *Hamlak*, Knt. without Iſſue, but died before her Mother.

## CLIFTON, *and* CROMWELL.

In 1360, Sir RALF CROMWELL, Knt. in Right of *Maud Bernak*, his Wife, became Lord of the Manors of *Hetherſete*, *Plaſſinghall* in *Beſthorp*, *Denton*, *&c.* all which (except † *Hetherſet*) were held of the King in Capite, as Parcel of the Barony of *Tateſhall*, he had his Parts of *Bukenham*, *Wymundham*, and *Shropham* Hundred, for which he did Homage to the King, and had Livery thereof, to him and his Heirs, by *Maud*. In 1394, a Writ was directed to *John Knevet*, Eſcheator of *Norfolk*, to divide the Lands, and deliver Seiſin to *Conſtantine de Clifton*, and *Maud*, Wife of Sir *Ralf Cromwell*, Knt. Couſins and Heirs of *Mary*, Widow of *John*, Lord *Roos*, of *Hamlak*, Daughter and Heir of *Joan*, Daughter and Heir of *John de Orreby*: In 1395, he had the 4th Part of *Lathes* Manor, 2 Parts of *Gryſhaugh* in *Wymondham*, and the Parts of the Manors of *Old* and *New Bukenham*, *Tybenham*, *&c.* as they were divided by their Anceſtors. This *Ralf* died in 1398, *Maud* his Widow died in 1418, leaving [*h*] *Ralf* (after Lord *Cromwell*) her Grandſon and Heir, he being Son of *Ralf*, who died in his Father's Life-time; he was after Lord Treaſurer, but having no Iſſue by *Margaret*, Daughter of *John*, and Siſter and Co-heir of *William*, Lord *Deincourt*, his Wife, at his Death in 1455. his * 3 Aunts became his Heirs, *viz* *Elizabeth* married to Sir *John Clifton*, *Hawiſe*, to *Thomas*, Lord *Bardolf*, and *Maud* to *John Fitz-Williams*, and they inherited his whole Eſtate, *viz.* *Plaſſet*, or *Plaſſinghall* Manor, which is a Member of *Bukenham* Manor, *Bukenham*, the 4th Part of *Lyn* Toll-booth, the Advowſons of *Attleburgh*, *Congham*, *St. Agnes*, and *St. Mary*, *Stanhow*, *Denton*, and *Taſboro*, the Manors of *Hederſete*, *Wymundham*, *Gonvyles* in *Wymundham*, *Beſthorp*, *Eccles*, *Tibenham*, *Denton*, *Babingle*, *&c.* He was buried in his Collegiate Church of *Tateſhale*.

And now we muſt return to the CLIFTON's, who all along held the Caſtle, and the beſt Part of the Manor, from the Year 1316, when [*i*] *Adam*, Son of Sir *Roger de Clifton*, by *Margaret*, only Siſter to Sir *Tho. de Caily*, became his Heir, he married *Eleanor*, Daughter of Sir *Robert Mortimer* of *Attleburgh*, Knt. who died in 1366, and had two Sons, *Conſtantine* his Eldeſt died before him, but left Iſſue, by *Katherine*, Daughter of *Wm. De-la-pole*, his Wife, Sir *John Clifton*, Knt. Sir *Adam de Clifton*, Knt. his 2d Son, who had *Denvere*, and *Frebridge* Hundred, *&c.* to him and his Heirs Male, died A° 1411, leaving Sir *Robert Clifton*, Knt. his Son and Heir, who was Sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1412, and died in

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† Hetherſet was return'd to be held of ſome other.

* Mr. Neve rightly obſerves, that theſe 3 were Heirs alſo to the two Siſters of the laſt Sir Ralf Cromwell, viz. John, who married Humfry Bouchier, Knt. Lord Cromwell, and Maud that married Gervaſe Clifton, Knt. Vincent ſays, Bourchier was Lord Cromwell in right of Joan his Wife, which Joan (as he ſays) was Daughter of Richard Stanhope, Eſq; and Neice and Co-heir of Ralf Lord Cromwell, and not Siſter as others ſay, ſhe after married Sir Robert Ratcliff. In 1462, a Fine was levied between the Biſhop of Wincheſter, Sir Thomas Tirrell, and other Truſtees, by which, Gunviles Manor in Wymondham, Whethamſtede in Hartfordſhire, and Little-Burle in Northamptonſhire, and others, where ſetled on them, by Humfry Bourchier, Knt. Lord Cromwell, and Joan his Wife, one of the Heirs of Ralf Cromwell, late Lord Cromwell, and Gervace Clifton, and Maud his Wife the other. [Fin: Diverſ. Com: E. 4. L. 1. N° 8.] 1377, 1398, Alice Perrers, held Part of Bukenham, Tybenham, and Shropham Hundred, and is a Convict. 1498, Gilbert Talbot, Knt. is ſaid to hold a 3d Part of Bukenham Caſtle, Shropham Hundred, &c. but I know not in whoſe Right.

[*h*] Dug: Bar: Vol. 2. fol. 46. In 1431, he was ſummoned to Parliament, conſtituted Chamberlain of the Houſhold, Treaſurer of the Exchequer, &c.

[*i*] In 1331, This Adam granted Licence to Walter de Fileby, Sir Tho. de Preſton, Parſon of Colby, and Sir Stephen, Parſon of Lound, that they might give a Meſſuage and 8 Acres of Land, with the Advowſon of St. Peter's Church at Mundham, with all other the Tenements which he had Licenced them to purchaſe, of Sir John de Shelton, Knt. in Mundham, Sethyng, Tweyt, and Siſeland, to the Maſter and Brethren of St. Giles's Hoſpital at Norwich; his Deed is dated at Hildeburgworth, (or Hilboro) and to it hangs a fair Seal of his Arms. Autog: penes Majorem et Communitatem Civitatis Norwici in Armario ſuo.

[k] 1442, and was buried in *Bukenham* Priory, as was *Alice* his Widow in 1455, *Thomas Clifton*, Eſq; their Son and Heir died in 1452, *Joan* his Widow was alive in 1462, they left Sir [l] *Robert Clifton*, Knt. their Son and Heir, who died without Iſſue Male in 1490, and his Eſtate went to Sir *William Knevet*, Knt. Son of Sir *John*, and Grandſon of Sir *John Knevet*, who married *Elizabeth*, Siſter, and at length Heireſs to Sir *John Clifton*, the laſt Male of the elder Branch, to which we muſt now return.

Sir JOHN CLIFTON, Knt. of *Bukenham* Caſtle in 1373, had Livery of all his Lands, as Heir to Sir *Adam de Clifton* his Grandfather, he was ſummoned to Parliament, from 1375, to 1388, when he died on St. *Lawrence*'s-Day at *Rhodes*, ſeized of *Bukenham* Caſtle, and Manors, *Hilburghworth*, *Weſt Bradenham*, and *Cranwyſe*, with the Advowſons of *Hilburgh* and *Cranwyſe*, and the Manor of *Babyngle*, *&c.* leaving *Conſtantine* his Son and Heir, then 16 Years old. He married *Elizabeth*, one of the Heirs of *Ralf*, Lord *Cromwell*, by which Match, that Part of *Bukenham*, *&c.* which ſhe had for her ſhare united again, ſhe out lived him and married Sir *Edward Benſted*.

CONSTANTINE their Son and Heir, had Livery of his Inheritance in 1393, and [*m*] was ſummoned to Parliament in that and the next Year, but never after; he married *Katherine*, Daughter of *Robert*, Lord *Scales*, by *Margaret*, Daughter of *Robert Howard* of *Eaſt Winch*, who out-lived him, and held in Dower 'till 1432, in which Year ſhe died, the Manor of *Babyngle*, 2 Parts of *Gryſhaugh* in *Wymondham*, *Bukenham*, *Lathes* Manor, the Profits of the Court at *Attleburgh*, the Court of the Market at *New-Bukenham*, and the Part of *Lyn* Tolbooth, all which at her Death join'd to the reſt of the Eſtate, in their Son and Heir.

Sir JOHN [*n*] CLIFTON of *Bukenham* Caſtle, Knt. who died in 1447, ſeized of *Bukenham* Caſtle, and the greater Parts of the Manors thereto belonging, of the Hundred of *Shropham*, the Manor of *Briſton*, *Griſhagh*, *Topcroft*, *Denton*, *Babingle*, *Hilboro*, *Cranwich*, *Weſt Bradenham*, a 3d Part of *Becon*'s Manor, *&c.* by his Will proved in 1447, *Sept.* 8, he order'd to be buried in the Church of St. *Mary* at *Wymondham* Priory, and gave to the High Altar of the Church of St. *Martin* at *New-Bukenham*, 40*s.* and 10 Marks to repair the Church, to the Gild of the *Bleſſed Virgin* in that Church, 10 Marks, to *Guy* his Gentleman 100*s.* to *John Fader*, 2*s.* a Day for his Life, out of *Bukenham* Caſtle Manor, to keep the Park; to *Joan* his Wife, his Manor of [*o*] *Burſton* in Fee Simple, the Caſtle of *Bukenham*, *Lathes* Manor, *Shropham* Hundred, and *Tibenham* Manor to her for Life, and orders his Executors to perform the Will of *Conſtantine Clifton*, as to ſettling 10*l.* a Year Rent on *Bukenham* Priory; he alſo gave 10*l.* Annual Rent to the Prior of *Wymondham*, out of his own Lands, to find a Monk for ever to ſing for his, and *Joan* his Wife's Soul. He gave *Griſhagh* Manor in *Wymondham*, the Manors of *Babingle*, and *Wolferton* in *Norfolk*, and *Walderton* Manor in *Suſſex*, and other Lands and Tenements of his own Purchaſe, to be ſold, *&c.* the Manors of *Hilboro*, *Cranewich*, and *Weſt Bradenham*, to be held by his Executors 12 Years, and then to go to his right Heirs; *Robert Clifton* his Couſin to have the Manor of *Topcroft cum Denton* to him and his Heirs, on Condition, he made a free Eſtate to his Executors in his Manors of *Haukers* in *Harleſton*, and *Shelley*, one of which was to be ſold by his Executors, and the other to go to his Heirs, according to the Change agreed on between them; *John Briggs* to have an Annuity out of *Linford* Manor, and the Refuſall of buying it; *Joan* his Wife, *John Heydon*, *John Brigge*, *&c.* Executors; His good Lord the Marqueſs of *Suff:* Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. and his Couſin *Thomas Tuddenham* Superviſors, and by a Codicil, he Declares, that he had ſold to his beloved Son Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. for 3000 Marks, the Caſtle, Manors, and Hundred of *Shropham*, 2 Parts of *Griſhagh*, *&c.* on Condition to find a Chaplain in the Conventual Church of St. *James* at *Old-Bukenham*, according to the Will of *Conſtantine Clifton*, Eſq; his Father, for which he [*p*] was to amortize Lands to that Value, he alſo gave 20*s.* towards the Building of *Wymondham* new Steeple, *Joan* his Wife was Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, Knt. the Younger, of *Aſhwell-Thorp*, and Widow of Sir *Rob. Echingham*, they had only one Daughter, *viz.*

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[k] Sir Rob. Clifton, Knt. Conſtable of Burdeaux in Normandy, by his Will (proved 1446,) but dated in 1442, ordered his Body to be buried in England, in the Conventual Church of St. James at Old Bukenham, Alice his Wife, the Lady Haſtyngs his Daughter, and Alice and Eleanor, two other Daughters who were Nuns, are mentioned in it, Will: Tirrell, Eſq; was a Witneſs to it, he being then at Burdeaux. [Regr. Wylby, 128, b.]

[*l*] In 1462, after his Mother Joan's Death he granted Denver Manor, &c. to Sir William Willoughby, Knt. and his Wife, and Sir John Willoughby, Knt. (Clauſ. 3 E. 4. M. 5.) In 1481, Thomas Brewſe in right of Elizabeth his Wife had Denton, and Topcroft Manors aſſigned to them, as Parcell of the Lands of Robert de Clifton. (Clauſ. 22. E. 4.)

[*m*] Dug: Bar: vol. 2. 168.

[*n*] 1441, Sir John Clifton, Knt. as Heir of Sir Baldwyn Botetourt of Cranworth, releaſed all his right in Botetourt's Manor in Kymburle, to John Wodehouſe, Eſq; In 1437, he ſurrendered Tudenham Manor in Suff: to Maſter Thomas Well, and his Aſſigns, it having been long in Conteſt between them.

[*o*] See fol. 86.

[*p*] Burſton Meldynghall, was then amortiſed, fol. 86.

Margaret Clifton, who married Sir [q] *Andrew Ogard* of *Bukenham* Caſtle, Knt. ſhe died Iſſueleſs before her Father; Sir *Andrew* died in 1454, and the whole Eſtate reverted to Elizabeth, Aunt to the ſaid *Margaret*, who married Sir *John Knevet*, Knt. but yet in 1459, *Alice*, 1*ſt*, Widow of Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. then of Sir *Hugh Cokeſſey*, of *Cokeſſey* in *Worceſterſhire*, held the Caſtle and Manors, and thoſe of *Lathes*, *New-Bukenham*, *Honyngham*, *Tybenham* and *Wylby*, 2 Parts of *Griſhagh*, *Bromley*, and *Bokham* in *Surrey*, to her Death in 1460.

## FITZ-WILLIAMS

JOHN FITZ-WILLIAMS, Lord of *Elmly* and *Spotsburgh* in *Yorkſhire*, married *Maud*, one of the Heireſſes of *Ralf*, Lord *Cromwell*, and in her Right had a 3d Part of the 3d Part of the Manor, they left Sir *John Fitz-Williams* their Son and Heir, who married *Eleanor*, Daughter of Sir *Henry Green* of *Drayton* in *Northamptonſhire*, whoſe Son Sir *John Fitz-Williams* of *Elmley*, married *Margaret*, Daughter of *Tho. Clavel* the Elder of *Aldwark*, whoſe Son *Will. Fitz-Williams* of *Elmley*, married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Tho. Chaworth*, whoſe Son *John Fitz-Williams*, Senior, married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *John Conyers*, Knt. of *Stockton* in the County of *Durham*; *John Fitz-Williams*, Eſq; their Son died in 1487, before his Father, and left by *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Richard Fitz-Williams*, his Wife, one Son, * *William Fitz-Williams* of *Elmley*, Eſq; who married *Margaret*, Daughter of Sir *Rob. Broughton*, and dying without Iſſue in 1516, left his two Aunts his Heirs, *Margaret* married to *Tho. Southill* of *Southill-Hall* in *Yorkſhire*, who had one Daughter *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Henry Savile* of *Thornhill* in *Yorkſhire*, and *Dorothy* to Sir *Will. Cropley* of *Sportsburgh*, Knt. by whom he had *Phillip Cropley*; but as the Chief, if not all this Part, was united to the other, by different Purchaſes, it will be needleſs to trace their Deſcendents any further, the whole being united in the *Knevets*.

## KNEVET.

Sir JOHN KNEVET, Knt. of *Bukenham* Caſtle in *Norfolk*, married *Elizabeth*, Siſter and at length Heireſs of Sir *John Clifton*, Knt. and in 1461, held the Caſtle and Manors of *Old* and *New-Bukenham*, *Lathes*, 2 Parts of *Griſhaugh* in *Wymondham*, *&c.* he was Son of *John de Knevet*, Eſq; by *Joan*, Daughter and Co-heir of *John Buttetort* of *Mendleſham* in *Suffolk*, and Grandſon to Sir *John Knevet*, Knt. Lord Chancellor of *England* in 1371. He left,

Sir John Knevet of *Bukenham* Caſtle, Knt. his Son and Heir, who married *Alice*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Will. Lynnes*, by whom he had

Sir William Knevet of *Bukenham* Caſtle, Knt. who in 1483, was attainted by the Name of Sir *Will. Knevet*, Knt. of *Bukenham*, Conjurer, together with the Earl of *Richmond*, *John* Earl of *Oxford*, *&c.* in the Parliament ſummoned the 25 *Jan:* 1 *R.* III. as being partakers with *Henry* Earl of *Richmond* (afterwards *Henry* VII.) which coſt him a good Part of his Eſtate, for he convey'd to that King his Caſtle and Manor of *Bukenham*, the Manors of *Old-Bukenham*, *Carleton* and *Tibenham*, which he had again, when that Monſter was taken off, and then alſo he was forced to convey to Sir *James Tirrell*, that King's great Favourite and then Conſtable of the Tower, his Manors of *Hilboro*, and 2 Parts of *Griſhaugh* in *Wyndham*. In 1491, he was found to be Couſin and Heir to Sir *Robert Clifton*, Knt. being then 51 Years old; he had 3 Wives, 1*ſt*, *Alice*, Daughter of *John Grey*, Brother of *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, and Widow of *Nicholas Gibſon*, Sheriff of *London*; his 2*d* was *Joan*, Daughter of *Humfry Stafford*, Duke of *Buckingham*, ſhe was living in *Richard* the III*d*'s Time, and was called Lady *Beaumont*; the 3*d* was *Joan*, Daughter of *Tho. Courtney*, Relict of Sir *Roger Clifford*, Knt. one of the Siſters, and Co-heirs of *Tho. Courtney*, Earl of *Devonſhire*, by whom he had no Iſſue. By *Alice* his firſt Wife he had,

Edmund Knevet his Son and Heir, who married *Eleanor*, Daughter of Sir *William*, and Siſter of Sir *James Tirrell* of *Gipping* in *Suffolk*, Knt. he was [r] unfortunately drowned; but left ſeveral Sons, of which, *Edmund Knevet* [s] his ſecond Son, was Serjeant-Porter to King *Henry* VIII. he married *Jane*, Daughter and ſole Heireſs of *John Bourchier*, the laſt Lord *Berners*, from whom deſcended the *Aſhwellthorp* Family.

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[q] In 1450, Sir Andrew Ogard, Knt. held jointly with Richard, Earl of Salisbury and others, Bukenham Caſtle, and Old and New-Bukenham Manors, Lathes, Tibenham, 2 Parts of Griſhagh, Hackbechhall in Emneth, Meldinghall in Burſton, Bittering parva, Le-Rye, and Heleigh Manors in Hertfordſh. and Henry Ogard was his Son and Heir, 4 Years old; Andrew Ogard, Eſq; George and Henry his Sons were Feoffees among others, for Eccles Manor by the Sea; In 1519, when it was ſettled on Christopher Coote, and Elizabeth Wichingham.

* In 1511, Will: Fitz-Williams, Eſq; died ſeized of the Moiety of Stow-Bedon Manor, held by Fealty of the Queen, as of her Hundred of Waylond, the Moiety of Hedirſete held of the Queen's Manor of Swaffham, as parcel of Richmond Honour, by 18s. Rent, Wimondham, Gryſhaugh, alias Cromwell's Moiety, the two Moieties or whole Manor, called the Cloſe Manor, in Old-Bukenham, by part of the Botelry, a Moiety of Plaſſinghall in Beſthorp and Attleburgh, held of Edmund, Son and Heir of Tho. Knevet, Knt. by the Rent of one pair of Gilt Spurs a Year.

[r] In Britain Bay in a Sea-Fight, in a Ship called the Regent of England, when that was burned.

[s] Dug: Bar: Vol. 2. 424.

Sir THOMAS KNEVET of *Bukenham* Caſtle, Knt. his eldeſt Son, was Standard-Bearer to King *Henry* VIII. of whom he got a Grant of the Priory at it's Diſſolution, with it's Appurtenances in *Old* and *New-Bukenham*, *viz.* St. *Andrew*'s and *All-Saint*'s Churches, the Priory Manor, *&c.* all which continued in the Family 'till Sir *Phillip Knevet* ſold them. He married *Muriel*, Daughter of *Tho. Howard*, Duke of *Norfolk*, Relict of *John Grey*, Viſcount *Liſle*, by whom he left ſeveral Children, Sir *Henry Knevet* his 3d Son ſettled at *Charlton* in *Wilts*.

Sir EDMUND KNEVET of *Bukenham* Caſtle, his eldeſt Son, married *Joan*, Daughter of Sir *John Shelton*, of *Shelton* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had

Sir THO. KNEVET of *Bukenham* Caſtle, who married *Catherine*, Daughter of *Stanley*, Earl of *Darby*, and died *Sept.* 22, 1569. By his Will dated *Sept.* 8, 1569, he ordered to be buried in *New Bukenham* Church, in the ſame Tomb in which *Katherine* his late Wife lies, and gave to every one of his Yeomen-Waiters, 40*s.* to each of his Servants, 20*s.* and order'd them to be maintained half a Year after his Death, that they might provide for themſelves, he gave 40*s.* to repair the Church; his Manors of *Mendleſham* in *Suffolk*, and *Hilboro* in *Norfolk*, to deſcend to his next Heir, which is for the whole and full third Part of all his Manors, to the Intent, that the Queen's Majeſty may thereof be ſatisfied for her Wardſhips, *&c.* but if they will not do, the reſt muſt be out of his Manor of *Bukenham*; he ſettled *Old-Bokenham* Manors and Caſtle, the Burgage of *New-Bukenham*, *Lathes*, *Taterſall*'s Manor in *Carleton*, *Tybenham* Manor, the little Park, or *Cromwell*'s-*Park* in *Wyndham*, *Bukenham Cloſe* Manor, the Parſonages of *All-Saints* and St. *Andrew*'s, the Priory with it's Appurtenances, *&c.* according to the Statute of the 32 *H.* 8. which allows a Man to aſſign two thirds of all his Manors, for Advancement of his Children, on his Executors, during the Minority of his eldeſt Son, to pay his Debts, and raiſe 2000*l.* to buy Manors with, to ſettle on *Henry* his 2d Son, in Fee Simple, with whom he ordered 20*l.* *per Ann.* ſhould be paid to the Maſter and Fellows of *Corpus Chriſti* College in *Cambridge*, to bring him up 'till 18 Years old, and then the Executors are to pay him 40*l.* a Year, 'till the Manors are ſettled when he is of Age; he gave the Leaſe which he had of *Hilburgh* Parſonage, of the Grant of *Richard Coggell*, Parſon there, to his two Brothers, *Henry*, and *Antony Knevet*, Eſqrs. with the two next Turns of that Benefice, and his Ewe-Courſe in *Attleborough*; to *Oliver Mellynge* his Servant, the next Turn of *Mendleſham* Vicarage. *Henry Knevet* and *Edmund* his Brother, *Henry* his Son, and *Tho. Knevet* his eldeſt Son, *Roger Wodehouſe* of *Kimburle*, Eſq; *Francis Thursbye* of *Congham*, Eſq; *Francis Gawdye* of *Wallington*, Eſq; and *Robert Rogers* of *Colton*, Gent. Executors, THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*, *Edward*, Earl of *Darby*, *Thomas*, Earl of *Suſſex*, and *Henry*, Lord *Morley*, Superviſors. *Henry Knevet*, Eſq; *Gregory* and *Robert Buxton*, Gents. *&c.* Witneſſes. [*Regr. Ponder.*] He left,

Sir THOMAS his Son then 3 Years 10 Months and 2 Weeks old, who married *Catherine*, Daughter of Sir *Tho. Lovell* of *Eaſt-Herling*, who after married *Edward Spring*, and after that *George Downe* of *Little Melton*, Eſq; by whom ſhe had Iſſue; he died *Sept.* 26, 1594, leaving

Sir PHILIP [*t*] KNEVET of *Bukenham* Caſtle his Son and Heir, then 11 Years, 4 Months, and 22 Days old; he was Sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1650, created Baronet *June* 29, 1611. and for 18,508*l.* 10*s.* * he ſold to *Hugh Audley* and his Heirs, the Caſtle and Priory of *Old-Bukenham*, the Manors of *Old-Bukenham*, *viz.* the Caſtle Manor, *Lathes*, alias *Laches*, the *Priory*, and the *Cloſe* Manors, the Manor or *Burgage* of *New-Bukenham*, *Taterſalls* or *Tibenham*, or *Tibenham-Hall*, otherwiſe *Tibenham-Knevet*'s, otherwiſe *Carleton-Rode*, and the Tythes of all the Premiſes in *Bukenham*, by Deed dated 25 *June*, 1649.

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[*t*] In 1634, the Manor of Tibenham-Knevet, &c. in Tibenham, Carleton-Rode, Bunwell, Old-Bukenham, Beſthorp, and Attleburgh, and the Rectory of Bukenham St. Andrew, were ſetled on Robert Davy, and Will: Crop, by Tho. Herne, Knt. Nic. Herne, Eſq; and John Dyx, Eſq; all Truſtees, but to what Uſes does not appear.

* Deficiente ſub Hen. III. Hærede maſculo (ſc. Comitis Arundeliæ) inſignis hæc Hæreditas inter Fœminas diſpartita eſt: Ceſſitque jam Caſtellum de Buckenham, cum Nobiliſſimo Manerio Wimondham, inter alia multa, per TATSALLOS, CALIOS, CLIFTONOS, ad Knevettorum Proſapiam, E qua hodie Philipus Knevet, Baronetti gaudet novo titulo; ſed Patrimonium vetus, adeo labefactavit, ut vix BUKENHAM cum Caſtello remaneant integre. [Spelman's Icenia.]

AUDLEY,

## AUDLEY, HOLBECH, *and* HARVEY.

**HUGH AUDLEY** aforeſaid was Sheriff of *Norfolk*, and dying without Iſſue left 3 Siſters, *Elizabeth*, married firſt to *Stephen Peacock*, and after to *John Jennings*; *Alice* to *Sebaſtian Beaufoy* of *London*, Gent. *Sarah* to [*u*] *Robert Harvey* of *London*, Comptroller of the Cuſtom-Houſe, whoſe Son *William Harvey* of *London* and *Low-Layton*, was baptized at *Bow* Chapel, 25 *Sept.* 1599, he married *Sarah*, Daughter of *Will. Barret* of *London*, by whom he had 3 Sons, *Robert*, *Hugh*, and *Benjamin*, each of which inherited a 3d Part; for in 1666, *Octob.* 6, the ſaid *Hugh* ſettled the whole (except *Tibenham* [*x*] Manor which was ſettled on *Robert Harvey*, *&c.*) on himſelf for Life, Remainder to *William Harvey* his Nephew for Life, Remainder to *Robert*, *Hugh*, and *Benjamin*, Sons of *William*, equally to be ſhared; *Ambroſe Holbech* of Mallington in *Warwickſhire* 2d Son of *Ambroſe Holbech* of the ſame, married *Sarah Harvey*, and became poſſeſſed of that third Part, which was her Brother *Benjamin*'s, and about 1693, Partition was made between *Ambroſe* his Son, who had got *Hugh*'s Part alſo, and *Robert Harvey*, of *Low-Layton* in *Eſſex*, who married *Rebecca*, Daughter of Mr. *Bowater* of *London*, and at his Death left his Part to *John Harvey*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, who married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *James Houblon* of *London*, Knt. He built the Seat at *Old-Bukenham*, called [*y*] St. *Andrewes*, and ſetled there, and at his Death left *Robert Harvey*, Eſq; his only Son, who is now Lord and Owner of that Part, and *Ambroſe Holbech*, aforeſaid, Eſq; is now Lord of the other two third Parts.

## The PARK

Is a very antient one, for the Founder of the Monaſtery here, among other Donations, allowed the Monks the Privilege of taking Wood in his Park in this Town; and in [*z*] 1242, the King ſent his Writ to the Keepers of the Lands of *Hugh de Albany*, Earl of *Arundell*, that they ſhould deliver to *Robert de Tateſhale*, two Bucks of his Gift, out of the Park lately belonging to the ſaid *Hugh*, in his Town of *Bukenham*. It was after ſeparated from the Manor, and in 1626, one *Long* of *Hingham*, at the Requeſt, or by the Order of the Honourable *Mary*, Lady *Hunſdon*, late Wife of the Lord *Hunſdon*, convey'd all his Right [*a*] in it to Sir *Tho. Holland* of *Kenninghall*, but it was in various Truſtees Hands, and incumbered, 'till the Title was perfected by *John Holland* of *Wortwell*, Eſq; from which Time it hath paſſed in this Family, and ſtill remains [*b*] in the Heireſſes of Sir *William*.

In 1620, Sir *Tho. Holland*, Knt. purchaſed much of *Henry*, Viſcount *Rochford*.

There were ſeveral other Manors here, as *Bukenham*'s Manor, the *Cloſe* Manor, *Lathe*'s Manor, the *Burgage* of *New-Bukenham*, and the Priory Manor.

## BUKENHAM'S MANOR,

Belonged to * *Bury* Abby, and continued in it, 'till *Baldwin* Abbot of that Monaſtery, infeoffed *Will. de Bukenham*, who was to hold it at half a Fee, and pay 14*d.* every 20 Weeks to the Guard of *Norwich* Caſtle, as I find in the White Regiſter of that Monaſtery, (fol. 97.) it contained when he was infeoffed, 1 Carucate of Land, 8 Bordarers, 10 Freemen that held 60 Acres, for all which he did Homage: It continued in this Family (all of them being *Williams*) 'till 1345, and in that Year *Will. de Bukenham* paid 20*s.* Relief for it, how it went from them, and when, I don't find, but in 1401, it was divided inro ſmall Parcels, for in the Feodary of that Year, *Adam Cock* of *Bukenham*, and his Parteners held it. In 1434, *John Parker*, *Margaret Grey*, *Adam Joly*, [*c*] *Robert Cogell* and 8 more did Homage to the Abbot of *Bury* for their Eſtate here. About 1563, *Richard Parker*, *Iſabell Cogell*, *John Rooſe*, and *Margaret Parker*, held jointly that half Fee, for which they uſed to pay to *John Reeve*, late and laſt Abbot of *Bury*, 14*d.* every 20 Weeks to *Norwich* Caſtle Guard. This Family of the *Bukenhams*, always bore *Az.* a Croſs Chequy, *Or*, & *Gul.* for their Arms, as appears from the Seal of *Will. de Bukenham*, in 1360, and ſeveral others of that Family which I have by me.

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[*u*] Several of this Family are buried in St. Lawrence by Guildhall, London.

[x] Tibenham was on the Marriage of Rob. Harvey, ſetled for Life on him and his Wife, &c.

[*y*] It is ſo called, becauſe it was built juſt by the Scite of St. Andrew's Church, which is now turn'd into a Barn.

[z] Clauſ. 27, H. 3.

[*a*] They holding it by Mortgage from the Lovells, who ſold it to the Hollands.

[*b*] See Quidenham fol. 232.

* Scerpham H. Terra Abbatis de Sco: Eadmundo, (fol. 177.)

In Bucham tenuit Sanctus Edmundus i car: terre. T.R.E. tunc iiii. Villi. m° v. ſemp: viii bord: tunc iiii ſerv: modo ii. x acr: prati tunc i. mol: m° null: ſemp: i car: in dnio. et i car: hom: i runc: vii animalia vi porc. xxviii Oves, vii Soc: dim: car: terre ſemp: ii car: iii acr. prati. iii bord: Silva v. porc. val: xl. Sol.

[c] Regr. Curteys, fol. 124.

In 1438, *Tho. Croftes* of *Norwich* ſettled the Court with all thereto belonging, on *Richard Gegh* and *Edmund Bukenham*, Eſqrs. *Roger Caus*, *John Brigges*, *Peter Park*, Chaplain, and others, except all his Villains, and Copyholders in *Old-Bukenham* and *Wilby*. In 1533, † *Robert Jermye* of *Norwich*, Gent, made his Will and gave his Manor of *Bukenham* in *Norff.* to his Mother-in-Law, *Elizabeth Jermye*, and divers Lands in *Worſted* to *Ela* his Wife, *Robert Jermye* was his eldeſt Son, and *Tho. Jermye* his 2d Son, whoſe Mother-in-Law, *Margaret Browne* is mentioned in the Will, but whether it be this Manor, or in any other *Bukenham*, I am not certain.

## CATCHEVACHES, CACHEVACHES, *now* CATSWACHES MANOR,

Belonged to § *Will. de Schoies* in the Conqueror's Time, of whom *Roger* held it. In the beginning of King *Henry* III. Reign, *Tho. de Brockdiſh*, *Rob. de Weſenham*, and *Tho. de Bernham* held it of the Honour of [*d*] *Clare.* [*e*] In 1290, *William*, Son of *Mathew Cachevache* had it, and *Roger Cachevache* his Son in 1311, in 1325, he ſettled it on himſelf and *Chriſtian* his Wife, and in 1345, it belonged to *William Catſvache* of *Old-Bukenham*, in 1401, *Maud de Mounteney*, then a Minor, held it, in 1426, it was *John Rookwoods* and others. In 1533, *Hugh Wilkenſon* and others, had *Catchvache*'s Manor in *Old* and *New-Bukenham*, *Attlebrige*, *Ringſtede* and *Holme*, and Liberty of Faldage in *Old-Bukenham*, ſetled on them by *William Gradbach* (or *Catſwatch.*) In 1600, *Hugh Wilkenſon* was Lord, ſince which time it hath paſſed thro' many Hands, which have ſold off moſt (if not all) it's Rents; it ſometime belonged to the *Sorrells*, and now to Mr. *Edward Phillips* of *Banham*, who owns the Scite of it, which is now called *Catchvache*'s-*Meadow*.

## The CLOSE MANOR

Was part of the Great Manor 'till the Diviſion of it, and then it became a ſeparate Manor, and had Inſoken, and Outſoken Juries, with a *Lete*, and the Profit of part of the Market and Stalls in *Wymondham*; a Moiety of it in 1383, belonged to the Prior of *Bukenham*, who hired the other Moiety of the ſeveral Lords, for that Moiety divided into Parts with the Great Manor, and went from the *Cromwells* to the *Fitz-Williams* and from them to the *Knevets*, it laid in *Bukenham*, *Attleburgh*, *Beſthorp*, and *Wymondham*, and was held by part of the Botelry; in 1353, *Robert Drury* ſetled part of the Moiety on *Tho. Knevet*, the other Moiety came wholly to the *Knevets* at the Diſſolution, along with *Bukenham* Priory, and from them to the *Lovells*, for in 1565, *Thomas*, Son and Heir of *Tho. Lovell*, Knt. held the Cloſe Manor, and all that Paſture for 160 Sheep, called the *Lathes*, *&c.* of the Queen, in 1578, *Tho. Lovell* was Lord, but by 1612, it belonged again to the *Knevets*, for then *Philip Knevet*, Bart. delivered Seizin of the Scite of it to *Gabriel Pope*, Dr. of Phyſick, and *Tho. Talbot*, Gent. at which time I ſuppoſe, the Rents and Services of the Manor, were either joined to the other Manors, or all manumiſed; [*f*] how the Scite paſſed afterwards I can't ſay, but am informed that it now belongs to the *Windhams*.

## The LAYS, LEES, LATHES, or GRANGE MANOR,

* Had it's riſe out of the Great Manor, at the ſame time with the Cloſe Manor, and in 1383, the Prior had a Moiety of it along with that Manor; in 1400, the other Moiety was divided, it had a *Lete* belonging to it, and a Fair to be kept on St. *Martin*'s-Day, at *New-Bukenham*, the *Mere*, called *Semere*, or *Old-Bukenham-Meer* belonged to it, the Scite and Demeans called the *Lathes*, or *Lays*, contained 140 Acres of Paſture, 330 Acres of Wood, *&c.* and was held of the Queen in 1564, by *Thomas*, Son and Heir of Sir *Tho.*

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§ Terra Willi: de Schoies Screpham H. (fol. 205.) In Bucham tenet Rogerus i. car. terre ſemp iiii. bor: & iiii. acr. prati & i car: in dnio: Silva. lx porc. tunc xxiiii ov. m°. xxx tunc & poſt val: xii.m° xi.

[*d*] In 1372, the Honour of Clare had other Lands held of it, Curia honoris de Clare apud Bukenham tent: Coram Robert de Kediſton Senl: ibm. † E. Libro Cook, int. Archiev: Ep: Norw: 45.

[*e*] At the latter end of King Henry the III. Reign, Mathew de Cathnache held it of the Earl of Glouceſter, at the 8th Part a fee, as belonging to the Fees of the Honour of Clare.

[*f*] A° 1631, the Scite of the Cloſe Alias Cromwell's Manor, in Bukenham, Attleburgh, and Beſthorp, was ſetled by George Cock, Eſq; Rob. Ric. and Francis Cock, Gent. on Edmund French and John Scotto Gents.

* In 1285, William atte Lathes of Keteringham, and Oliva his Wife, lived there, but were not concerned here.

*Lovell*, Knt. but the whole Manor was united to the reſt, by the *Knevets*, Sir *Tho. Knevet* being Lord of the united Manors of *Lathes*, the *Cloſe*, the *Priory*, and *Burgage* of *New-Bukenham*, in 1594.

## The PRIORY MANOR,

Was part of the Great Manor given to the Priory at its Foundation, and continued in it to it's Diſſolution, [*i*] when it paſſed with that Houſe, to Sir *Tho. Knevet* of *Bukenham*, in whoſe Family, it continued 'till Sir *Philip Knevet* ſold it to *John Eldred* of *London*, Eſq; and *John Verdon*, Gent. and after many Conveyances, it was ſetled on the Miniſter of *New-Bukenham* for the Time being, who is always Lord of it.

## The CASTLE

Was firſt ſituated by the Abby, on the Eaſt Part, the * Scite of it contains about 3 Acres; it is a large Intrenchment, ſurrounded with a deep Moat, the Hills being ſtill intire: On the North Side is an old Arch, which ſerved for a Sewer when it was ſtanding; this was in ſome Decay, when *Will. de Albany* pulled it down and built the Priory with it's Ruins, (which is the reaſon that there are none remaining) [*k*] and gave the Scite of it to that Houſe, as his Foundation Deed declares, and then removed † to a far better Situation, in St. *Andrew*'s Pariſh, the Eaſtern Part of which, belonged to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and was Part of his Manor of *Eccles*, kept in his own Hands to ſerve his Palace there, notwithſtanding which, the Earl procured the Land which was part of the *Hagh*, of *Will. Turbus*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, (who greatly favour'd his Foundation) to be held as freely as the old Caſtle was before the Priory's Foundation, (the Tythes only excepted) and on this part he built the Caſtle, and founded his Burgh, called *New-Bukenham*, cloſe by it, having obtained Licence ſo to do. It is pleaſantly ſituate upon a Hill, fortified with a deep Moat, which remains intire, and full of Water, § the Building it ſelf is quite demoliſhed, and ploughed over, ‖ except part of the Gatehouſe, and a *Dungeon* or *Keep*, which all thoſe Places had, it is 63 Yards round, and the Walls about 10 Feet thick, and tho' it is not higher now than the Intrenchment, I ſuppoſe it was formerly, the upper Part of thoſe *Keeps*, generally being Watch-Towers, it is divided in the midſt by a croſs Wall: the *Knevets* dwelt in this Caſtle 'till it was demoliſhed by Sir *Philip*, who ſold it.

## The PRIORY, *now called the* ABBEY,

Was founded by *‖ WILLIAM DE ALBANY, Earl of *Chicheſter*, ſirnamed *The Strong*, who died in 1156, and by him dedicated to the Honour of *GOD*, St. *Mary*, St. JAMES the Apoſtle, and all the *Saints*, in which he placed Black Canons of the Order of St. *Auguſtine*, who were govern'd by a Prior, elected by the major Part of them, and confirmed by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, after which he was inſtalled; they were daily to pray for the Soul of their Founder, and of Queen *Adeliza*, (or *Alice*) his Wife, for the Souls of *Stephen*, King of *England*, and *Maud* his Queen, and their Progeny, and for the Souls of all his Anceſtors, Succeſſors, Parents, Friends, and Benefactors; they were governed by Statutes, allowed by *William Turbus*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, by whoſe Advice it was founded, but they were in all things to follow the Inſtitution, or Rules of the Church of St. *Mary* at *Mertune*; he endowed it with the Rectories of the Churches of *All-Saints*, and St. *Andrews*, belonging to his Manor of *Bukenham*, which were immediately appropriated to it, and they took their whole Revenues, the Canons ſerving them, and alſo the Scite of the Caſtle, which was to be pulled down, and 20 Acres of Land, and the Wood called *Little Hage*, and *Midcrofts*, with the adjoining Meadow, and *New-Croft* before the Caſtle-Gate, (on which the Abby was built) and *Alured* the *Smith*, with the Land that he held, and 5 Acres which was *Spar-Hauc*'s: [*l*] The Witneſſes to his Foundation were, *Hugh Bigot*, *Ralf de Bucham*, (or *Bukenham*) *Hubert* and *Warin Montchenſi*, *Rob. de Uuedale*, *Ralf* the Chaplain, *Thurſtin* then Prieſt, (or Parſon) of *Bucham*, (*Bukenham*) and others, and afterwards he got the Foundation confirmed by the King, and Biſhop. The Benefactors to this Houſe that I meet with were, *Will. de Albany*, Son of the Founder, who gave them the Advowſon [m] of *Kenninghall*, [n] *Richard de Scenges*, gave them the Advowſon of St. *Mary*'s Church at *Berwike* (in the *Brakes*) *Peter de Cley*, gave them the Advowſon of St. *Peter*'s at *Cleythorp* (now *Cocle-Cley*) *Richard*, Son of *Robert de Sengles*, gave them his whole Tenement, *&c.* in *Riveſhale*, (now *Ruſall*) and *Lincroft*, (a Hamlet to *Ruſall*) [o] *John Malekin*, and *Katerine Le-Parker*, releaſed to the Prior, *&c.* all his Services which he owed them for his Tenement, *&c.* held of them in *Riveſhale*, Sir *Henry de Riveſhale*, and Sir *John* his Son, Knts. being Witneſſes.

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[*i*] The King kept his firſt Court for the Priory Manor after it's Diſſolution, in 1540.

[k] Monaſt. Ang. Vol. 2 fo. 274. „ Cum ſede Caſtelli, lxxx Acras. & Caſtellum diruendum.

[*l*] Their Founder before his Death gave 2 Carucates of Land more in Bukenham, to be held in free Alms. Lib. Inquis. in Scacio: pen: Remem: Regis. fol. 334. this was the Priory Manor.

* See the Plan of the old Caſtle in the Plate.

† See the Plan of the New Caſtle. (a) is the Entrance, (b) is the Spot on which the Caſtle ſtood. (c) is the Scite of St. Mary's Chapel. (d) is the Wall dividing the Keep. (e) is the Entrance into the Keep. (f) is the Scite of the Barbican. (g) (h) (i) are Moats. (k) is a ſmall sketch of the Town from the Keep.

§ See the Proſpect of it in the Plate.

‖ See the Proſpect in the Plate.

*‖ See the Plate for the Seal and Arms of the Priory, and for the Plan of the Priory Church, which is now called the Abbey Church. (a) is the Choir, (b) is the Place where the Tower ſtood. (cc) is the Nave. (d) the North Iſle. (e) the South Iſle. (f) the North Tranſept. (g) the South Tranſept. (h) is a Veſtry. (i) is the Almonry.

The ſaid *Richard*, Son of *Robert de Sengles*, gave them 90 Acres of Land, held of *Miles* Son of *Alan*, and *Miles* his Son, and the Service of *Walter de Lincroft* and his Tenement, in *Lincroft* aforeſaid, and the Tenement which the ſaid *Richard* held of the Prior and Convent of *Norwich* in *Riveſhale*, and 10 Acres of Land, which he held of *Henry Parker*, and 1 Acre held of *Will. Fitz-Roeis*, and half an Acre held of *Jeffry* the *Dean*'s Nephew, and 3 Acres and an half in *Suthfeud*, held of *Tho. de Stutteſtune* and *Amy* his Wife, and one Acre held of *Walter*, Son of *Roger Lincroft*, with the Services of *Fulcher Le-Feutrer*, and *Walwane Le-Bule*, and their Families and Tenements, and all that the ſaid *Richard* had purchaſed in theſe Towns, with one Acre of Marſh in *Briſingham*, a parcel of Meadow in *Eſt-Medwe* in *Semere*, and the Land in *Wrongeland*, which he held of *Alan*, Son of *David*.

Robert, Son of *Robert de Tateſhale*, gave them the Advowſon of *Gunneby*, and a Piece of Land called *Munkwelle* for a *Pittance* as is before obſerved; *Robert de Tateſhale* the 3d of that Name, gave a Fold Courſe for 200 Sheep in *Attleburgh*, and 53 Acres and an half of Arable Land in *Bukenham*; Sir *John de Verdon*, Knt. granted them divers Lands, Tenements, Rents, and Services in *Briſingham*, which was afterwards the [p] Priory Manor there. *Benedict de Brehull* gave them the Homage and Service of *Roger Le-Leche* and his Heirs, beſides other Gifts. *Tho. de Sancto Egidio* [or *Giles*] gave them his Meſſuage in the Pariſh of St. *Benedict* in [*Norwich*] *Weſtwic*, with the Advowſon of that Church, with all Rents belonging to his Meſſuage. *Peter*, Son of Sir *Ralf de Cley*, Knt. gave 51 Acres and an half in *Cley Field*, with divers Villains, Yearly-Rents, and Services, with Liberty of Faldage, Common of Paſture, and Fuel in all his Liberty, [q] *Roger de Montealt*, Steward of *Cheſter* releaſed to them all his Claim in the Advowſon of *Kenninghall*, and granted them Common of Paſture in *Southache* in *Kenninghall*, and the Amerciaments of all their Tenants in *Kenninghall*, who were puniſhed in his *Lete* there, to be received from his Steward, who was to receive them of the Offenders, all which Grants were confirmed by the King. In 1377, *Will. Keteringham* and others, aliened to the Prior 100 Acres of Under-wood in *Bukenham*, by the King's Licence; they had alſo 30 Acres in *Kerthorp* in *Bukenham*, ſetled on them in 1353, by Licence; and divers Lands and Tenements in *Weſt Bradenham* the Year before. In 1390, *John Mounteny* and others, ſetled 60 Acres of Land, 2 Acres of Meadow, and a free Fold in *Old-Bukenham*, by the King's Licence. In 1366, they had Licence to receive divers Lands in *Tybenham* in *Norfolk*, and *Cratfield* in *Suffolk*. *Conſtantine Clifton* gave 10*l.* a Year to be ſetled on the Prior, which Sir *John Clifton*, who died in 1447, ordered to be ſetled, and accordingly the Manor of *Meldinghall* in *Burſton*, which belonged to the Priory was ſetled on it [r] by Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. *Rob. Clifton*, Knt. Conſtable of *Burdeaux*, who was buried in the Conventual Church of St. *James* the Apoſtle, was a good Benefactor. In * 1428, the Prior's Temporals in *Old-Bukenham*, were taxed at 22*l.* 16*s.* 10*d. ob.* The total of the Spirituals of this Houſe, lying in *Norfolk*, were taxed at 77*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and paid 5*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* every Tenth; the total of their Temporals in *Norfolk* were taxed at 52*l.* 9*d. ob.* and paid 5*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* every Tenth; the whole of their Temporals and Spirituals at this Time being taxed at 109*l.* 14*s.* 1*d. ob:* and ſo paid every Tenth 10*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* at the Diſſolution it was valued at [s] 131*l.* 11*s. per Ann.* In 1479, they had Lands in all the *Bukenhams*, *Elyngham*, *Beſthorp*, *Stowebekyrton*, *Rokeland*, *Rowdham*, *Sneytyrton*, *Norton*, *Schropham*, *Quedenham*, *Banham*, *Multon*, *Aſlacton*, *Carleton*, *Bonwell*, *Wykylwood*, *Reymerſton*, *Cratfield*, *Keninghall*, *Hapton*, *Tibenham*, *Norwich*, St. *Benet*, St. *Swithin*, and St. *Peter Mancroft*, *Bradenham Weſt*, *Barwyke*, *Briſingham*, *Burſton*, *Attleburgh*, *Lyn*, *Sethyng*, *Riveſhale*, *Eaſt-Herling*, *Caſton*, *Cley*, &c. In 1476, the Biſhop certified the Barons of the Exchequer, that the Prior of *Bukenham*, held impropriated to that Houſe, the

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[m] See Kenninghall fol 146.

[n] Dugh: Mon: Ang: vol. 2. fol. 274.

[o] Autog. pen. P. L. N.

[p] See Briſingham Priory Manor fol. 41.

[q] See fol. 147.

[r] See Burſton. fol. 86.

[s] Weaver. 856.

* From the Accompt Book of this Priory, in the Hands of Meux Rant, Eſq; MSS. fo. Papyr.

Churches of St. *Benedict* in *Norwich*, [t] of *Gryſton*, in *Breccles* Deanry, of *Bukenham All-Saints*, St. *Andrew*'s, and St. *Martin*'s, St. *Peter* of *Cley*, and *Weſt Bradenham*, in *Cranewiſe* Deanry, and *Barwick* in *Hicham* Deanry, and that they have been ſo held, ever ſince 1177, and before, even from it's Foundation, and that the Prior always pays all Taxes granted by the Clergy to the King for thoſe Churches, there being no Vicars endowed upon any of them. The Scite after the Diſſolution was [u] granted to Sir *Tho. Knevet*, and went [with the Priory Manor] in that Family, and is now owned by Mr. *Holbech*.

There are very few Ruins remaining, the Walls of the Church are quite down, but the Foundations may be eaſily traced, it was in the Conventual Form, with the Tower in the midſt, † and had a Nave, two Iſles, two Tranſepts, a Choir, and North Veſtry, the Monaſtery ſtood on the North Side of it, and was a good ſquare Court: On the Wood Work of an old Gate, I ſaw the Arms of *Albany* carved, which looked very old; I have ſeen a piece of Silver which was found in Digging in the Ruins of the Church, A° 1723, which has a Shield of Arms, on which, a Feſs between 2 Chev'rons. A Canton *Erm.* Impales Quarterly, a Bend, this looks as if it had been buried with it's Owner. In 1579, *John Margery* was buried in this Church, and gave every Canon and Monk 4 *d.* and 8 Marks to be pray'd for. *Katherine Browne* was alſo buried the ſame Year, and gave two Silver *Phiolas*, and the reſt of her Goods, to Sir *Will. Whalley*, then Prior, to pray for her. In 1507, *Adam Sawer*, was buried here, and gave 4 Nobles, for his Soul to be ſung for in the Church.

## PRIORS *of this Houſe.*

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| 1307, 5 Id: *Febr.* | Brother *John de Multon*, a Canon of St. *James*'s Monaſtery at *Bukenham*, was elected Prior by the Sub-Prior and Convent, and confirmed by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, as were all the Priors to the Diſſolution. |
| 1329, 17 Kal: *July*, | *Hugh de Brom*, Prieſt, Canon there, elected Prior. |
| 1354, 11 *Octob.* | Brother *Will. de Spykeſworth* Canon, elected Prior at *Broom*'s Death. |
| 1381, 27 *Sept.* | Brother *Will. de Banham* Canon there, elected at *Spykeſworth*'s Ceſſion. |
| 1402, 10 *July*, | Brother *Roger Carleton* Canon, elected at *Banham*'s Death, and inſtalled by the Archdeacon of *Norfolk*. |
| 1442, 12 *July*, | Brother *John Norwich*, elected on *Carleton*'s Death. |
| 1451, 9 *Nov.* | Brother *Barth. Melles*, Canon, elected Prior at *Norwich*'s Reſignation. |
| 1458, 17 *Sept.* | Brother *John Whalley*, Canon, elected on *Melles*'s Reſignation. |
| 1480, 13 *May*, | Brother * *John Bukenham* Senior, Prieſt, Canon there, elected Prior at *Whalley*'s Death. |
| 1493, | *John Plattyng* Prieſt, was Prior here. *Lib: Comp: Prior.* |
| 1534, 21 *Aug.* | [x] *John Mylegate*, or *Millgate*, Prior, *Richard Ryntwz* and Five others ſubſcribed to the Supremacy. This *John* was the laſt Prior, and reſigned the Houſe to the King; Sir *Tho. Browne*, &c. were Canons at the Reſignation. |

## *Theſe were the* CANONS *of the Houſe, that received their Stipends over and above their Daily Maintenance and Cloathing*, viz.

1479, Brother *Tho. Fincham*, Brother *Rich. Cley*, Brother *Hen. Lychefeld*, Brother *Thomas Beverle* Brother *John Bukenham*, Junior, Brother *John Chambyr*, Brother *Richard Bukenham*, Cellerer, Brother *Will. Harwych*. 1480, the ſame Canons, except Brother *John Baron*, who was added to them. 1481, Brother *John Chambyr*, was added, and they continued 'till 1493, and then Brother *John Foremale*, a Novice, was admitted among them, ſo that the Monaſtery when full, conſiſted of a Prior, an Auditor, [who was not a Religious, but one appointed by the Lord to audit their annual Accompts] and 10 Canons, who Yearly received for their Stipends 40 *s.* a peice, beſides their Maintenance and Clothing, out of theſe, a Sub-

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[t] Lib. Inſt. N° 12. There were two Miſtakes in this Return, for ſome were given after 1177, and there were Vicars endowed, at Kenninghall, &c. but others were only pay'd a Stipend Annually by the Houſe, who took the whole Profits and anſwer'd all out-going Charges.

[u] The Demeans of the Priory were Lett at 52 l. per Ann.

* The Expences of his Election and 3 l. for the Feaſt at his Inſtallation came to 7 l.

[x] Willis's. Names of Incumbents. 144. See much of him at fol. 147.

† See the Plan in the following Plate.

Prior, Sacriſt, and Celerer, were Yearly choſen; the Temporal Officers of the Houſe were the Steward of their Courts, a Heyward, Woodward, and Janitor, conſtantly attending at the Monaſtery Gates; in this Year *John Boun*, was their Auditor, they Yearly received, for the total Income of the Monaſtery about 110 *l.* and diſburſed about 100 *l.*

## *Their* CHURCHES *were*

*Bradenham Weſt*, an endowed Vicarage.
St. *Benedict* in *Norwich*, they repair'd the Chancel, and had a Parſonage-Houſe.
*Bukenham All-Saints* worth clear 7 *l.* 15 *s.* and the Stipendary ſerving Chaplain paid.
*Cley* an Impropriation, no Vicar endowed.
*Griſton*, had a Vicar endowed, great Tythes were lett at 15 *l.*
*Barwyk* had a Vicar endowed.
The Offerings at the High Altar of the Monaſtery on St. *James*'s Day 6 *s.* 8 *d.* beſides thoſe On St. *Margaret*'s Day when the Gild was kept there.

## *Yearly Rents.*

*Weſt-Herling* Church-Wardens paid 1 *d.* a Year to this Priory, for part of their Town-Land.
*Norton* Church-Wardens paid 9 *d.* a Year for Quit-Rent to their Manor.
*Kenninghall* Rectory-Manor, Rents of Aſſize were above 6 *l.* *per Ann.*
*Briſingham* Priory-Manor, Rents of Aſſize, about 3 *l.* *per Ann.*
*Norwich* Gild, in St. *Peters Mancroft*, paid them 6 *d.* a Year.
*Norwich*, the Dean of St. *Mary*'s College in the Fields, (now *Chappell-Field*) 10 *s.*
*Burſton*, Profits of the Manor 8 *l.* 16 *s.* 6 *d.*
*Cratefield* Rents of 3 *l.* 17 *d.* *per Ann.* from the Manor of the Earl of *Northumberland*'s.

## *Annual Out-goings.*

Their Annual Temporal Out-goings were, to the Manors of *Mortimer*'s and *Crowſhall* in *Attleburgh* 10 *d.* To the Rector of *Eaſt-Herling*, 8 *d.* for Land in *Kenninghall*. To *Beſthorp* Manor 3 *d.* To my Lord *Cromewell* 4 *d.* To *Elyngham* Manor 8 *d.* To *Aſhwellthorp* Manor 3 *s.* 4 *d.* For Lands in *Rewſhall* 12 *d.* To the Biſhop for Lands held of him in the *Hawe* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* To the Abbot of *Bury*, for Lands held of him in *Old Bukenham*, 2 *s.*

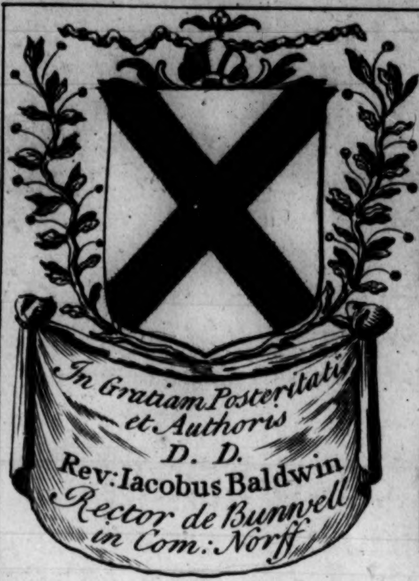
## *Spiritual Out-goings.*

The Annual Spiritual Out-goings to the Biſhop, for the Pentions of *Bradenham* and *Griſton*, 26 *s.* 8 *d.* for *Bukenham* St. *Andrew*, and St. *Martin* 3 *s.* 4 *d.* To the Pope's Collector 7 *s.* To the Archdeacon of *Norwich*, for Procurations for *Griſton*, 6 *s* 8 *d.* for the *Bukenham* Pariſhes, and *Cley* 26 *s.* 8 *d.* To the Sacriſt of *Norwich* Cathedral, for his Pention out of *Griſton* and *Bradenham* Churches 3 *s.* 4 *d.* To *Will. Lawe* their Stipendary Chaplain at *Cley* for one Year 6 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* To the Vicar of *Barwick* for his Stipend 6 *l.* 16 *s.* 8 *d.* The Stipend of the Chaplain of *All-Saints*, *Bukenham*, 4 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*

1480, Paid to the Honour of *Wormegey* for the Amerciaments of the Prior's Tenants, for their Glebe Land (belonging to *Girſton*) in *Caſton*, 12 *s.* for *Romeſcot* 3 *d.* and to *Tho. Mowntenеye*, Clerk, 4 *s.* *ob.* To *Will: Ingham* their Stipendary at *Cley* 5 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year, to the Vicar of *Barwyk* by Agreement for his Vicarage 6 *l.* 16 *s.* 8 *d.* to *Andrew Norwich* at *Gyrſton* his Stipend, *&c.* *Cley* Parſonage and 24 Acres adjoining, lett to farm, *&c.* 1487, 20 *l.* and more, was laid out in repairing the Chapell of the Virgin *Mary*, within the Precincts of the Monaſtery; at the End of this Year's Accompt, are theſe Lines,

> *Omnibus Omnia non mea Sompnia dicere poſſum.*
> *Si vis Eſſe ſanus, ſæpe Lavare Manus.*
> *Dum Sumus in mundo, Vivamus corde jocundo,*
> *Omnibus eſt notum, quod aliquis diligit potum.*

Paid to *Eccles* Court for the Yearly Suit due 4 *d.*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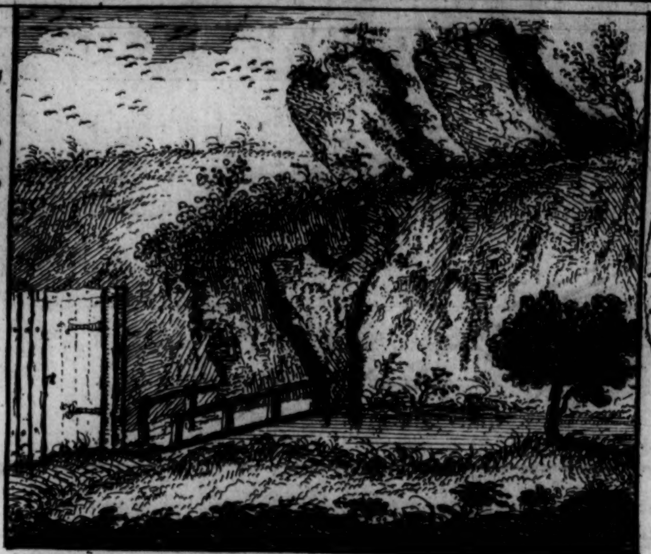
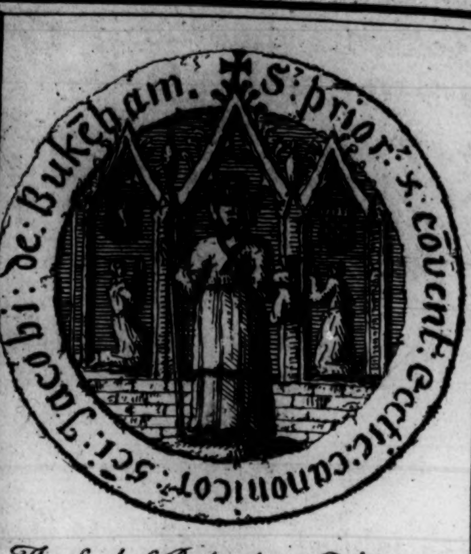

The South West Prospect of Bukenham Castle as it now appears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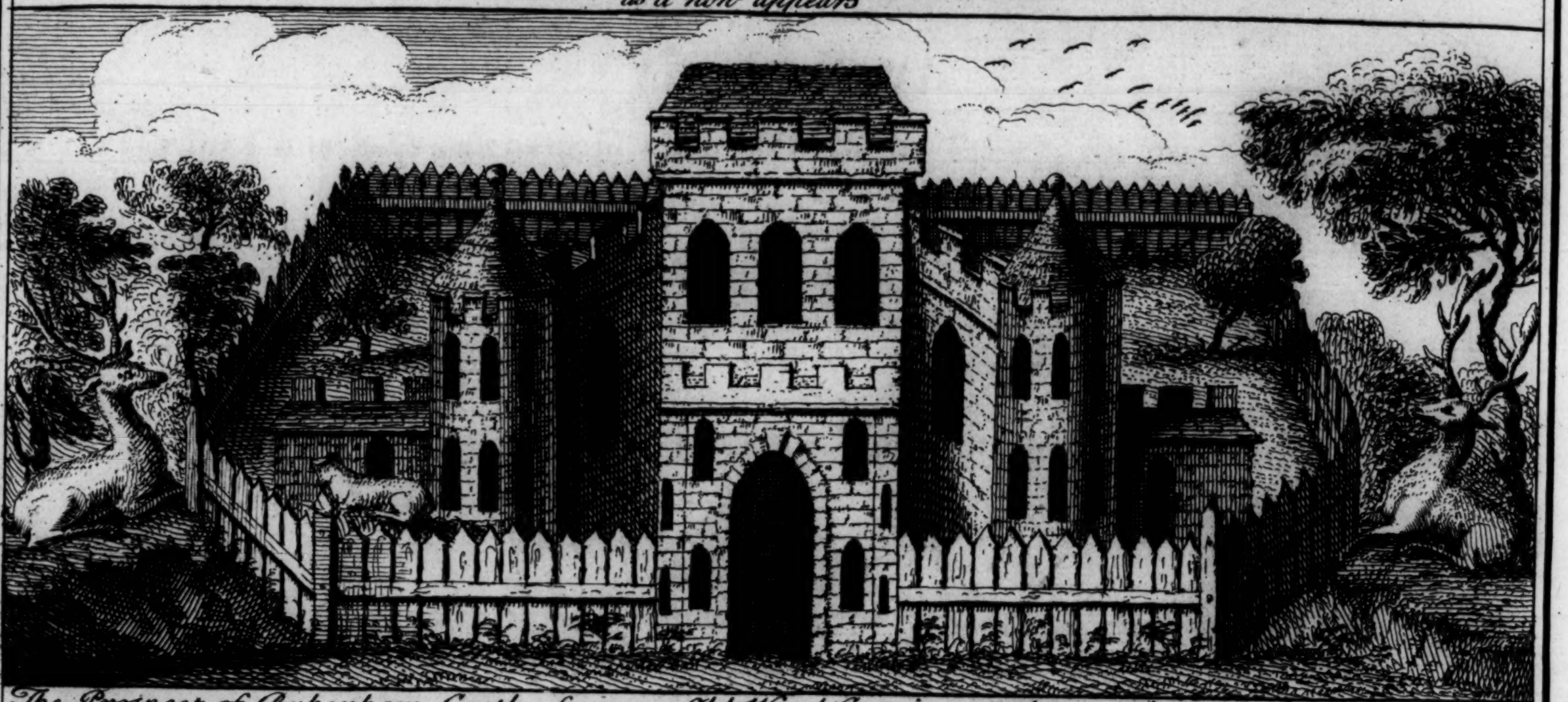
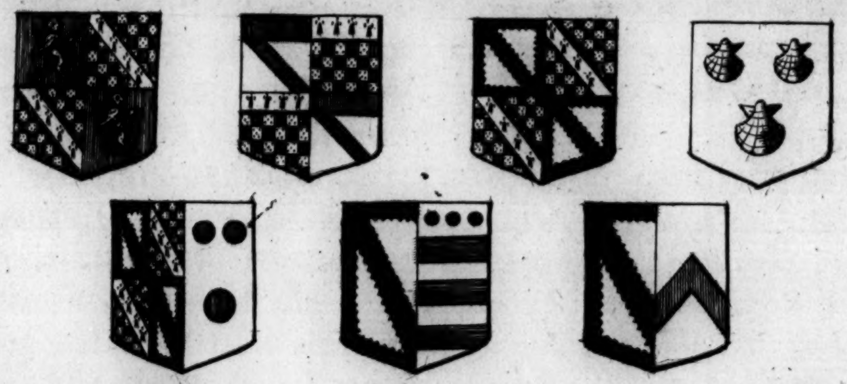
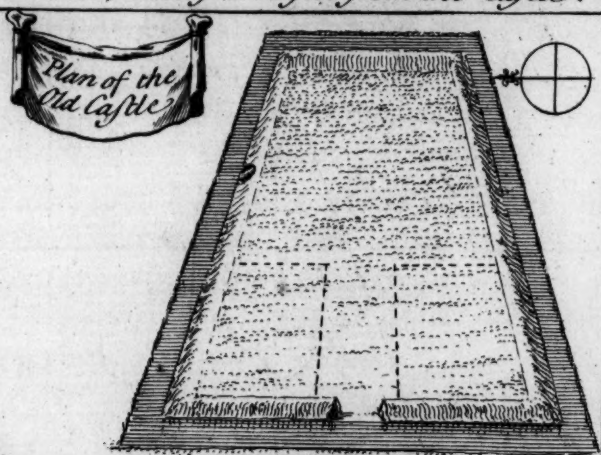

The Prospect of Bukenham Castle from an Old Wood Carving on the outside of the Crown Inn, in New Bukenham. The Arms are on the same house, Except the last three, which are Carvd in Stone, and fixed in a Wall of a house called the Garden house, being brought from the Castle.

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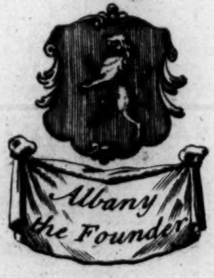
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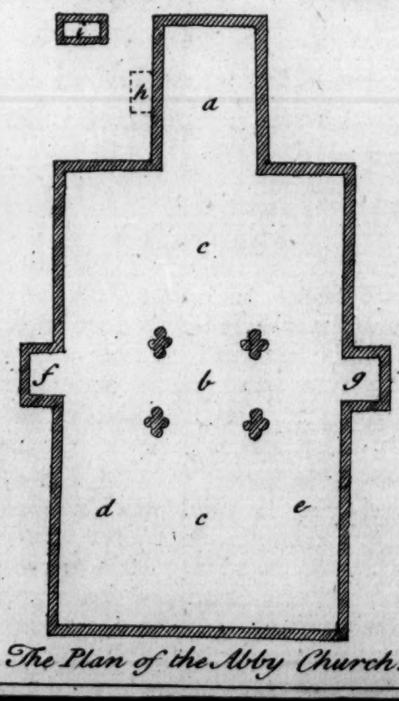
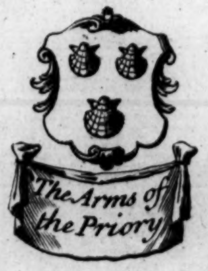


The Plan of the Abby Church.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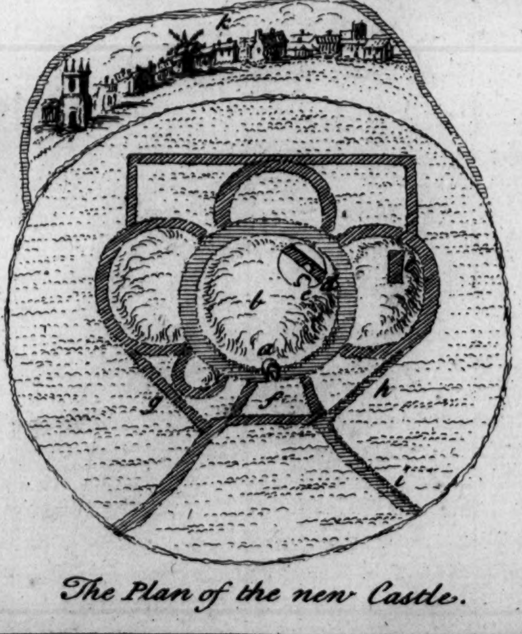

The Plan of the new Castle.

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W.H. Toms Sculp.

## *The Chapel of St.* MARY *the* VIRGIN

In *Old-Bukenham*, was founded ſoon after the Caſtle, by the Lords of it, and was ſupplied by a † *Cuſtos* and two or three Chaplains, his Bretheren, who had their Dwelling at the Weſt End of it, and conſtantly ſerved there; it was the only Place of Worſhip that the Burgh of *New-Bukenham* had, 'till the preſent Church was founded, which was ſome time after the Chapel, at the Diſſolution it came to the Lords Hands, and not long afterwards was converted into a Barn, as it now remains: It ſtands on the South Side of the Caſtle Cloſe by the Road, as you enter [*y*] into *New-Bukenham.*

## *The Pariſh Church of St.* ANDREW *in* Old-Bukenham,

Was a Rectory belonging to the Manor, 'till the Foundation of the Priory, to which it was given by the Founder, and then appropriated to it, without any Vicar endowed, the Monks ſerving it themſelves to the Diſſolution, when it was granted to [*z*] Sir *Tho. Knevet* along with the Priory, and ſoon after was deſecrated, and converted into a Barn; it is juſt by Mr. *Harvey*'s Seat, which is called St. *Andrews.* It was taxed at 20*s.* and paid 2*s.* every Tenth.

## *The Church of* ALL-SAINTS *in* Old-Bukenham,

Is the preſent Pariſh Church; this was alſo a Rectory appendant to the Manor, and given by the Founder to the Priory, to which it was then appropriated, but no Vicar endowed; it was ſerved by the Monks, who found a ſtipendary Curate there 'till the Diſſolution, when it was granted with the Priory to Sir *Tho. Knevet*, [*a*] who received all the Profits, and found a Curate to ſerve the Pariſh; and thus it continued in that Family 'till 1611, when it was mortgaged, with the King's Licence, along with *Knevet*'s Manor in *Tibenham*, to Sir *Tho. Herne*, Knt. after this it was mortgaged backward and forward ſeveral Times, 'till at laſt Sir *Philip Knevet*, ſold every one (that would purchaſe them) the Tythes of their own Lands, and the reſt the Pariſh purchaſed, together with the Chancel and Church-Yard, and veſted them in *Robert Wright*, and *John Allen*, and their Heirs, who reconveyed to Sir *Philip*, all manner of Tythes, Oblations, *&c.* which might be due to the ſaid Rectory from any of his own Land, and all thoſe Tythes which they ſold as Truſtees to Sir *Philip*, to *Robert Jollie*, *Jacob Preſton*, and the reſt of the Pariſhioners, that had purchaſed their Parts, [*b*] after which they ſetled the Chancel and Church-Yard of *Old-Bukenham All-Saints*, with all the great and ſmall Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Offerings, *&c.* together with all other Temporals whatever belonging thereto, on a great Number of Feoffees, who were to hold all the Rectories of *All-Saints* and St. *Andrew*'s, [except the Church-Yard, Parſonage-Houſe, and Glebe Lands of St. *Andrew*'s, and all thoſe Tythes, which were ſold before this Feoffment] with all the Tythes of Corn, Grain, Hay, and all other Great and Small Tythes, Obventions, and Oblations whatſoever, to them and their Heirs, in Truſt, to the following Uſes; that they, or the major Part of them, ſhall for ever nominate, elect, and chooſe, an honeſt learned Miniſter, for, and in the Name of the Town of *Old-Bukenham*, aforeſaid, to ſerve in *All Saint*'s Church, once in a Week, and perform all Services there, [*c*] who upon ſuch Choice ſhall be [*d*] licenced according to the Laws of the Realm, after which he ſhall be allowed out of the

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† The Advowſon of this Chapel was given to to the Prior by the Founder, who endowed it with Lands to Maintain the Cuſtos and Bretheren, who were all nominated by the Prior; in the Accompt Book of the Priory I find, that the Lands belonging to it, were lett by the Prior, (who always nominated one of that Houſe Cuſtos and other Monks for Bretheren; one of which always reſided upon it in their turns) for 5 l. 4 s. 7 d. in 1484. In 1491, there was an Altar of Alablaſter placed in this Chapel of the Gift of Julian Manyng, beſides a Gift of 4 s. in Money, and Tho. Beverle gave alſo 3 s. 4 d. the Produce of all it's Oblations, Lands, &c. this Year, were 8 l. 6 s. 8 d. In 1485, Brother John Lichefeld, Cuſtos of this Chapel received 6 s. 8 d. as his Stipend for it, from the Prior. In 1493, Sir Richard Bukenham a Canon, was Cuſtos.

[*y*] It being ſo near, 'tis ſometimes called St. Mary's Chapel in New-Bukenham.

[*z*] In 1557, Sir Tho. Knevet, was Owner of St. Andrews Church, the Rectory-Houſe and Glebes of which, he then Lett at 3 l. 16 s. a Year.

[*a*] In 1603, Richard Montague, Curate here, returned Anſwer, that it was an Impropriation, not endowed with a Vicarage, that Sir Tho: Lovell was Proprietor, and the Number of Communicants were 240.

[*b*] Autog: pen: Joh: Welham de Bukenham, prædict: Gen.

[*c*] 1327, John Chapman. 1348, David Cobet, Chaplain. 1400, Sir Roger Woodcock, Chaplain here. 1479, Edmund Nabbe, Chaplain, Pariſh Prieſt, the Prior paid his Stipend, 4 l. 6 s. 8 d. 1481, Will: Pec Pariſh Prieſt, accounted for the Offerings at the High Altar for this Year, 2 l. 4 s. 10 d. At Bukenham St. Andrew's High Altar nothing, St. Martin's, &c. 1484, Alonſon, Pariſh Chaplain, &c. accounted 12 s. for a Mortuary received. 1485, John Sewall, Chaplain. 1489, Henry Stanhow, Chaplain.

Profits of the Rectory aforeſaid, an Annual Stipend of 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid by the Feoffees, one half upon every 2d Day of *February*, and the other half upon the 1ſt Day of *Auguſt*, on which Days they are to make and produce a juſt Account, unto Sir *Philip Knevet* and his Heirs, and the Church-Wardens of the Town for the Time being, and to all the reſt of the Inhabitants of the Town, who ſhall think fit to be there, to ſee the Accompts of the whole Profits, and what Overplus of the Profits remains [the Stipend and Charges being deducted] ſhall be by them paid into the Church-Wardens Hands, to be by them employed to repair the Chancel, and Church-Yard Walls; and when all the Feoffees are dead to five, they ſhall be obliged to make a new Feoffment to 10 Perſons at leaſt, all which ſhall be Pariſhioners of this Pariſh; and leaſt there ſhould ariſe any Diſputes concerning the Parts ſold off, the Lands and Tenements ſo diſcharged, with the ſeveral Purchaſers Names are mentioned, and all the Lands which pay all manner of Tythes to the Feoffees, are ſeparately deſcribed in 9 Rolls of Parchment, annexed to the Feoffment, among which, the *Layes*, containing 100 Acres, a Meſſuage and 100 Acres, being the Scite of *Bukenham Cloſe* Manor, 6 Cloſes thereto belonging, containing 80 Acres, 50 Acres more belonging to the ſame Meſſuage, 24 Acres, called *Bromhill Cloſe*, 12 Acres called *Little Pond*'s-*Meadow*, 8 Acres called *Fir-Cloſe*, 30 Acres called *Hawte-Cloſe*, in the *New Park*, 80 Acres called *Herlyng-Wood*, 16 Acres called *Thorne-Croft*, and 60 Acres called *Fir-Cloſes*, are the largeſt Parcels, tho' there are, beſides theſe, 48 Meſſuages and Cottages, and 200 Acres thereto belonging. The Prior was taxed at 13 Marks for the Rectory, and paid 17*s.* 4*d.* for it to every Tenth. Mr. *Laſt*, Rector of *Wilby* was Curate here, and the Rev. Mr. *Robert Stone* is the preſent Miniſter.

Here were three Gilds dedicated to St. *Margaret*, St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and St. *Peter*. In 1373, *Agnes Faucus* of *Old-Bukenham*, buried in *All-Saint*'s Church-Yard, gave a Heifer for her Mortuary, and to Sir *Roger*, Chaplain of the Church 6 *d.*

The *CHURCH* and Chancel are thatched, the Steeple is Octangular, there are 5 Bells, the North Iſle is leaded. In the Chancel lies a Stone for

JOHN WELHAM, Gent. who died July the 10th 1713, aged 66 Years.
Earth have poſſeſs'd him, Aſhes, Clay, and Duſt,
But Heaven contains his Soul, among the Juſt.

On a Braſs Plate. PRESTON's Arms and Creſt.

HIC REQUIESCIT CORPUS * JACOBI PRESTON, GENR: QUI VITAM HANC EXPIRAVIT IN FIDE CHRISTI LXVI. ETATIS SUÆ ANNO DOM: 1630.

On another Braſs Plate.

Here lyeth the Body of Mathew Sturdyvant, Gent. who ended this Life the 21ſt Day of March 1604, when he was of the Age of 85 Years, and did give by his Laſt Will [e] towards the Maintenance of a Schoole in this Pariſh for ever, 100*l.* and towards the newe Bells to be bought 20*l.*

HODIE, MIHI. CRAS, TIBI.

On a looſe Braſs in the Church,

**Here under reſteth the Bodye of Thomas Joly the Elder, who departed this Life the xii Daye of Januarye, in the Yeare of oure Lord, 1604.**

There are Stones in the Chancel for,
William, Son of Phillip Leigh, and Eliz. his Wife, who died Febr: 1, 1682
Anne, Wife of Tho. Brewſter, Gent. died Jan. 5, 1682.

In the Nave on the South Side, as [f] Mr. *Weaver* informs us, there was a Stone plated with Braſs, on which was a Crane, and **Deo Gratias** in a Scrowl from it's Mouth, and this,

**Orate pro Anima Thome Brown cuius Anime propitietur Deus, Amen.**

Elizabeth, Danghter of Sam: Baker, died Nov. 4, 1725, Æt. 16.

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[d] After which Licence 'tis a Cure for Life, unleſs ſuch Objections are made, as can enable the Biſhop to recall his Licence.

* He had a good Eſtate here; and was Father of Sir Iſaac Preſton, Knt. of Beeſton St. Lawrence, in Norfolk.

[e] The School is ſtill kept, and (as I am informed) ſomething more is added to the Stipend.

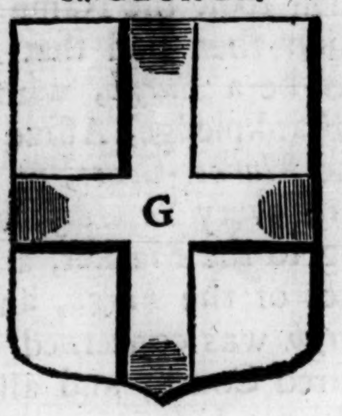
[f] Folio 856.

Over the King's Arms,
ΔΟΞΑ ΘΕΩ.

*Vivat, vincat, et regnet Verbum Domini, et ut nobis, et Semini noſtro in Æternum, annue ſumme Deus, per Jeſum Chriſtum, unicum Dominum noſtrum.*

There were theſe ARMS in the Windows, moſt of which now remain,

St. GEORGE.



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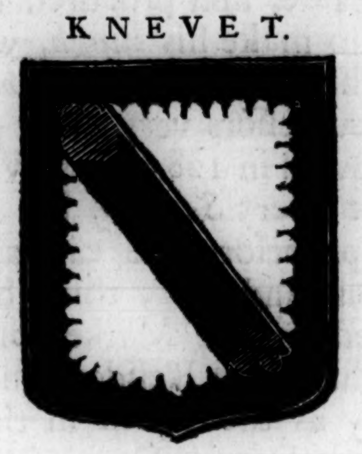

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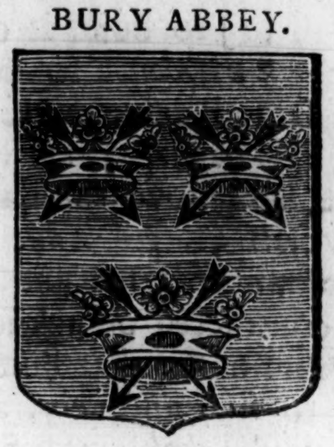

TATSHALL and CLIFTON Quarterly. TATSHALL and CLIFTON impaled with THORP, *Az.* 3 Creſcents *Arg.*
TATSHALL, Chequy *Or* & *Gul.* a Chief *Erm.*
The Priory Arms, *Arg.* 3 Eſcallops *Sab.*
Barry of 10 *Gul.* & *Arg.* Quartering CAILY, Chequy *Gul.* & *Or*, a Bend *Erm.*
CROMWELL, *Arg.* a Chief *Gul.* a Bend *Az.* Quartering TATSHALL.
KNEVET, Quartering CLIFTON.

There are ſeveral Angels holding ſome of the Arms, with Labels from their Mouths, *viz.*
Salve Regina Mater Miſerecordie.
Beata Dei Genetrix Maria.
Ave Regina Coelorum, ave Domina.

On Hatchments in the Chancel,

impaled HARVEY, *Or*, on a Chev'ron between 3 Leopards Heads, *Gul.* as many Flower Delis's, *Arg.*
HOUBLON *alias* VANDEPROT, *Arg.* on a Mound *Vert*, 3 Houblons, or Hop-Poles fructed proper.

impaled HARVEY, *Or*, on a Chev. between 3 Leopards Heads *Gul.* 3 Cinquefoils *Arg.*
HOUBLON as before, HARVEY's Creſt on a Torce *Gul.* & *Arg.* a Leopard chained *Or.* *Motto*——*IN MORTE QUIES.*

In the Dormitory on the North Side of the Chancel, are the Coffins of *John Harvey*, Eſq; *Elizabeth* his Wife, and ſeveral of their Children.

There are two Altar-Tombs in the Church-Yard, againſt the Chancel Door, for Robert Watts, who died 7 Nov. 1652. and Andrew Reder, who died 14 Dec. 1655.

On a Head-Stone by the Steeple,

Here lieth the Body of JOHN GREY, Gent. Steward of many Manours for (almoſt) Sixty Yeares, faithful to his Lords, & kind to the Tenants; he kept Courts and wrote very faire in the *90th* Year of his Age, (things rare) in which he died upon the *16th* Day of July, Anno Dom. 1713.

The CUSTOMS of the Manors are, that the Fine is at the Lord's Will, and the eldeſt Son is Heir.

This Town is ſituated round a pleaſant Green, the Church ſtanding on the Eaſt Side of it, the Scite of the Abbey being North Eaſt, and that of St. *Andrew*'s South Eaſt. There is a Fair kept on it every *29th* of † *May.* It is a Town of large Bounds, for it paid to the Tenths 5*l.* 13*s.* and is now aſſeſſed at 1996*l.* to the Land-Tax, and hath 105 Dwelling-Houſes, and about 550 Inhabitants.

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† There is no Authority for the Fair, but Cuſtom only. There is a Houſe and Ground in the Town ſetled on the School-maſter, worth 6l. per Ann. for which he is obliged to teach 4 poor Children of this Pariſh, without any Payment for ſo doing.

# *NEW-BUKENHAM.*

THIS Town had it's riſe out of *Old-Bukenham*, as is before obſerved, when *Will. de Albany* founded the Caſtle, and procured the Land of the Biſhop of *Norwich* [*g*] to build it on, and to make his *Burgh*, which then took the Name of *New-Bukenham*, to diſtinguiſh it from *Old-Bukenham*, which then had that Addition for the ſame Reaſon. He or his Succeſſors very early got it to be a *Burgh*, with the following Privileges, which were allowed in 1285, *viz.* View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, a Gallows, and a Market every *Saturday* [*h*] with the *Market-Court*, or *Burgage*, then worth 5*s. per Ann.* and kept before the capital Steward every *Saturday*, who was Judge of all Weights and Meaſures, and every thing belonging to the Market, and of all Debts contracted or acknowledged in the Market or Precinct of the *Burgh*, and of all ſuch Debts under that Sum, in which any Reſident in the *Burgh* was concerned, and had power to fine and levy, as amply as the Sheriff in the Hundred Court; and alſo a Fair in the ſaid *Burgh* every St. *Martin*'s Day, [*i*] with a Court thereto belonging, called the *War-pound Court*, the Rents being due and payable that Morning; [*k*] and alſo Liberty of Free-warren in the Demeans and Manors of *Bukenham* Caſtle, in the *Bukenhams*, *Beſthorp*, and *Attleburgh*, and alſo a Priſon for all Offenders in the Burgh, * in the Toll-houſe there. The whole of this Town belonged to the Caſtle, and paſſed as that did, 'till *Shropham* Hundred was ſold from it, and after forfeited to the Crown, and the *Warpound* Court with it, and then that was in the *Lovell*'s, and the *Mercate* Court or *Burgage* in the *Knevet*'s. In 1572, *Tho. Lovell*, Eſq; had one Manor, and *Tho. Knevet*, Eſq; the other; the *Warpound* Court went with the Hundred, and ſtill remains with it, the Market-Court, or *Burgage*, was ſold by the *Knevet*'s. It after belonged to *Eldred*, and *Verdon*, and after that was ſetled on Feoffees, for the Uſe of the Curate, and by Vertue thereof, the High Bailiff receives the Profits.

Here were many Lands, Rents, and Tenements, which belonged to the Priory, all which were ſeized by the Crown, and granted to divers Perſons, as the *Lovells*, *Knevets*, *&c.* In 1609, *John Eldred*, Eſq; and *John Verdon*, Gent. had a Grant of

## *The* † *Outſoken* MANOR *of the* PRIORY,

Now called the *Priory* Manor, (the *Knevets* reſerving to themſelves the *Inſoken* of that Manor, or all that Part of it, which is now called the *Priory* Manor, and goes with the Great Manor, and lies in *Old-Bukenham* which is the Reaſon that there are two Manors, called the *Priory* at this time) together with the Market-Court, or *Burgage*, all which the *Knevets* were licens'd to ſell.

The Temporal Poſſeſſions of the Prior in *New-Bukenham*, in 1428, were taxed at 34*s.* and 3 *d.* In 1603, there were 220 Communicants, and now there are about 400 Inhabi-

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[*g*[ It was Part of the Biſhop's Hagh. Exſartum Dni: Norwicenſis Epiſcopi in Bukenham.

[*h*] The Market Court was kept every Saturday, and had theſe Privileges, as appears by the Rolls of the Court. P. L. N.

[*i*] This was appendant to Shropham Hundred, and now belongs to it, in 1655, Robert Wilton, Eſq; then Lord, held his Court called the Warpound-Court, at New-Bukenham upon St. Martin's-Day, the Rents being due in the Morning of St. Martyn the Biſhop, which are an Half-penny and no more for each Rent, for divers Freehold Tenements, lying all over the Hundred, the Total of which amount to but 8d. ob:

[*k*] Placita Corone. A° Predict.

* Placita Corone, Coram, &c. 1285, Robert Ganel, of Bukenham, and Richard, Son of Will: de Bukenham, fought in New-Bukenham, and Robert gave Richard a blow with a Staff on the Head, ſo that he died the 3d Day after, upon which he was ſeized and carried to the Court of Robert de Tateſhall, at Bukenham Caſtle, who did not commit him to Cuſtody in the Caſtle, but had him delivered to Nigell, Son of William de Bukenham his Chief Steward (or high Bailiff, as theyare now called) who impriſoned him in the Toll-houſe there; The Chief Steward was elected by the Lord of the Caſtle for a long Time, 'till ſome of them gave Liberty to the Inhabitants, Yearly to elect their High Bailiff, which they ſtill do to this Day.

The Out-Soken, at that time, contain'd the following annual Rents, viz. from Lands in the Park. 6 s. 8 d. from Lands and Shops in Bokenham-Nova. 3 s. 6 d. from Lands in Attleburgh 4 d. from the Manor of Cratefield, late the Earl of Suſſex's, called Cratefield Manor, now in the Tenure of Simon Smith, 3 l. 1 s. 7 d. ob: from Reymerſton a free Rent of 11 s. for thoſe Lands in the Tenure of Ant. Thwaites, for the Rents, and Tithes of the Lands in Attleburgh 6 s. 6 d. from a Tenement and void piece of Ground belonging to Will: Watts, Eſq; 13 s. 4d. from Toppe's Land in Bukenham 13 s. 4d. from Lands in Burſton, Tibenham, and Giſſing, 33 s. 6 d. ob: from the Manor of Snetſham, and the Scite of the Manor, called Hawkins there, 11 l. 12 s. 8 d. from the Manor of Walpole in Norfolk 43 l. 5 s. 11 d. 1 q. (I ſuppoſe the Rent of Sneteſham and Walpole were ſold off before it was ſetled on the Inhabitants) together with the profits of the Market Court or Burgage of New-Bukenham, valued at 5 s. per Ann. and theſe were Feoffees of this Priory Manor (Out-Soken) viz. Tho. Kendall, Gent. John Gooch, Gent. Tho: Colman, Gent. Wm. Kendall, Gent. and Robert Murton.

tants. It paid clear to every Tenth 4 *l.* 3 *s.* and is now aſſeſſed at 558 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Land-Tax, it is a compact Burgh, of ſmall Bounds, having a *Saturday* Market (which of late Years is much decayed) and an Annual Fair on St. *Martin*'s Day, according to the Grants before mentioned, at firſt it had but few Inhabitants to what it hath at preſent, as is evident from the Chapel of St. *Mary*, which was then their only Place for Service, and no large one, but as it increaſed Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, Lord of the Caſtle, who died in 1248, founded

## *A* CHURCH *dedicated to* St. Martin,

On the North Side of the *Burgh*, where it now ſtands, and gave it to the Priory, the Sacriſt of which was to the Diſſolution the Pariſh Prieſt, he had a [*l*] certain Salary allowed him by the Inhabitants, for which the Prior was taxed at 20 *s.* and other Houſes or Lands given to him as Sacriſt, or ſerving Chaplain, for which he was taxed at 13 *s.* and after this was founded, the Chapel of St. *Mary* continued to be ſerved as formerly, by a Cuſtos and Bretheren, at the Prior's Appointment, who dwelt in their appartment at it's Weſt End. The preſent Church was built at divers Times, the Nave and Chancel being the only (if any) remaining Parts of the firſt Building, the North Iſle was built about 1479, by the Contribution of ſeveral Great Men, ſome of whoſe Arms ſtill remain in the Windows, and of ſuch other Perſons as pleaſed to be Benefactors; for in that Year [*m*] *John Coke* ordered to be buried in the New Iſle of St. *Martin*'s Church in *New-Bukenham*, and gave 5 Marks towards leading it. He was a good Benefactor [*n*] to the Gilds of [*o*] St. *Mary* and St. *Martin*, which were kept in the Church: The South Iſle, Porch, and Tower, were begun ſoon after, by that Sir *John Knevet*, who married *Clifton*'s Heireſs, and finiſhed by his Grandſon Sir *William Knevet*, as the Arms in the Windows, and on the Tower plainly demonſtrate. This Church is a Donative, the Miniſter being choſen by the majority of the Votes, of all the Reſidents in the Pariſh, that pay to the Miniſter's Rate, and after ſuch Choice ſo made, and enter'd by the Church-Wardens in the Town-Book, he is to have a Nomination under their Hands to the Biſhop, in order for a Licence, which being obtained, unleſs that be recalled, it is a Cure for Life.

In 1603, Mr. *Francis Bradley*, was Curate, whoſe Anſwer was, that he ſerved it as an impropriate Cure, without any Stipend from the Impropriator, that it was in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and that the ſet Stipend from the Inhabitants was 15 *l.* *per Ann.* beſides all Gifts, that Mr. *Knevet* was Proprietor, who afterwards ſold it to be ſetled on the Pariſhioners; there is a convenient Houſe, Garden, and Out-houſes, for [*p*] the Miniſter's Dwelling, who hath an Eſtate in *Suffolk*, and part of the *George-Inn* in *New Bukenham*, the *Priory* Manor, and the Rate of 3 *d.* in the Pound, *&c.* ſetled for his Maintenance. [*q*] Mr. *Coleman* was Predeceſſor to Mr. *Robert Stone* the preſent Miniſter, who hath *Old-Bukenham*, and is Rector of *Brandon-parva* and *Hackford* in this Dioceſs.

The Nave is leaded, having a neat ſquare Tower, with a Clock and Five Bells in it, join'd to it's Weſt End, on which the following Arms are carved in Freeſtone over the Weſt Door, *viz.*

WILL. DE BOHUN, Earl of *Northampton.* HUMFRY DE BOHUN his Son and Heir. STAFFORD. HOLLAND, *viz. France* and *England* Quartered, in a Bordure. LYNNES. KNEVET and CAILY Quartered. KNEVET Quartered with, Pally, a Bordure charged with Roundells. ALBANY. KNEVET and CLIFTON Quartered. KNEVET and HEVENINGHAM Quartered. KNEVET and CLIFTON, with a Canton.

In the Nave there are Stones for,

John Pitcher, Gent. and Elizabeth his Wife, he died Oct. 30, 1720, aged 74, and ſhe June 1705.

Thomas Richards, died 24 July, 1705.

Mary, Wife of Mr. Robert Harris of Lynn Regis, Daughter of Mr. Tho. Richards, ſhe left a Son and two Daughters, and died Febr. 9, 1700, aged 23 Years.

Claudius Grey, Gent. buried Febr. 18, 1700, T. Colman 1718.

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[*l*] This is now gathered for the Miniſter, and is 3 d. in every Pound according to the Rent, of all the Houſes in the Pariſh.

[*m*] E. Regro: Teſt: in Offic. Epi: Norwic.

[*n*] In 1505, Richard Towler was buried in the Church, before the Image of St. Nicholas, and was a Benefactor to the Gilds in this, and ſeveral Neighbouring Churches.

[*o*] In 1426, John Warenger of this Town, gave 4 d. towards keeping a Light burning before the Image of St. Mary in this Church.

[*p*] The Miniſter's Houſe was the old Gild-Hall.

[q] 1328, Sir Robert Trot, and Sir John de Redenhall, Chaplains. 1366, Sir Roger Wodecock of Wymondham, and Thomas de Geſele, ſerving Chaplains.

At the Weſt End of the Nave there are Stones for,

Mr. Tho. Fulcher, Apothecary, who died June 10, 1707, Æt. 58.

John Blake, Nov. 1723, Æt. 13, Tho. Blake, Nov. 28, 1728, Æt. 12, both Sons of Thomas and Mary Blake.

On the Font, **Knevets** Arms. It was erected,

**Febꝛuary 1, 1619, Thomas Colman, Chꝛiſtopher Sudbury, Chuꝛch-Wardens.**

The North Iſle is leaded, and hath a Chantry parted from the reſt, with handſome carved Screens, at it's Eaſt End, in which there is a Stone for,

Mary, Wife of Mr. John Crow, who died March 30, 1729, aged 39, and Mary Barrs her Mother, who died Apr. 3, 1729, aged 60, Hannah Crow died May 7, 1729.

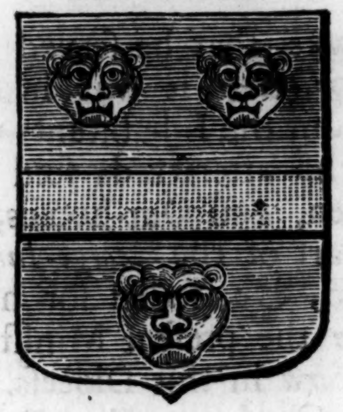
This Chapel belonged to St. *Mary*'s Gild, and was made when the Iſle was built, as the Arms of *Cromwell*, *Tateſhale*, *Mortimer*, *&c.* plainly ſhew us, they being in the Windows of the Iſle as Benefactors, together with,

De-la-Pole, Quartering *Arg.* a Chief *Gul.* over all a Lyon Ramp. *Or.*
Howard, and Brotherton Quartered. Vere, and Howard Quartered.
Clifton, and Caily Quartered.

And on the Screens are theſe two Letters, 𝕵. 𝕻. and a Rebus or Device, of a Pilgrim's Staff, having a Hat hung on it's Top, and a Pilgrim's Bag lying by it, which I ſuppoſe, intimates the Man's Name to be *James Palmer*; a Palmer or Pilgrim ſignifying the ſame, and *James* rather than *John*, becauſe ſo many Palmers, or Pilgrims, daily viſited St. *James* at *Compoſtella*, who was the Patron of the adjacent Priory.

There are alſo Shields of various Arms, *viz.* *Or*, Semidelis's *Sab.* for Mortimer. A Feſs between 3 Roundells, for Courtney. The Arms of the Priory. Tateshale. And *Erm.* a Feſs *Gul.* beſides theſe,

DE-LA-POLE.



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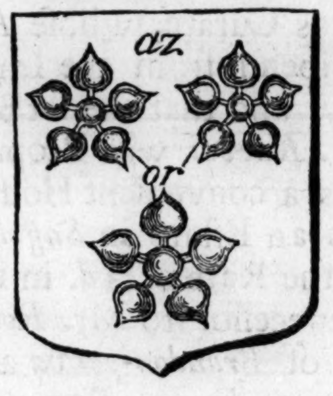

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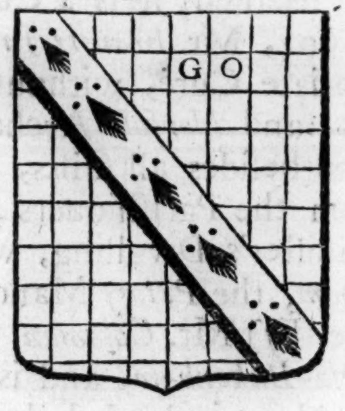

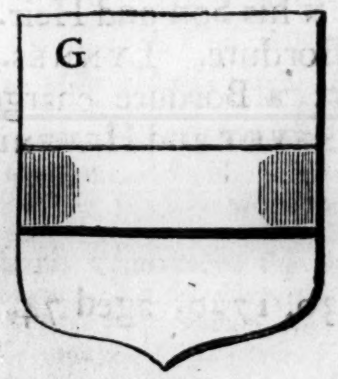

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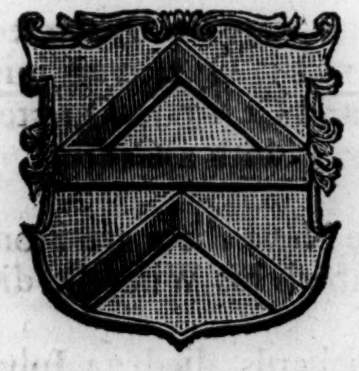

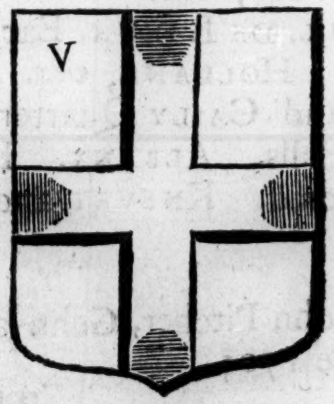

The Chancel is tiled, on the North Side is an in-arched Monument, in which is an Altar-Tomb, the Arms, Inſcription, and Effigies of a Woman, with a Label from her Mouth, are all loſt. This is the Tomb of [r] Sir *Thomas Knevet*, of *Bukenham* Caſtle, and *Katherine* his Wife, Daughter to the Earl of *Derby*.

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[r] See his Will, fol. 258.

On a flat Stone is this, on a Braſs Plate,

**Hic iacet [s] Alicia, quondam Uxor Willi: Knyvet, Armigeri, que erat, Filia Johannis Grey, filius Domini Reginaldi Grey, Domini de Rythyn, que obiit quarto die Menſis Aprilis A° Dni· MCCCClxxiiii°**

The ARMS are, Knevet, Quartering Clifton, Impaling Grey, Quartered with Hastyngs. Counter-quartering Valence, with a Creſcent for difference.

The following Inſcriptions are loſt, the Braſſes being reaved,

[t] **Hic iacet Thomas Ivy, Capellanus qui obiit xix die Menſis Septembris. Anno Domini M.cccclxxxiii°, cuius Anime propicietur Deus Amen.**

**Hic iacet Robt. Seman Capellanus, qui obiit nono die Jun: A° Dom: M.cccc°lxv° cuius Anime :::::::::::**

**Orate pro Anima Willi: Pyllys, qui obiit xxv die Decembris, Anno Dni: M.ccccc.xxxi. cuius Anime propicietur deus Amen.**

There are many old Stones without Inſcriptions, under which divers of the Family of the *Knevets* lie buried; an antient Houſe ſaith [u] *Cambden*, ever ſince Sir *John Knevet* was Lord Chancellor of *England*, under King *Edward* III. and alſo honourably allied by great Marriages.

For over and beſides theſe of *Buckenham*, now Baronets, from hence ſprung thoſe Right Worſhipful Knights, Sir *Tho. Knevet*, Lord *Knevet*, Sir *Henry Knevet* of *Wiltſhire*, and Sir *Thomas Knevet* of *Aſhwellthorp*, and others.

[x] **Orate pro Animabus Johannes Knevet, Armigeri, et Aleſiæ Uxoris ſuæ, qui ob: 1400.**

His Effigies in Armour in a Coat of his Arms, *viz.* Knevet, Quartering Clifton, his Wife by him in a Gown, and an Eſcutcheon between them of their Arms, *viz.* Knevet, impaling Lyn, or Lynnes. *Arg.* a Demi-Lyon Ramp. *Gul.* in a Bordure *Sab.* Bezanté. All this is loſt.

**Hic iacet Thomas Filius Henrici Collet, civis et Aldermanni Civitatis London, qui obiit die Nativitatis Sce: Mare, 1479.**

Collet impaled with Knevet, Quartering Clifton. This is alſo loſt.

On an Altar-Tomb on the North Side of the Chancel,
Gulielmus Barber hujus Parochiæ Gen:
Obijt 240 die Januarij,
Anno { Xti. 1693.
Ætatis 84.

Ille Senex omni ut clero ſuccurreret Ævo,
Pauperibuſque pius, [y] Munera larga dedit:
Ditibus Exemplo, ſemper ſua ſint Benefacta,
Laudent Participes proque Datore, Deum.

On a Marble by the Altar, [z] the Arms and Creſt of Tindall, *alias* Kendall. Impaling a Chev'ron between 3 Caſtles or Towers.

P. M. S. Maria, Henrici Scarborough, de Walſham Boreali, in Com: Norff: Generoſi, Mauritij Kendal de Eadem Armigeri, Eliz: et Mariæ Kendal ſobolum, Filia, Uxor, Mater, obſervantiſſima, dilectiſſima, pientiſſima, nec minus Deo quam Amicis fidelis, Corpus in terrâ hic repoſitum, Virtutes in Prole bonis Auſpicijs elucent, Spiritus in Cœlo Triumphat. Anno { Ætat.
Dom. 1693.

Another Black Marble more South, lies over
John Kendall, Eſq; [Father of Maurice] who died the 14*th* of Dec. 1672, aged 59,
Kendall's Arms ſingle.

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[s] She was Siſter of Edmund Grey, the firſt Earl of Kent of that Family.

[t] Weaver's Funeral Monuments, fo. 855.

[u] Camden, &c.

[x] Coll: P. L. N.

[y] The Church-Wardens receive the Annual Rent of Lands lett at 6l. a Year, to repair the Church, and adorn it. The Alms-Houſe was erected by Mr. Wm. Barber, for 4 poor Widows and endowed with a Farm in this Town of 12l. per Ann. There is a Town Houſe; and Lands lett at 12l. 14s. a Year.

[z] See Banham fo. 239.

On a Stone on the South Side of the Chancel. **Kendal's** Arms.

In Memoriam piam Matris ſuæ chariſſimæ Elizabethæ, Johannis Kendal Armigeri, conjugis dilectiſſimæ, Quæ vix ne vix fuit altera, Dei Reverentior, Mariti obſervantior, Liberorum Denique (at ſummo cum Religionis tum Morum ſtudio) Indulgentior, hoc Marmor Pietatis Ergo, appoſuit Mauritius Filius; obijt die 25 Febr. A° Dni: 1695, Ætatis vero 80.

Another Stone hath **Kendall**, impaling **Ashfield**, a Feſs between 3 Delis's.

Fælicem expectans Reſurrectionem hic jacet, Mauritius Kendall de Northwalſham, in Agro Norfolcienſi Armiger, Vir Paterque indulgens, Amicus Juratiſſimus, Ingenuis congruus, nefarijs infenſus, Eccleſiæ & Monarchiæ Vindex acerrimus, ſeditioſis Perduellis, Legum in omnibus obſervantiſſimus, Juriſperitus ipſe Eloquentiſſimus; obdormivit Anno ſalutis MDCCXII. Ætatis LII.

A large Black Marble near the Screens, hath this Inſcription, moſt of it cover'd by building a Pew over it,

Here lyeth interred the Body of Dame Rebekah the Daughter of Edward Warne, of New-Buckingham, Gent. her firſt Husband was Samuel Benſon of Norwich, Gent. her 2d was Thomas Davy of Norwich, her third was Sir Francis Bickley of Attleborrow, Baronet, her laſt Husband was Nicholas Pointer of Norwich, Gent. ſhe dyed the 18th of Auguſt 1694, aged 54.

This Stone was laid by *William Bernham* of *Norwich*, Merchant, her Executor.

The South Porch and Iſle are leaded, in the Middle of which lies a Black Marble for,

John, only Son of John Barber, and Elizabeth his Wife, who died May *20th* 1711, aged 44. leaving Elizabeth his Relict (Younger Daughter of Henry Meen, and Cicely his Wife) to be the greater Comfort of Elizabeth, John, and Suſanna his Children, who ſurvived him.

A Stone for,
Hanah Pain who died March 14, Æt. 73.

[*] The Windows were beautifully adorned with the following Arms, Inſcriptions, and Effigies, ſeveral of which are broken, tho' there are ſome remaining whole.

In the Eaſt Window of the Chapel at the upper End of the Iſle, were the Effigies of it's Founder, and his three Wives, *viz.*

*Alice Grey*, who is buried in the Chancel. She hath the Arms of *Grey* of *Ruthyn* with a Creſcent, *Or*, for difference, Quartering *Grey*, Counter-Quartering *Valence*, on her Mantle. The whole Window is powder'd with ragged Staves *Sab.*

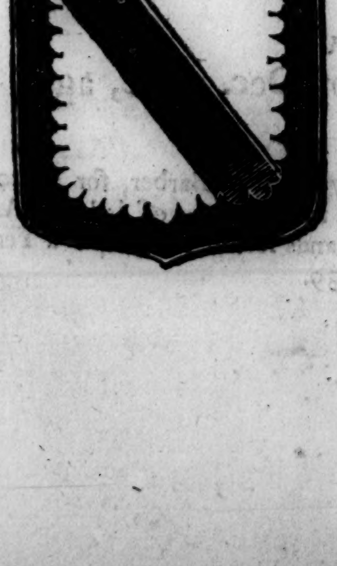
The *2d* is mantled with the Arms of *Buckingham*, *Stafford*, *&c.* being made for *Joan* Daughter of *Humfry Stafford*, Duke of *Buckingham*.

The third is for *Joan* Daughter of *Thomas Courtney*, Relict of Sir *Roger Clifford*, on her Mantle are the Arms of *Courtney*, *Clifford*, *&c.* all which with Sir *William Knevet* their Husband, are buried in the Chancel, over their Heads was this.

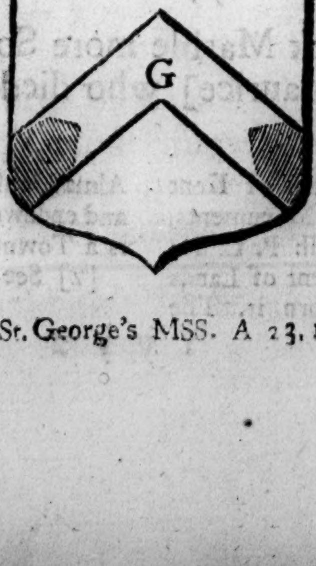
**Orate pro Animabus Willi: Knevet, Militis, Alicie filia Johannis Grey, et Domine Johanne filie Humfridi Ducis Bucks, et Domine Johanne Sororis, et unius heredum Domini Tho: Courtney, nuper Comitis Devon: Uxorum dicti Willi.**

The following Arms are in the Windows,

KNEVET.



STAFFORD.



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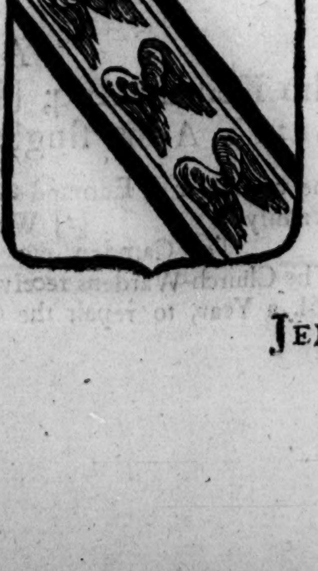

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[*] Sir Henry St. George's MSS. A 23, fol. 218.

**Jenney**, *Erm.* a Bend *Gul.* cotiſed *Or*, an Annulet for difference, impaled with **Wedley**, or **Wederup**.
**Knevet**, **Caily**, and **Clifton** Quarter'd.
**Grey**, Barry of 6, *Arg.* & *Az.* in Chief 3 Torteaux, a Creſcent *Or*, for difference.
**Hastyngs**, Quartering **Valence**.
**HUMPHRY**, Earl of *Stafford*.
**BOHUN**, Earl of *Northampton*.
The ſame with this difference only, that there are 3 Mullets on the Bend.
**Courtney**, *Or*, 3 Torteaux.
**BEAUFORD**, Earl of *Somerſet*, and **BOHUN**, Earl of *Northampton*, impaled.
**Clifton**. **Albany**. **Fitz-Alan**. **Tateshale**, Chequy *Or* & *Gul.* a Chief *Erm.*
**Caily**, and **Tateshale** Quartered.
*Vert*, a Chev'ron between 3 Coneys *Arg.*
Parted per Chev'ron *Gul.* and Lozenge *Arg.* & *Az.* a Dove volant in Chief, of the 2d.
*Or*, on a Croſs *Gul.* 5 Eſcallops, *Arg.*
*Or*, a Chev'ron *Gul.* between 3 Torteaux.

Quartered
**Wederup**, *Vert*, an Annulet *Arg.* a Chev. *Erm.* between 3 Caps of the 2d.
The Eſcallops on the Croſs as before.
Lozenge, *Az.* & *Arg.* on a Chief *Gul.* 2 Lyons recombatant, *Arg.*
*Or*, a Chev'ron *Gul.* between 3 Torteaux.

In the Eaſt Window of the Iſle these **ARMS** remain,

**Knevet** Quartering **Caily**.
**Grey** Quartering **Hastyngs**, Counter-quartering **Valence**.
**Holland**, *England* and *France* Quartered, in a Bordure *Arg.* Quartering the Earl of *Northampton*. **Wyngfield**, mixed with **Bohun** and **Stafford**.
The 5th Shield is the ſame as the 1ſt.
**Courtney**, Quartering per Bend, *Az.* & *Or*, a Lyon Ramp. counter-changed, impaling *France* and *England* in a Bordure, Gobone *Arg.* & *Az.*
**Clifton**, Quartering **Albany**.
**Caily**, Quartering **Tateshale**.

On an Altar Tomb, on the North Side of the Church, in the Yard,
**Wade's ARMS** and **CREST**, a Lyon Paſſant chained.
*Arg.* 3 Bucks Heads eraſed *Az.*
THOMAS WADE died Oct. 17, 1708, and Robert Wade his Brother 7 Jan. 1708.
JOHN WADE, Gent. their Uncle died 23 July, 1721, aged 73 Years.

An Altar Tomb on the South Side of the Church for,
MARY, Wiſe of Richard Crowe, Gent. who died 25 Aug. 1689, aged 29 Years.
RICHARD CROWE, Gent. died 12 Nov. 1717, aged 57 Years.

From the Regiſter it appears, that in 1543, Henry Spilman and Ann Thurſday were married Febr. 7. 1561, Francis Travers, Gent. and Eliz. Clere, Nov. 4. 1565, Thomas, Son and Heir of Sir Tho. Knevet, baptized 21 Jan. 1568, John Knevet, Gent. baptized June 2. Joan Knevet buried the ſame Day. 1568, Katherine, Wiſe of Sir Tho. Knevet, buried June 22. 1569, Sir Tho. Knevet died Sept. 22. 1577, 19 Sept. Richard Stocks and Anne Woodhouſe, Gentlewoman, were married according to the Law in that Caſe, for Miniſters provided. 1583, Francis, the Brewer at the Caſtle, buried 5 July. 1586, 14 Mar. Thomas, Son of Tho. Knevet, Eſq; buried, 1587, 25 March, John, Son of Tho. Knevet, Eſq; buried. 1594, Mary his dr. baptized 9 July, Elizabeth his dr. buried 18 May 1594. 1595, Sir Tho. Knevet, Knt. buried 26 July. 1599, Robert, Son of Tho. Knevet, Eſq; buried 24 Dec. 1600, Theophilus, Son of John Kendall, buried the 13 Dec. William his Son, baptized 1 Nov. 1602, Anne his Daughter 1605. 1608, June 5, Thomas Havers, and Katherine Kendal married. 1609, 24 Apr. Philip, Son of Sir Phil. Knyvet, baptized. 1610, 28 June, Will. Knevet his Son baptized. 1610, 28 June, Katherine, the Lady Knevet was buried. 1611, 15 Sept. Dorothy, dr. of Sir Philip Knevet, baptized, 1612, 30 Aug. Eliz. dr. of John Kendall, junior, baptized. 1613, 11 Aug. Mr. Clement Hurne, and Mrs. Mary Knevet married. 1614, 2 June, Katherine, Daughter of Sir Philip Knevet baptized. 13 June, John, Son of John Kendall, junior baptized. 1615, Jan. 23, Robert, Son of Sir Phil. Knevet, Bart. baptized 1615, Will. Son of Sir Philip, buried. 1616, John his Son baptized. 1623, 14 June, William, Son of John Kendall, junior, baptized. 1635. John Kendall buried 17 July.

# ECCLES

IS bounded on the Eaſt by *Wilby*, on the Weſt by *Lerling* and *Snitterton*, on the North by *Harpham*, and on the South by *Quidenham*; it hath one Manor only, to which the Advowſon of the Rectory now is, and always was appendant. It is often called in *French* Deeds, about the Time of *Edward* III. *L'Egliſe*, or *The Church*, which hath induced me ſometimes to think, that it took that Name by Way of Eminence, it being the Biſhop's own Church, and a Place where moſt of them, to the Time of *Henry* VIII. often reſided, in [a] their Palace here, as appears from the great Number of Perſons that were inſtituted at this Place, and from the additional Name of *Eccles Epiſcopi*, or *Biſhop's Eccles*, by which it was always diſtinguiſhed from *Eccles* by the Sea.

## The MANOR

Was very extenſive, including all this Town, great Part of St. *Andrew's* Pariſh in [b] *Bukenham*, or all [c] *New-Bukenham*, and the *Hagh* in *Old-Bukenham*, beſides Lands in moſt of the adjacent Pariſhes. * It was held by *Ralf*, Earl of *Norfolk*, in the Confeſſor's Time, and after, by Earl *Ralf* his Son, they jointly gave it to *Egelmar*, or *Ailmar*, Biſhop of *Elmham*, juſt before the Conqueſt, who held it of them, as did Biſhop *Arfaſt*, or *Herefaſt*, who removed his See to *Thetford*; he was ſucceeded by [d] *William Galſagus*, Biſhop of *Thetford*, who held it at the Time of the Conqueror's Survey, not as belonging to the original Revenues of his Biſhoprick, but as part of thoſe Revenues, that his Predeceſſors had been infeoffed in, by other pious Benefactors, as I take the Title *De Feudo* in *Domeſday* to ſignifie, and not of his own Fee or Inheritance, as ſome interpret it; it had then 2 Carucates in Demean, [e] Wood able to maintain 100 Hogs, Paſture for 180 Sheep, it was fallen from 5*l.* Value to 3*l.* and was two Miles long, and one broad, and paid 7*d.* *Geld*. In the Record called *Teſta de Nevil*, it appears, it belonged to the Biſhop, but they could not tell whether it was part of his Barony, or whether [f] he held it in free Alms. † In the Year 1200, King *John* by his Charter under Seal, dated at *Gaytinton*, 28 *Nov.* in the 2d Year of his Reign, confirmed to *John Grey*, Chief Juſtice of *England*, and Biſhop of *Norwich*, his great Favourite, and to the Church of the *Holy Trinity* at *Norwich*, and to the ſucceeding Biſhops and Monks ſerving God there, all their Lands, Villages, Churches, Poſſeſſions, Rents, Tenements, Liberties, and antient Cuſtoms whatſoever, which they had confirmed, and given them in the Time of King [g] *Henry* his Grandfather, K. *Henry* his Father, and King *Richard* his Brother; and alſo all the Charters, Deeds, Grants, and Gifts of all his Anceſtors: And furthermore, at the Requeſt of the ſaid Biſhop, by this Charter he granted them throughout all their Lands, *Sac*, and *Soc*, *Toll*, *Theam*, *Infengenthef*, &c. [h] with the Liberty of not ſerving at Hundred Courts, Sheriffs Turns, or any other Courts out of their Manors, and that they and the Tenants reſiding in their Manors, ſhould tranſact every Thing among themſelves, at the Views of Frankpledge in their Manors; and that all manner of Felons Goods, and Forfeitures of the Tenants and Burgeſſes reſiding on the Biſhop's Demeans, ſhould be free from all Toll, Pontage, Paage, Laſtage, Stallage, &c. throughout all *England*, for all Goods which they ſhall buy, ſell, and carry by Water or Land, except within the Liberties of the City of *London*, with other large Liberties expreſſed in the ſaid Charter, all which [*i*] were exemplified under Seal the 7*th* of *Febr.* 36 *Eliz.* 1593. at the Requeſt of *Thomas* and *James Plowman*, alias *Cann*, and *Thomas Barnes*, Inhabitants of *Eccles*, on the behalf, and for the Uſe of the Tenants, Townſmen, and Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, who [*k*] had enjoyed the ſame Liberties, from the firſt Grant to the preſent Time. In 1250, [*l*] *Walter*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, had a Charter for Freewarren here, and in all other Demeans of his Biſhoprick. [*m*] In 1286, he had View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, a Ducking-Stool, [*n*] a Gallows, and Weyf, and from this time the Manor continued in the Biſhoprick, 'till

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[a] The Palace is now quite ruinated, the Moats, Foundations, &c. may be ſeen in the Low-Meadows, about a Furlong or more, S. E. of the Church.

[b] See Old-Bukenham, fol. 251, and New-Bukenham, fol. 268.

[c] The whole Tythes of New-Bukenham, and of the Lands called the Biſhop's Hagh, or Hawe, in Old-Bukenham, are now paid to the Rector of Eccles Yearly.

* Terra Epi. Tedfordenſis, ad Epiſcopatum pertinens T. R. E. fol. 248, & 149. [Terra ejuſdem de feudo.]

SCERPHAM HUNDRET. In Eccles tenet Rad: Comes T. R. E. iiii car: poſt tenuit Radulfus Comes filius ejus, poſtea Ailmarus Epiſcopus de utroque. poſtea Arf. Epiſcopus, modo tenet Willus: Epus. ſemper xii. Vill. & xi bord. tunc v. ſerv: modo ii. xx acr, prati, Silv: C. porc. ſemper ii car: in Dominio tunc v. car: hom: modo iiii. ſemper i Mol. modo iii acr: & vii porc: clxxx. Oves, tunc val C. Sol. modo lx. totum habet i leug: in long: & iiii quart. in lato, & vii d. de Gelto, hanc terram habuit A. Epus: in tempore utrorumque & Hundret neſcit quomodo, & nunquam fuit de Epiſcopatu teſte hund.

[d] Godwin de Præſ. 481.

[e] This muſt be Buckenham Hawe.

[f] He held it in free Alms of the Gift of the ſaid Earl's.

[g] It ſeems Henry I. had ſeized part of the Poſſeſſions of the Biſhoprick, for in the Monaſticon, fol. 410. I read this, A° 1101, Herbertus Fundator Norwic: Cathedral: dedit dictæ Eccleſiæ, manerium et Eccleſiam de Eccles" quam redemi a Rege Henrico pro 60 Libris.

† Pope Alexander III. by Bull dated 1176, among other Things, confirmed to John, Biſhop of Norwich, "Eccles cum Soca, &c.

[h] Dedimus et Conceſſimus et ad Impetrationem venerabilis patris noſtri JOHANNIS Secundi, Norwic: Epiſcopi, hac carta, Noſtra Confirmavimus, quod habeant per univerſas Terras ſuas, Soc, Sac, Toll, Theam, Infengenthef, et Utfengenthef, cum Judicio Ferri, Aque, Ignis, et Duelli, bene et in Pace, libere et quiete, plenarie et honorifice, infra Civitates, Burgos, Villas, et extra, in Terris, in Redditibus, advocationibus Eccleſiarum, Capellarum, Servicijs Hominum, et Relevijs, in Boſco & Plano, in Vijs et ſemitis, Introitibus et Exitibus, in Salinis, et Stagnis, et Vivarijs, in Aquis & Molendinis, in Piſcarijs, in Moris et Mariſcis, in Turbarijs, et in omnibus alijs Locis & Rebus ad Tenementa ſua pertinentibus. Sint etiam predicti Epiſcopus, et Monachi & eorum Dominici ubicunque ſint, per totam terram noſtram, Soluti, Liberi et quieti, ab omnibus Scottis, Geldis, Danegeldis, Hydagijs, Carucagijs, Auxilijs, Placitis, Querelis, ſummonitionibus de ſectis Shirarum et Hundredorum, de Auxilijs

[*o*] Biſhop *Nix* unfortunately falling under a *Premunire*, for which he was by Law, to ſuffer perpetual Impriſonment and loſs of all his Goods, was forced to purchaſe his Peace of King *Henry* VIII. by exchanging the large Eſtates (*viz.* 30 good Manors and more) belonging to his Biſhoprick, for the Abby and Revenues of St. *Bennet* of the *Hulme*; [*p*] and that this Agreement might remain firm for ever, [*q*] the King procured that it ſhould be ſetled by Act of Parliament, that the Biſhop of *Norwich* ſhould be always Abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Hulme*, and on the contrary, the Abbot of *Hulme* Biſhop of *Norwich*; by which exchange this Manor came to the Crown, and there continued 'till *Nov.* 12, 1559, when Queen *Elizabeth* granted the Manor, Advowſon, Sheeps-Walk, and all other Privileges thereto belonging, to Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Knt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, and to his Heirs, to be held by him and them, in as full and ample a Manner, as any of the antient Biſhops held it, when it belonged to that See: He conveyed it to Sir *Nathaniel Bacon*, Knight of the *Bath*, of *Stiveky*, or *Stukey* in *Norfolk*, his youngeſt Son, [*r*] who kept Court here, from about 1572, to 1595, he ſetled a Moiety of it on *Elizabeth* his 2d Daughter and Coheir, upon her Marrying Sir *Tho. Knevet*, Junior, Knt. Son of Sir *Tho. Knevet* of *Aſhwellthorp*, Knt. and in 1631, this Moiety was ſetled by Dame *Elizabeth Knevet* aforeſaid, on *Muriell*, Wife of Sir *Charles Le-Groſſe*, Knt. of *Croſtweyt*, and her Heirs, Sir *Roger Townſhend*, Sir *Robert Gawdy* and others, being then concerned as Co-heirs of the Eſtate of Sir *Nathaniel Bacon*, who had ſetled the other Moiety on Sir *Owen Smith* in Remainder, after the Death of *Dorothy* his 2d Wife, eldeſt Daughter of Sir *Arthur Hopton*, Knight of the *Bath*, at the Coronation of King *James*, Son of Sir *Owen Hopton*, Knt. which *Dorothy* was Relict of *William Smith* of *Burgh-Caſtle* in *Suffolk*; and thus it continued in Moieties for ſome Time.

In 1622, Dame *Dorothy Bacon*, Widow of Sir *Nathaniel Bacon*, kept Court here; in 1629, *Charles Le-Groſſe*, and *Thomas Smith* held a Court. In 1638, Sir *Thomas Hopton*, Knt.

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vicecomitum & prepoſitorum, de Miſerecordijs Comitatus et Hundredorum, et de Placitis eorum, de Murdro & Gaywite & Lattocinio, de Operationibus Caſtellorum, Domorum, Vallorum, Parcorum, Vivariorum, Pontium, et Foſſarum, et de Fredwita, et Hengwita, & de Warde-peny, & Averd-peny, & Them-peny, & Flemenſwita, Leirwita, Blodwita & Flictwita, Gritbrigge & Fremenfrithe et Forſtall, et Hamſocne et Herfare et Franc: pleg: Ita quod viſus Franci Plegij, fiat in curia eorum, coram Serviente noſtro ſine admixtione hominum alieni Homagij, ita quod ſi aliquæ Miſerecordia vel Forisfactura, vel aliquod proficuum inde pervenerint, ipſi illud accipiant ad Opus Eorum, ſint etiam Ipſi, et Dominici Burgenſes eorum in Terra ſua Reſidentes, ubicunque liberi et quieti de Thelonio, Pontagio, Paſſagio, Paagio, Leſtagio, Tallagio, Cariagio, Pannagio, Stallagio, Summagio, et Navig: et omni alia Conſuetudine per totam Terram noſtram, preter Civitatem London. Sint etiam quieti ipſi, et Dominici Burgenſes ſui predicti de omnibus Rebus ſuis, quas Emerint vel vendiderint, et per Aquam aut per Terram deportari fecerint per totam Terram noſtram, et Homines de dominicis ſuis ſint quieti de omnibus qu: emerint vel vendiderint ad proprium victum vel Veſtitum ſuum, ſalva Libertate Civitatis London. Conceſſimus etiam et confirmamus eis, quod ſi aliquis Hominum ſuorum Vitam vel Membrum debeat amittere, vel fugerit, et Judicio ſtare Noluerit, vel aliquod Delictum fecerit pro quo, Catalla ſua debeat amittere, ipſa Catalla predictorum ſint Epiſcopi et Monachorum. Prohibemus etiam, ne de aliqua Poſſeſſione ſua, ponantur in placitum, niſi in preſencia Noſtra vel Heredum Noſtrorum. Hijs Teſtibus, W. London, S. Bathon & Glaſton: Epiſcopis, S. Wellen, Archidiacono, Galfrido filio Petri Comitis Eſſex, &c.

Indorſed, The Liberties of Eccles Manor and Town.

This Charter is inrolled in Chancery. " In rotulis Cancellarie infra Turrim London, de Recordo remanen.

[*i*] The Exemplification is in the Hands of Mr. Lanham of Yaxley in Suffolk, who owns an Eſtate here. [k] Plita Libertat: Epi. Norwic. temp. Joh: Epi: A° 41. H. 3. R. 31. " Epiſcopus Norwic: reſpondit pro Catallis B. de Eccles. Plita Coron. A° 52. H. 3. Rot. 3. [*l*] Cart. 35. H. 3. N° 2. The Lete always belonged to the Manor and it has Freewarren, and ſo was never appendant to the Hundred, for which Reaſon, the Lord of the Hundred hath nothing to do in this Manor.

[*m*] Plita: Corone apud Norwic: 15. E. fil. Hen: Rot. 5to. in dorſo. [*n*] They ſtood on the Hill called Gallowe-Hill, almoſt a Mile N. W. of the Town.

[*o*] Atlas p. 382. [*p*] The Biſhop of Norwich is the only Abbot in England, and now ſits in Parliament by Virtue of the Barony of Hulme-Abbey, the Barony formerly belonging to the Biſhoprick being in the Crown. N. B. Hulme, was a mitred Abbey, and as ſuch, it's Abbots always ſat in Parliament.

[*q*] A° Reg: 27. viz. 1535. [*r*] E. Lib. Curiæ. there are many Alienations, Fines, &c. which veſted the Manor in ſeveral other Perſons, but they were Truſtees only.

and *Arthur Hopton*, Eſq; held their firſt Court for one Moiety, and the Year following Sir *Ralf Hopton*, Knt. held his firſt Court for the ſame Moiety. In 1640, *Alice Smith*, Widow and Sir *Charles Le-Groſſe*, Knt. held their firſt Court for the other Moiety. In 1642, Sir *Charles Le-Gros*, Knt. and *Fitz-Nunn Lambe*, Eſq; held their firſt Court, the *Hopton*'s having ſold their Moiety (as I ſuppoſe) to the *Lamb*'s, who after became poſſeſſed of the Whole, in whoſe Family it continued 'till about 1712, and then Mr. *Edmund Lamb* ſold it to Mr. *William Green* of *Stafford*, whoſe Son *William Green*, Eſq; became Lord, but is lately dead, and Mrs. *Mary Green* of *Eccles*, his Widow, is now Lady.

The CUSTOMS of this Manor are, that the Fine is at the Lord's Will, the Tenants can not Waſte their Copyhold without Licence; the eldeſt Son is Heir, there is no *Lete Fee* or Common Fine, and it gives no Dower.

The [s] COMMONS belonging to this Town are theſe, the *Wroo*, *Rowſe-Hill*, the *Great-Fenn*, the *Little-Fenn*, *South-Moore*, *North-Moor*, *Weſt-Ling*, or the further *Heath*, containing in all about 180 Acres, on all which the Lord hath no Right of Commonage, but it ſolely belongs to the Tenants, who can Common Horſes, Cows, and all other Cattle, and cut and carry away Furze at all Times from *Rouſe-Hill*, and the further *Heath*, and Flags and Turff from the *Fenns*.

There is a Hamlet called *Overey*, which had a Church formerly, for I meet with one *Bartholomew*, Rector of *Overey*, but it never had any Inſtitution, which makes me think it always belonged to *Eccles*, and was ſerved by that Rector, becauſe in the Beginning of *Henry* VIII. *Overey* is ſaid to belong to *Eccles*, as it now doth.

## *The* CHURCH *is dedicated to St.* Mary.

It hath a round Tower and 3 Bells, the Nave is leaded, the Chancel and North Porch tiled, the South Iſle (which hath a Roof diſtinct from the Nave) is thatched. It is a Rectory in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and *Rockland* Deanry, valued in the King's Books at 14 *l.* *per Ann.* and pays 1 *l.* 8 *s.* *per Ann.* Tenths. It is altogether exempt from Archidiaconal Juriſdiction, and ſo pays no Procurations, and it being the Biſhop's own Seat, he always excuſed the Rector from Payment of Synodals, ſo that there are none paid, except at the General Viſitations: It is a ſmall Village, having much decreaſed for ſome Time, by the Lord's Purchaſing many of the Cottages and ſmall Tenements. In 1603, it had 108 Communicants, and now it hath about 150 Inhabitants; it paid 30 *s.* a Year to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 338 *l.* 10 *s.* to the Land-Tax. There is a Rectory-Houſe, which was built (according to report) by Biſhop *Nix*, whoſe Arms, with the Arms of the See, were in the Windows, but were loſt when the Houſe was burnt down a few Years ſince, in Mr. *Birch*'s Time, who re-built it, there is a convenient Quantity of Glebe belonging to it.

[t] In Biſhop *Nix*'s Time, A° 1510, one *Thomas* a Prieſt of *Norwich*, was burn'd at *Eccles*: when he was in Priſon, he was by Perſuaſion, led away from his former Opinions, wherefore when he went to be burn'd, he would for Penance, be carried on ſharp Hurdles made of Thorns.

[u] This Biſhop was certainly a greater Bigot to Popery, than could well conſiſt with his Learning and Station, for when he was very old, he obſtinately oppoſed the Reformation then begun, and held ſecret Correſpondence with the Court of *Rome*, tho' he had with a ſolemn Oath, openly renounced the Pope's Supremacy. But at laſt being accuſed and convicted, he was impriſoned a long time in the *Marſhalſea*, ſo that his own Sufferings may in ſome Meaſure clear him of his Vices, and argue his Sincerity in his Religion, tho' erroneous.

## *The following* RECTORS *were all collated by the* BISHOPS *of* NORWICH,

1301, Kal: *April*, *Simon de Ely*, Subdeacon.
1302, Prid: Non: *Feb.* *William de Knapeton*, Prieſt, LL. D. the Biſhop united it to the Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, which Dr. *Knapeton* then held.

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[s] Ex Exemplific: Irrotul. in Coia: Plita: Tre: Coram Juſtic. de Banco de term: Sci: Hilarij 2. W. et Mar: Rot. 850. pen: Dan: Lanham de Yaxley in Com: Suff.

[t] Atlas 422.

[u] Atlas 383. I muſt obſerve that what is ſaid of Eccles in the Atlas, p. 341, belongs to Eccles by the Sea, and is miſplaced here.

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| 1324, 16 Kal: *May*, | Sir *Solomon de Swaffham-Prior*, Subdeacon. | |
| 1338, 18 *May*, | *John de Lenn*, Prieſt, changed *Caſton* Rectory with *Solomon*. | |
| 1340, 12 *Oct.* | *Roger de Haſelarton* Prieſt, changed his Vicarage of *Aileſham* for this, with *John de Lenn*. | |
| 1341, 21 *Sept.* | *Robert de Bruſtewyk*, Prieſt, changed his Rectory of *Lameleye* in *York* Dioceſs, with *Haſelarton*. | |
| 1349, 5 *July*, | *Simon Gyzom* of *Lynford*, Chaplain. | |
| 1357, | The Pope named a Rector, and certified the Biſhop of it. | |
| 1400, *July* 6, | *Tho. Brademere de Hogham* Prieſt; the Biſhop wrote to the Dean of his own Manors, to induct him according to Cuſtom, the Archdeacon never Inducting any one in the Biſhop's Manors. | |
| 1401, 30 *June*, | *Nicholas Lyons* Prieſt, in exchange with *Brademere* for *Rollesby*. | |
| 1403, 4 *Febr.* | *John Park*, alias *Hundon*, Prieſt. | |
| 1424, 9 *Nov.* | *Bartholomew Belaghe* of *Norwich*, Prieſt. | |
| 1446, 5 *Sept.* | Mr. *Stephen Bole* Chaplain, collated by the Biſhop himſelf in his Manor Houſe at *Gaywood*, who wrote to Mr. *Nicholas Derman*, Official of the Juriſdiction of his Manors to induct him. | |
| 1473, 30 *Dec.* | *Tho. Heyr* alias *Johnſon*, Prieſt. | |
| 1511, 10 *March*, | *George Mawer*, LL. B. on *Heyr*'s Death. | |
| | *Robert Walden* Rector, Chaplain to the Biſhop, held it united to *Wilby*. | |
| 1530, 3 *June*, | *Cuthbert Owers*, Domeſtic Chaplain to the Biſhop, on *Walden*'s Death. | |
| 1542, | Mr. *Tho. Briggs*, S. T. P. Rector, buried here. | |
| 1551, | Sir *Robert Picto*, Rector, buried 4 *Jan.* 1564. | |
| 1567, 30 *Dec.* | *Otwell Wytwood* Clerk, who died *April* 30, 1586, and was buried here, he held *Wilby* alſo. | NICHOLAS BACON, Knt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal. |
| 1586, 24 *June*, | *Tho. Baſham*, A. B. buried here *Feb.* 2, 1638. | NATH. BACON, Eſq; |
| 1639, | *Ambroſe Moneye*. | |
| 1688, 31 *Jan.* | *Simon Baldero*, A. M. on *Moneye*'s Death. | SIMON BOLDERO, Gent. |
| 1702, 22 *Aug.* | *Tho. Newſon* on *Boldero*'s Reſignation. | EDM. LAMBE, Eſq; |
| 1705, 10 *Aug.* | *John Laſt*, A. M. on *Newſon*'s Ceſſion, | *Ditto*. He had *Wilby* alſo. |
| 1720, 23 *June*, | *John Birch*, A. M. on *Laſt*'s Death. | WILL. GREEN, Eſq; |
| 1721, 2 *Nov.* | *Will. Ruſhbrook*, on *Birch*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1723, 12 *Octob.* | *Samuel Birch*, A. M. on *Ruſhbrook*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1733, | The Rev. Mr. *John Hull*, the preſent Rector, holds it united to *Quidenham*. | |

The South Iſle of the Church ſeems a later Building than the Nave, and was formerly appropriated to the Biſhop's Palace, but now belongs to the Pariſh; the Altar in it, in all probability, was dedicated to St. *Nicholas* the Biſhop, his Effigies being formerly painted on the Walls. In the North Chancel Window was a Picture of St. *German*, another of St. *Anthony*, and another of St. *Bennet*, and this under them,

**Sanctus Germanus.**
**Beate Antoni, oꝛa pꝛo nobis.**
**Sancte Benedicte, oꝛa pꝛo nobis.**

And the Arms of *Edward* the Confeſſor, and *Clifton* and *Tateſhale*, in the firſt half of the Eſcutcheon, impaling *Howard*, but moſt of them are now loſt.

On the North Side of the Chancel, is a Mural Monument of white Marble, exact in all things, as that at fol. 73, except the Arms and Creſt of *Birch*, and this Inſcription,

SAMUEL BIRCH, *A. M.*

Harborniæ in Agro Staffordienſi natus, Oxoniæ, in Collegio Pembr: Educatus, Hujus Eccleſiæ per Novem fere Annos, Paſtor digniſſimus, Vir vere Reverendus, et doctus, et pius, et admodum juſtus, hic beatam expectans Reſurrectionem, placide in Domino obdormit, obijt duodecimo die Decembris, Anno Redemptionis humanæ, 1732° Ætatis ſuæ 32°.

Poſuit, Maria, Uxor Gulielmi Green Armigeri, Soror amantiſſima.

*William Green*, Eſq; eldeſt Son and Heir of *William Green*, Eſq; deceaſed, (who is buried in the Chancel) hath a Seat here, and is Lord and Patron, after the Deceaſe of Mrs. *Mary Green* his Mother, who holds it in Jointure, his Arms are,

Per Pale, *Gul.* & *Az.* a Chev'ron between 3 Bucks Paſſant *Or.*

⁂ From the old Regiſter which begins 20 Jan: 30. H. 8. 1538. 1543, Agnes dr. of Mr. George Briggs of Saul died. 154--- Edward Nobs and Richard Pollard died at Norwich in the time of the Inſurrection. (they were killed in Kett's Rebellion.) 1580, Dorothy, dr. of Paul Gooch and Roſe his Wife was baptized. 1593, Tho. Wade of New-Bukenham, and Fortuna Chambers were married. 1600, Jan. 27. Math. Baron, Gent. buried. 1601, Paul Gooch Gent. buried. 1606, George Rogers, Rector of Bridgham, and Elizabeth, Relict of James Leaver of Snitterton Clerk, were married April 23. 1612, Iſaac Bently Clerk, Curate of Old-Bukenham, and Elizabeth Barker of the ſame, were married 23 Aug. 1626, Michael Robinſon of Norwich, Gent. and Dorothy Colby of Banham married.

# *H A R P H A M.*

THIS Town never had but one Manor, of which * *Ulf* a Freeman, was Lord in the Time of the Confeſſor, when it was valued at 20*s.* at the Conqueſt it was given to *R. de Belloſago* (or *Beauſo*) who gave it to *Caurincus*, who held it of him at the Survey, when it had 3 Carucates of Land in Demean, worth 30*s.* and was a Mile long, and a Mile broad, and paid 6*d. ob:* 1*q. Danegeld.* The Deſcendants of this *Caurincus*, aſſumed to themſelves the Sirname of *Herkeham*, *Harcham*, *Hargham*, or *Harpham*, for their Name, as well as that of the Town, was oftentimes ſpelled different, according to the Age it was wrote in; This Family ſoon became very numerous, for in *Henry* the Iſt's Time, there were three ſeveral Branches of it in good Repute, but I ſhall only take Notice of the eldeſt Family, which all along held the Manor, and the Oldeſt that I meet with is, *William de Herkeham*, [*y*] whoſe Son *Tho. de Harcham*, ſucceeded him; *Henry de Harcham* his Son, ſealed with a Lyon Saliant, as did [*z*] *Thomas de Harcham* his Son, whoſe Son *William de Harcham*, was Lord in 1249, and convey'd the Manors and Advowſons of *Swantone* and *Harugham*, to *Thomas* his Son for Life in 1279, and afterwards the ſaid *William*, granted it to [*a*] Sir *Warine*, Son of *Thomas de Hereford*, or *Herforth* of *Swanthone*, and his Heirs, Sir *John de Eſchalers*, Knt. and others being Witneſſes; and immediately after, the ſaid *Warine* gave this, and *Swantone* Manors and Advowſons, to *Henry de Herford* his Brother, for Life, on Condition that he ſhould perform all the Services due to the Lords of the Fees, during the Time he enjoy'd them, and in particular the Caſtle-Ward, due for the Fee of *Hockering*: This Deed is dated at *Greſſenhall*, on the Kalends of *October*, 1279. This *Henry* before 1313, convey'd the Advowſon to *John de Herford*, of *Swanton-Marſhall*, (now called *Swanton-Morley*) his Brother, who preſented *Adam de Herford*, another Brother, after which it was reconvey'd to him again, and ſetled on *Mabell* his Mother, then Wife of *Tho. de Lavenham*, for her Life, and they preſented in 1330. [*b*] In 1345, 20 *E.* III, the ſaid *Thomas* ſetled all his Manors of *Swanington*, *Badburgham* (now *Babram*) in *Cambridgeſhire*, and *Hargham*, [*c*] with the Advowſon of *Hargham*, after his Mother's Death on *Maud de Lancaſter*, Counteſs of *Ulſter*, *Nicholas Gernon*, *John Caſteleyn*, her Truſtees, and *John*, Son of *Warine de Herford*, and *Mabell* his Wife, who was Brother and Heir to *Henry*, releaſed their Right, ſo that the Fee became veſted in *Maud de Lancaſter*, Relict of *Will: de Burgh*, Earl of *Ulſter*, who obtained Leave of King *Edward* III. at the Interceſſion of *Henry*, Earl of *Lancaſter* her Brother, to found a Chantry, of a Maſter and four Chaplains, in the Chapel of the Annunciation of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, in the Priory Church belonging to the Nunns at *Campeſſe* in *Suffolk*, to the Laud and Honour of GOD, and the *Holy Virgin*, for the Souls of *William de Burgh*, formerly

* Hund. Scerepham. Terra R. de Belloſago. (fol. 211. In HERKEHAM, tenet Caurincus iii car: Terre, que tenuit Ulf, un: lib: homo. T.R.E. tunc & poſt ii Villani. modo i. ſemp: ii bord: tunc & poſt ii Ser: xii acr: prati, tunc i car: poſt. ii. bov: m° i car: & dim: tunc ii car: hom: poſt i. modo i. et dim: & x Soc: viii acr: terre. ſemper ii. Runc: modo ii. vac: tunc vi porc: m° iii. tunc xliiii Oves m° xxviii. tunc val: xxs. modo xxx. totum habet dim: Leug: in longo, & dim: in lato, & vi den: & i obol: & i Ferding, de Gelto.

[*y*] In 1184, Sir Robert de Harpham was elected Abbot of St. Mary's at York, and died 13 Kalends of May, 1189. Dug: Mon Tom. 1.

[*z*] This Thomas held it of Aliva Le-Marſhall, as of her Barony of Rhye, at one Fee, and it was ever after held of the Owners of that Barony, as the Morleys, &c. Teſta de Nevil.

[*a*] He had a Manor in Badburgham in Cambridgeſhire.

[*b*] Dugh. Mon. Tom. 1. fol. 491.

(*c*) Robert de Morley, Marſhal of Ireland, Superior Lord of the Fee, licenced the Counteſs to amortiſe the Advowſon to the Nunns of Campeſſe.

Earl of *Ulſter*, her firſt Huſband, and of *Ralph de Ufford*, her ſecond Huſband, who is buried in the ſaid Chapel, and of *Elizabeth de Burgh*, and *Maud de Ufford* her Daughters, and alſo for her own Soul, and thoſe of *John de Ufford*, and *Thomas de Hereford*, or *Herford*, Knts. then living, that is, for their Welfare when alive, and their Souls when dead; and in order to endow it, the King granted Licence to the [*d*] Prioreſs and Nuns of *Campeſſe*, to receive and hold in Mortmain, the Advowſons of the Churches of *Burgh* in *Suff.* and *Hargham* in *Norfolk*, of the Gift of the ſaid Counteſs, and to aſſign them to the Cuſtos of the ſaid Chantry for ever, with Licence [*e*] to appropriate them to the Cuſtos and Chaplains for ever, for their Maintainance. But about 1355, ſhe obtained a Confirmation under the Broad Seal, of certain Letters Patent, under the Seals of *William*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, of the Prioreſs of *Campſeye*, and Chaplains of *Bruſeyerd* Chantry, in which it was declared, that the religious Lady, *Maud de Lancaſter*, then Nun of the Collegiate Church of *Campeſſe*, and late Counteſs of *Ulſter*, having founded the ſaid Chaplains, to reſide in *Aſhe*, and ſerve in the [*f*] Priory Church at *Campeſſe*, which was too great a Diſtance, they all agreed to remove the Chantry to *Bruſyerd*, to the Manor-Houſe called *Rokhalle*, where the Chaplains did, and do now dwell; and whereas it was certified by *Lionel*, Duke of *Clarence*, and Earl of *Ulſter*, that the Chaplains went in ſecular Habits, neglected their Office, and waſted the Revenues of the Chantry, they all gave him leave to appropriate all the Revenues of the Chantry, to ſuſtain an Abbeſs, and other Religious Women, of the Order of St. *Clare*, in *Rokehall*, in *Bruſyerd* aforeſaid, and to erect an Abbey, and endow it with whatever belonged to the Chantry; upon which, the Abbey was erected, and this Advowſon transfer'd to the Abbeſs, who preſented to the Diſſolution: And in 13 6, the King licenced Sir *William de Wychingham*, Knt. Sir *Nicholas Gernon*, Knt. and *Roger Wolſerſton*, to give the Manor of *Hargham*, which was then held of the Lord *William Morley*, as of his Manor of *Hockering*, at one Fee, as parcel of his Barony of *Rhye*, and the capital Meſſuage, 160 Acres of Land, 3 Acres of Meadow, 10 Acres of Paſture, and 20*s.* Rent, in *North* and *South Reppes*, *Cromere*, *Thorp*, and *Gimingham*, to *Emme Beauchamp*, then Abbeſs of *Bruſyerd*, and her Succeſſors for ever, and *William de Morley*, Marſhal of *Ireland*, releaſed the Services and Fealty due from that Fee, to the Abbeſs; and from this Time the Manor and Advowſon belonged to that Abbey, 'till it's Diſſolution, and was then granted in 1538, by the King, together with the Advowſon, and [*g*] all other Lands belonging to the Abbey lying in *Hargham*, or *Harpham*, [*h*] to *NICHOLAS HARE*, and *KATHERINE* his Wife, and their Heirs, to be held in Capite, at half a Knight's Fee; and in 1539, *Nicholas Hare* aforeſaid, Eſq; had Licence to ſell the Whole to *John Green*, and his Heirs, who had a great Eſtate in *Wilby*, *Snitterton*, *Banham*, *Attleburgh*, *Hargham*, *Old-Bukenham*, and *Kenninghall*, who in 1548, ſetled it by the King's Licence, on *Tho. Green* his Son, who in the ſame Year made a Jointure of it to *Frances* his Wife, who held it to her Death in 1580, and then it deſcended equally among their Daughters and Co-heirs, *Roſe*, then married to *Paul Gooch*, Gent. of *Banham*, *Prudence* to *John Launce*, *Suſan*, *Elizabeth*, and *Thomaſine* beng ſingle, and under Age, were under the Care of the Court of Wards. In 1583, *Paul Gooche* and *Roſe* his Wife, *John Launce* of *Haleſworth*, and *Prudence* his Wife, *William Brook* of *Eſton* in *Suffolk*, and *Suſan* his Wife, *Thomas Colby* of *Banham*, Gent. and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and *William Hunſton* of *Walſokne* in *Norfolk*, and *Thomaſine* his Wife, were poſſeſſed each of a 5th Part, and *Paul Gooch* hired the Whole. In 1584, *Tho. Colby* had Licence to purchaſe the 5th Part of the Manor and Advowſon of *William Hunſton*, and *Thomaſine* his Wife, and in the ſame Year had Licence to ſell two 5th Parts of the Manor and Advowſon, to *Francis Bolton*, and *John Goldyngham* of *Banham*, and the Heirs of *Bolton*, and in 1586, they all join'd and convey'd the Whole abſolutely to *Paul Gooch* and his Heirs, who in 1587, ſold the Whole to *Henry Gurnay*, Eſq; who ſold it to *Richard Hovell* jun. Eſq; of *Hillington*, and he to Sir *RALPH HARE*, Knt. who ſetled it in 1620, on Sir *Tho. Coventrye*, Knt. upon the Marriage of his Son with Sir *Thomas*'s Daughter, from which time it hath paſſed in the *Hare*'s, as the following Pedigree will demonſtrate.

The CUSTOMS were theſe, the eldeſt Son was Heir, the Fines were at the Lord's Will, and it gave no Dower, the *Lete* belonged to the Hundred, but now there is neither *Lete*, nor Tenants, the whole being exchanged and manumiſed, or in the Lord's own Hands.

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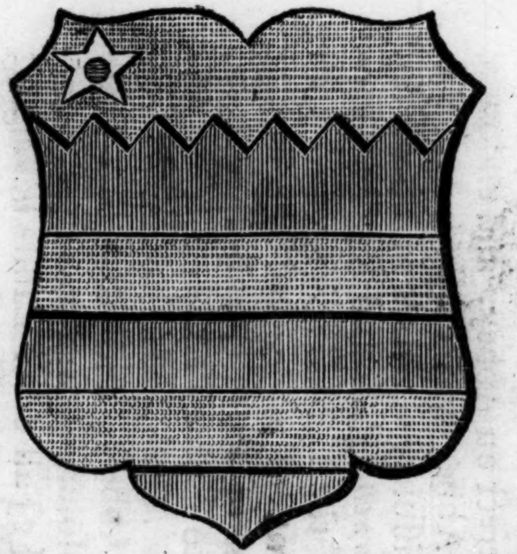
(*d*) Sir Tho. de Hereford, Knt. Thomas de Lavenham, and Mabell his Wife, the Counteſs of Ulſter, and Sir William de Wichingham, Nicholas de Gernon, Roger de Wolſerton and John Caſtelyn her Truſtees, releaſed their Rights to the Prioreſs.

(*e*) But the Biſhops would never Conſent to the Appropriation.

(*f*) Atlas, 285, 287.

(g) In 1390, Roger de Boys, Knt. and others, aliened a Meſſuage, 30 Acres of Land, and 42 Acres of Paſture, lying in Hargham, and a Tenement in Harleſton, to the Abbeſs of Bruſyerd.

(*h*) From the Evidences in the Family of the Hare's of Harpham.



Sir JOHN HARE of Stow-Bardolph in Norfolk, Knt. Son of Sir Ralph Hare, Knight of the Bath, held his first Court Oct. 29, 1623, and by Will dated Dec. 21, 1635, gave the Manor and Advowſon (after the Death of Elizabeth his Wife, who had it in Jointure) to Nicholas Hare his 3d Son, then living, in tail Male. — Elizabeth, Daughter of Thomas, Earl of Coventry, by Sarah his first Wife, dr. of Edward Seabright, of Blackſal in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; She held her firſt Court in 1638. *(Peerage, p. 351.)*

2. John Hare 2d Son had Snitterton, died in 1689. — Suſan, dr. and Coheir of John Walpole, of Bromſthorp, Gent.

3. Nich. Hare of Harpham, Eſq; was bapt. at Stow 13 Dec. 1632, buried here, Nov. 17, 1689. — Katherine, eldeſt Daughter of Wm. Geary of Buſhmead-Abby, in Bedfordſhire, Eſq;

John Hare, Gent. Richmond Herald, died about 1720.

Anne Hare, diedin 1724.

Philip, Son of Edmund Bedingfield, of Bromsthorp. — Elizabeth Hare.

Catherine. Suſan.

Ralph Hare of Harpham, Eſq; and of the Midle Temple, Barriſter at Law, buried here Nov. 18, 1709. — Anne dr. of John Willis, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir Thomas Willis of Fen-Ditton in Cambridgeſhire, Bart. buried here, Sept. 27, 1728.

Thomas Lobb of Great Creſſingham, Eſq; — Mary eldeſt dr. married 27 Oct. 1726.
Iſſue.

2. Anne now ſingle.

3. Suſan now ſingle.

4. Catherine born 1702, buried 1722.

John Dethick of Wereham, in Norf. Eſq; — 5. Eliz. married Dec. 31, 1730.
Iſſue.

1. Tho. Hare of Harpham, Eſq; born 13 Jun. 1692. buried here 1736. — Mary dr. and Heireſs of Joſeph Sharpe of Thetford, Eſq; who holds it in Jointure.

HUGH, born 1729. Anne, born 1727.

2. The Rev. Mr. Ralph Hare, now Fellow of Bennet Coll: in Cambr.

3. The Rev. Mr. John Hare, LL.B. Rect. of Harpham & Wilby, now ſingle

John born Jan. 8, 1698, buried July 1700. Ralph 1699, buried 28 Dec. 1706. Nich. bur. 1706. Margt. bur. 1704.

This Rectory is valued in the King's Books at 4*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 34*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, tho' it pays Yearly 1*s.* 3*d.* Synodals, and 3*s.* Procurations. * It hath a Rectory-Houſe, and 30 Acres 2 Roods and an half of Glebe: The *CHURCH* is dedicated to all the *Saints*, and it hath a Nave, Chancel, and South Porch tiled, a ſquare Tower and 3 Bells; It is a ſmall Village, the whole (except one Farm) being purchaſed by the Lords, hath reduced it to 6 Houſes, and about 50 Inhabitants, tho' it had 55 Communicants in 1603, it paid 30*s.* a Year to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 230*l.* to the Land-Tax.

At the Entrance of the South Door, on two ſmall Braſs Plates,
Oꝛate pꝛo anima Augnetys Gall, cuius anime pꝛopicietur Deus.
Oꝛate pꝛo anima † Thome Gall, cuius anime pꝛopicietur Deus.

There are Stones by the North Door for,
ROBERT STEWARD, who died Febr. 7, 1674. *and* BRIDGITT, who died in 1667.

On the Bells,
1. Sancta Maria Magdalena oꝛa pꝛo nobis.
2. Ave Maria Gꝛatia plena Dominus tecum.
3. Sancte Edmonde oꝛa pꝛo nobis.

*On a Black Marble before the Desk,*

XXVIII<sup>vo.</sup> die Auguſti, Anno Domini MDCCXXVIII. obijt HENRICUS PITTS Clericus, Coll: Divi Johannis Evang: Cantabr: *A. B.* hujus Eccleſiæ parochialis de Hargham, per Ann: XL. Rector, Eccleſiæ de Rowdham per annos XVII Vicarius, Vir in omni Doctrinæ Genere Eruditus, omnibus Honeſtus, ſic vixit, ſic mortuus eſt; Hic, Lector, optimum habes Exemplar,
Abi igitur, et tu fac Similiter.

There were divers Arms on the old Roof of the Chancel, (all which were defaced when the new Roof was erected) as I learn from a Manuſcript among Mr. *Le-Neve*'s Collections, *viz.*

VERE, HOWARD, VERDON, BEAUCHAMP, ST. GEORGE, BRANCH, and theſe, *Arg.* a Feſs *Gul.* between 3 Birds *Sab.* 3 Fuſils in Feſs. *Arg.* 3 Lozenges *Gul.* a Lyon Ramp. *Arg.* on a Feſs *Gul.* 3 Plates. *Az.* a Croſs ingrail'd *Arg.* Quarterly *Arg.* & *Gul*, in the 2d and 3d Quarters a Frette *Arg.* over all a Bend *Sab.* *Arg.* 2 Barrs *Az.* *Az.* 3 Cinquefoils *Arg.* *Gul.* 6 Roſes 3. 2. 1. *Arg.*

*The following Inſcriptions are on Black Marbles in the Chancel,*

HARE, with a Mullet, impales GEARY, *Gul.* 2 Barrs *Or*, on each 3 Maſcles *Az.* on a Canton a Leopard's Face. Creſt, a Demi-Lyon holding a Croſlet Fitchee.

Spe Reſurrectionis, hic ſubtus jacet Nicholaus Hare Armiger, è quinque Filijs Johannis Hare de Stow Bardolph, in agro Norff: Militis, et Elizabethæ Filiæ primæ, Thomæ Domini Coventrij, Baronis de Alleſborough, Magni Sigilli Angliæ Cuſtodis, Quartus et Superſtes, Katherinam Filiam, Gulielmi Geary de Buſhmead, in Comitatu Bedfordiæ Armigeri primogenitam, Uxorem duxit, E quâ Prolem Solam e Cunabulis ſuperſtitem, Radulphum, hujus Marmoris Poſitorem, ſuſcitavit, et poſt triginta fere annos caſtæ Viduitatis, Exuvias ſuas apud Hargham, depoſuit, xv. Novembris Anno Salutis MDCLXXXIX, Ætatis ſuæ LVII jam exeunte, Rarum Maritatis et paterni amoris Exemplum.

Pius, juſtus, Prudens et eruditus, fælixque expertus,
Quod bene vixit, qui bene latuit.

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(*) 29 Sept. 1685, the Lord and the Rector exchanged Lands, the Lord had 16 Acres and one Rood, and the Rector received for it 19 Acres, 3 Roods. The Rector hath alſo two Roods called Bell-Acre, beſides the aforeſaid Glebe, for which he is obliged to find the Bell-Ropes.

Mortuaries are due in this Pariſh, viz. every one that dies worth 20*l.* pays the Rector 3*s.* 4*d.* if worth 30*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* if 40*l.* 10*s.* but it riſes no higher, and there is nothing paid under 20*l.* Value. Fee for burial in the Chancel 6*s.* 8*d.* E regro. Fee for an out-town Perſon over and above the burial Fee, 3*s.* 4*d.* by Cuſtom.

(†) The Galle's were a very antient conſiderable Family in this Town, Robert Galle was Rector of Weſt-Wrotham in 1433. In 1485, Stephen Galle of Hargham, Senior, was buried here, and this Tho. Galle lived at that Time.

The Arms and Creſt of HARE as before, impaling WILLIS, per Feſs *Arg.* & *Gul.* 3 Lyons Ramp. counter-changed, in a Bordure *Ermine*.

Hic requieſcit in Domino, RADOLPHUS HARE Armiger, NICHOLAI Patris et KATHERINÆ Matris, Filius unicus et Hæres, duxit in Uxorem ANNAM Domini JOHANNIS WILLIS de Ditton in Agro Cantabrigienſi Baronetti, Filiam natù maximam, Cui Sex Filij, totidemque Filiæ nati, octo ſuperſtites ſunt; Vir probus, pius, et doctus, Legibus Regni Municipalibus acurate peritus, proindeque clariſſimo interioris Templi Londinenſis Hoſpitio, in illuſtrem Aſſeſſorum Societatem merito evectus eſt, Anno 1706, Cumque Dei Opt: Max: Cultorem devotiſſimum Religionis reformatæ in Eccleſiâ Anglicanâ, Propugnatorem ſtrenuum, regiæ Majeſtati, ſubditum fideliſſimum, ſereniſſimis Principibus GULIELMO et MARIA ANNAQUE regnantibus, Pacis Conſervatorem vigilantiſſimum (eximia cum Laude et Honore) diù ſeſe præſtitiſſet, incurabilis tandem Febris Rabie, ſubito correptus, Ex hac miſerâ in æternam Vitam fæliciter emigravit, decimo ſexto die Novembris, anno Ætatis ſuæ 52° Redemptionis noſtræ 1709.

In piam cujus Memoriam, ANNA dilectiſſima mæſtiſſimaque Uxor et Relicta, Monumentum hoc depoſuit Ann: Dom: 1710.

HARE's Arms in a Lozenge.

ALICIA HARE, Johannis Hare Militis, et Dominæ Elizabethæ Uxoris, Filia Natû minima, Inter chariſſimum Fratrem Nicholaum et Nepotem Radulphum, hic jacet ſepulta, Quæ dum vixit, Pietatis in Deum, Charitatis in Egenos, Sexus ſui extitit laudabile Exemplar, Nata apud Stow Bardolph, et ibidem baptizata, 12 Septembris, 1637, et in hac Villa denata, 26 Aprilis 1713, Ætatis ſuæ 76,

Johannes } { Nepos
et Thomas } Hare { Pronepos.

Fideles Executores, Hoc Monumentum pie poſuerunt.

HARE's Arms in a Lozenge.

Catherine, fourth Daughter of Ralph Hare of Hargham in Norfolk, Eſq; and Ann his Wife, died Aug. 23, 1722. aged 20 Years.

HARE and WILLIS, impaled in a Lozenge.——P. M. S. ANNÆ, Viduæ et Relictæ, RADOLPHI HARE de Hargham Armigeri, Filiæ natu maximæ Domini JOHANNIS WILLIS, de Ditton in Agro Cantabrigienſi Baronetti; eidem RADOLPHO, per XVIII Annos deſponſatæ, quem Prole duodena beavit, Thoma, Maria, Anna, Suſanna, Johanne, Radolpho, Nicholao, Catherina, Margareta, Radolpho, Johanne, Elizabetha, E quibus Johannes, Radolphuſque priores, ut et Nicholaus, Catherina, et Margareta, Vita functi ſunt, Cæteri ſeptem ſuperſunt. Quæ ANNA, poſtquam Annos XIX Maritum ſupervixiſſet, tandem Die XXV° Septembris A. D. MDCCXXVIII°, Animam Deo reddidit, Anno Ætatis ſuæ LVII° currente. Stirpe clara, Dotibus clarior, Pietate clariſſima, Religionis pure Chriſtianæ, Dogmata Verbis tueri, Præcepta Factis ornare, perita, aſſueta. Fideliſſima Conjux amantiſſimaque; Vidua, non abſcedens a Templo, diu noctuque Deum colens; Parens indulgentiſſima; Mater-familias prudentiſſima; omnibus benigna, proindeque deflenda. In cujus Memoriam ANNA, Filia mœſtiſſima, Teſtamenti Executrix, hunc Lapidem P. F. A. D. MDCCXXX°.

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| 1281, | Sir *Walter*, RECTOR. (*) | Sir HENRY DE HERFORTH, Patron. |
| 1313, 9 Kal: *Oct.* | *Adam de Herford* Accolite, was inſtituted to the Rectory of *Harpham*, at the Preſentation of JOHN DE HERFORD of *Swanton-Marſhall* and MABELL his Wife, true Patrons. | |
| 1330, 5 Kal: *Oct.* | *Ralph de Mendham* Prieſt. | THO. DE LAVENHAM and MABELL his Wife. |
| 1347, 23 *May*, | † *Pain de Sancto Claro*, Chaplain. | The PRIORESS of *Campeſſe*. |
| 1376, 25 *July*, | ‖* *John Kenfleg* Prieſt. | The Abbeſs of the Bleſſed Virgin *Mary* of *Bureſyerd*. |
| 1418, 13 *March*, | *John Walle* of *Grundesburgh* Prieſt. | |
| 1450, 23 *Oct.* | Sir *Tho. Cropp*, or *Scroop*. alias *Bradley* on *Wall*'s Death. | |
| 1481, 30 *Jan.* | *Will: Rychardyſſon.* | |
| 1489, 19 *May*, | *Robert Stele* Prieſt. | |
| 1498, 8 *May*, | *John Dowe*, on *Stele*'s Reſignation. | MARGERY CALTHORP, Abbeſs of *Bruſyerd*. |
| 1505, 29 *Apr.* | Sir *John Browne*, Chaplain. | The Abbeſs of *Bruſyerd*. |
| 1508, 10 *Jan.* | *Walter Grey* on *Browne*'s Reſignation | |
| 1511, 22 *Oct.* | *Richard Hilton* on *Grey*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1522, 13 *Jan.* | *Tho. Nicholſon*, on *Hilton*'s Death. | |
| 1539, 20 *Sept.* | *Robert Ferhande* Chaplain, on *Nicholſon*'s Death. | JOHN GREEN, Eſq; |
| 1542, 27 *April*, | Sir *Tho. Marſhe* Chaplain, on *Farande*'s Death. | |
| 1555, 15 *Octob.* | *Tho. Pierſonne*, on *Marſhe*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1556, 30 *Sept.* | *Gilbert Seaman*, on *Peirſon*'s Death. | THO. GREEN, Gent. |
| 1557, 23 *Octob.* | *Edward Jackſon* Prieſt, on *Seaman*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1580, 27 *June*, | *William Jones*, Clerk. | PAUL GOOCH, Gent. in right of ROSE his Wife. |

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| 1583, 8 *Jan.* | *Roger Morris*, Queen ELIZABETH, by Lapſe. | |
| 1585, 2 *Dec.* | *John Gildenſleve* on *Morris*'s Reſignation. | PAUL GOOCH, Gent. |
| 1587, 13 *May*, | *John Briggham*, on *Gildenſleve*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1587, 9 *July*, | *Tho. Bloode*, RICHARD MARTEN, Gent. | |
| 1588, 9 *Sept.* | *Edward Riſleye*, A. M. on *Bloode*'s Reſignation. HENRY GURNEY, Eſq; he held it united to *Thorp-Abbots*. | |
| 1602, 5 *July*, | *Nich: Ryſelye*, on *Edw: Riſley*'s Reſignation. *Ditto*. | |
| 1616, 30 *Aug.* | *Edward Smith*, A. M. Sir RALPH HARE, Knt. | |
| 1647, 22 *Dec.* | *John Benn*, A. M. on the Promotion of *Edward Smith*. GREGORY GAWSELL, Eſq; | |
| 1652, | *Gerrard Harriſon*, Rector. | |
| 1662, | *Samuel Leader*. | |
| 1666, 11 *June*, | * *Henry Gill*, A. B. on *Leader*'s Reſignation, | NICHOLAS HARE, Eſq; |
| 1676, 2 *July*, | *Tho. Bliford*, A. B. on *Gill*'s Death, | |
| 1681, 5 *April*, | *Henry Prettie*, A. B. on *Bliford*'s Death. | |
| 1689, 25 *March*, | *Henry Pitts* on *Prettie*'s Reſignation. *Ditto*, he held *Rowdham*. | |
| 1729, 29 *July*, | *Francis Blomefield*, Clerk. THO. HARE of *Harpham*, Eſq; he held it united to *Ferſfield*. | |
| 1730, | The Rev. Mr. *John Hare*, the preſent Rector, on *Blomefield*'s Reſignation. THO. HARE, of *Harpham*, Eſq; his eldeſt Brother. He holds it united to *Wilby*. | |

# *SNETTERTON.*

S*Netretuna*, *Sniſtertuna*, *Sniſterton*, or *Snetterton*, as it is now called, is a Village lying between *Harpham* and *Lerling*, and had in it two Pariſh Churches, one dedicated to all the *Saints*, and the other to St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, which is now down, and the Ruins with difficulty found in the *Hall-Yard*;

## *The* CHURCH *of* All-Saints

The preſent Pariſh Church, is a good Building, having it's Nave, North Iſle, North Porch, South Porch, and Chancel leaded, a ſquare Steeple and 4 Bells: In the Nave on a ſmall Braſs in a Seat,

**Orate pro Anima Cecilie Bokynham, Filie**
**Georgii Bokynham, et Margarete Uxoris ſue.**

Over the Rood is a defaced Painting of the Laſt Day, on the Top is our SAVIOUR ſitting on the Judgment-Seat, ſaying to the Bleſſed on his Right-Hand, *Come ye Bleſſed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you*; and to the Curſed on his Left, *Depart from me ye Curſed into everlaſting Fire*. The Windows contain the Hiſtory of the *Revelations*, with the Apoſtles, each having a Sentence of the *Creed* in a Labell from his Mouth.

The Eaſt Window of the North Iſle is filled with Angels ſupporting theſe Arms.

MORLEY. *Gul.* a Saltyr *Arg.* impaling Quarterly, 1ſt, *Arg.* a Lozenge *Gul.* 2d, *Arg.* a Bend *Az.* MORLEY, impaling Quarterly DE-LA-POLE, and WYNGFIELD. *Arg.* a Lyon Ramp: *Or*, crowned *Gul.* impales BOKENHAM, *viz.* *Arg.* a Lyon Ramp: *Gul.* ſurmounted with a Bendlet *Az.* charged with 3 Bezants. BOKENHAM ſingle. Quarterly *Arg.* & *Az.* a Bendlet Gobonne, *Sab.* & *Or*, impaling *Arg.* a Lyon Ramp: *Or.* *Arg.* a Canton and 2 Feſſes *Gul.* impales *Vair*, *Sab.* & *Or.*

Other North Iſle Windows have the Hiſtory of the Creation, of CHRIST's Baptiſm, of St. *Chriſtopher*, &c. with the Legends in Labells.

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* He died at Wilby 23 Febr. 1676, and was buried in this Chancel. *⁎* 1581, Thomas Chapman Clerke, and Margery Mean married. 1587, Ant. Son of Paul Gooch Gent. and Roſe his Wife Bapt. 1592, John Mounteforte, Gent. and Elizabeth Butler, Gentlewoman, married. 1593, Edw. Green, Gent. buried. 1674, Robert Steward, Gent. buried. 1681, Henry Warner, Gent. buried. 1660, collected 2 s. 2 d. for the Burning of Fakenham in Norfolk. 1662, the Burning of Beccles in Suffolk. 1682, Mrs. Catherine Warner, paid for Burial of her Husband in the Chancel. N. B. The Plate belongto this Church is only a Silver Cup and Cover.

(*) In the Time of Edward I. the Rector had a Houſe and 40 Acres of Land, and the Rectory was not taxed, and ſo paid no Firſt Fruits. Domſd. Norwic.

(†) He was buried here, in 1375. Regr. Haydon.

(‖*) In 1374, he was Vicar of Rowdham.

In the Chancel, are many diſrobed Stones of the *Bokenham*'s, on *George*'s Stone theſe Arms remain, *viz.* a Lyon Ramp: impaling *Bokenham*, who Quarters 3 Roundells 2. & 1. on the 1ſt a Croſlet Moline. Theſe two Inſcriptions are preſerved in Mr. *Weaver*, fol. 817.

> **Orate pro Anima Georgii Bokenham Armigeri, de Sniſterton, Filii et Heredis Johannis Bokenham, qui obiit xxi° die Octobris, Anno Dni: M.cccc.xxiii. cuius Anime propicietur ::::::**
>
> **Orate pro Anima Johannis Bokenham Armigeri, nuper Filii Hugonis Bokenham de Levermer-Magna, necnon nepotis et heredis Edmundi Bokenham de Sniſterton, qui obiit xv. die Menſis Octobris Anno Dni: M°CCCC°lxxxiii° et pro animabus Anne et Johanne :::::::: quorum animabus ::::::**

In the Eaſt Chancel Window,

**::::: Aia: Mri: Roberti Spylman, et amicor ſuor :::: mccccl :::::**

In the North Chancel Window, the Cup and Wafer in a Glory, with *Spilman*'s Arms over it, and this Underneath,

**Magiſter Robertus Spylman confidit in domino.**

This *Robert* in 1446, was inſtituted Rector, at the Preſentation of *Edmund Bokenham* of *Snetterton*, Eſq; and about 1450, he new glazed the Chancel Windows, with beautiful painted Glaſs, when the Church Windows were glazed by the Pariſhioners, and the North Iſle Windows by the Lord.

This Rectory is valued in the King's-Books at 12*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* and pays 1*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* *ob:* Yearly Tenths. * It hath a good Rectory-Houſe joining to the South Side of the Church-Yard, with a convenient Glebe belonging to it, of 60 Acres.

## RECTORS *of* All-Saints.

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| 1257, | Mr. ‖ *Tho: de Ingaldeſthorp*, Rector. | RALPH DE BUKENHAM, Patron. |
| 1281, | Mr. *John*, Rector of *All-Saints*. | |
| 1311, 5 Kal: *Mar:* | The Biſhop in his Manor of *Geywode*, granted the Sequeſtration for 6 Months, to *Robert de Fuldone* Prieſt, who was preſented by Sir HUGH DE BOKENHAM, Knt. | |
| 1317, 3 Non: *Mar:* | *John de Bokenham*, Accolite. | HUGH DE BOKENHAM, Knt. his Brother. |
| 1349, 4 *July*, | *John de Bokenham* Shaveling, | ALICE, Widow of Sir *Hugh Bokenham*, Knt. |
| 1352, 9 *May*, | *Walter de Elveden*, Profeſſor of Civil Law, Precentor of the Church of *Hereford*, on the Death of *John de Bokenham*, | |
| 1359, 9 *May*, | *Nicholas Bokenham* Clerk, | |
| 1362, 27 *Nov.* | *Roger Dennay*, or *Dawnay*. | Lapſe. |
| 1391, 20 *June*, | *Tho. de Boſevill*, Accolite. | JULIAN, formerly Wife of *Hugh de Bokenham*. |
| 1435, 4 *June*, | The Church of St. *Andrew* in *Snetterton*, was conſolidated to the Church of *All-Saints* there, at the Requeſt of *Edmund Bukenham*, then Patron of both, and of *Tho: de Boſvyle*, Rector of both. | |
| 1446, 3 *Octob.* | Maſter *Robert Spylman* Prieſt, Batchelor in the Decrees, was inſtituted to *Snetterton Utraque*, at *Boſvyle*'s Death, at the Preſentation of EDMUND DE BUKENHAM, Eſq; The 6 *Sept.* 1464, he was made Maſter of St. *Gregory*'s College in in *Sudbury*, on the Death of *Hen: Sethyng* laſt Maſter. | |
| 1467, 19 *Jan:* | Maſter *John Newman*, LL. D. on *Spylman*'s Death: | EDMUND DE BUKENHAM, Eſq; |
| 1492, 14 *Oct.* | *Thomas Dykys* Prieſt. | Lapſe. |
| 1449, 5 *July*, | *Walter Redmayne* Prieſt, D.D. on *Dykys*'s Reſignation, | GEORGE BUKENHAM, Eſq; |
| 1504, 21 *Dec.* | *William Throgmerton*, LL. D. on *Redman*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1530, | *Stephen Galle* Clerk, buried here *Dec.* 3, 1556, | |
| 1557, 5 *March*, | Sir *Edmund Burrough* Clerk, Vicar of *Runham* at *Galle*'s Death, buried 27 *Nov.* 1578. | THO: CARILL, Eſq; and DOROTHY his Wife. |

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* In 1267, Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp Rector, purchaſed a Meſſuage and 12 Acres of Land, after the Death of Ralph Corde, Rector of St. Andrews, and ſetled it on his Succeſſors for ever.

‖ He was afterwards Dean of St. Pauls and Biſhop of Rocheſter, died 1291, Godwin de Præſ. 576. His Life may be ſeen in Newcourt's Repertorium Vol. 1. fo. 38.

1578,

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| 1578, 9 *Febr.* | *John Weſton* Clerk, | NICHOLAS HARE, Eſq; of *Stow-Bardolph.* |
| 1582, 23 *July,* | *Edmund Riſeley* Clerk, on *Weſton*'s Death, | |
| 1588, 8 *Octob.* | *Ralph Leaver* Clerk, buried *June* 3, 1605, | |
| 1605, 25 *Octob.* | *James Branthwayte*, A. M. buried 10 *Feb.* 1632- | Sir RALPH HARE, Knt. |
| 1633, 21 *June,* | *Edward Bentley* Clerk, buried 24 *May* 1641. | Sir JOHN HARE, Knt. |
| 1641, | *Samuel Rogers.* | |
| 1644, 1 *May,* | *Thomas Martin* Clerk, buried 1659. | ELIZ. Relict of Sir JOHN HARE. |
| 1659, 10 *Dec.* | *Robert Seppens* Clerk, reſigned in 1666, for *Hingham.* | JOHN HARE, Eſq; |
| 1668, 12 *Febr.* | *Walpole Chamberleyn*, A. B. on *Seppens*'s Reſignation, | JOHN HARE of *Sideſtrond* 2d Son of Sir *John Hare.* |
| 1668, 2 *Sept.* | *Richard Neech*, A. M. on *Chamberleyn*'s Ceſſion, | |
| 1670, 15 *Febr.* | *Anthony Neech*, A. B. on his Brother's Reſignation, he died *Octob.* 5, 1730, aged 84, § as his Graveſtone in the Altar Rails informs us. | |
| 1730, | The Rev. Mr. *Nicholas Neech*, his Son, is now Rector, and holds it united to *Shropham* Vicarage. | THO. HARE of *Harpham*, Eſq; |

## RECTORS *of St.* Andrew's CHURCH *in* Snetterton.

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| 1257, | Sir *William Le Parker* Rector. | RALPH DE BUKENHAM, Patron. |
| 1281, | *Ralph Corde*, Rector. | |
| 1308, 12 Kal: *Apr.* | *Nicholas de Frengge* Accolite, | Sir HUGH BUKENHAM, Knt. |
| 1311, 4 Id: *Nov.* | *Ralph de Fuldone* Prieſt, | |
| 1332, 4 Non: *Jan.* | *Richard Galyon de Sandringham* Accolite, | HUGH, Son of Sir *Hugh de Bukenham*, Knt. |
| 1349, 26 *Oct.* | *Edmund de Welholm* Shaveling, | ALICE, Relict of *Hugh de Bukenham.* |
| 1358, 8 *Nov.* | *Henry de Etyndon* Prieſt, on *Welholm*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1382, 25 *Sept.* | *John Arteys* Prieſt. | JULIAN DE BOKENHAM. |
| 1394, 7 *March,* | *Henry Strok* Prieſt. | JOAN, Relict of *Hugh Bokenham* of *Sneterton.* |
| 1398, 5 *Aug.* | *John Somerby* Prieſt, on *Strok*'s Reſignation. | JOAN BUKENHAM, Lady of *Snetterton.* |
| 1399, 12 *April,* | *Tho. Galle* of *Snetterton* Accolite. | JULIAN DE BOKENHAM. |

At his Death in 1435, it was conſolidated to *All-Saints*, by EDMUMD BUKENHAM, Eſq; Patron of both, and *Tho. Boſvile*, Rector of both; and being thus join'd, about the time of *Henry* VIII. the Church was pulled down; at the Time of *Norwich Domeſday*, *Hugh de Kywelſle*, or *Kineſle*, was Patron, and the Rector had a Houſe and 10 Acres of Land. This Advowſon was purchaſed by Sir *Hugh de Bokenham*, Father of *Ralph*, of *Jeffery de Kineſle*, Son of *Hugh de Kyneſle*.

There were two Gilds in this Town, the one called, *The Fraternity of the Holy Trinity*, and the other of St. *John*; they had a Gild-Hall which ſtood on the other Side of the Road, againſt the End of the Chancel, they were diſſolved in the Year 1548, and the Hall and 4 Acres of Land thereto belonging, came to the Crown, and there continued 'till Queen *Elizabeth* by Letters Patent, dated 26 *Jan.* 1569, granted it to *Nicaſe Yetſwert*, Eſq; and *Barth. Brokesby*, Gent. and their Heirs, to be held of her Manor of *Eaſt-Greenwich*, in free Soccage, by Fealty only and not in Capite, without any annual Payment whatever, and afterwards, it was ſold ſeveral times before the Lord purchaſed it, and pulled it down.

In 1528, the Prior of *Bukenham* was taxed 3*s.* 10*d. ob:* for his Temporals in this Town, which were divers ſmall Pieces of Land given to their Houſe by the *Bokenham*'s.

It paid to the Tenths 3*l.* 10*s.* is now aſſeſſed to the King's-Tax at 420*l.* and hath about 200 Inhabitants.

SNETTERTON, in the Confeſſor's Time was two Towns, the South Part of it, with *All-Saint*'s Church, was known by the preſent Name, but the North Part with St. *Andrew*'s Church thereto belonging, was then called *Eſſebei*, or *Aſhby*, and continued that Diſtinction at the Conqueror's Survey, and ſome time after; * *Snetterton* Part was owned by *Ailwin* in the Confeſſor's Time, and by *Roger Bigot* in the Conqueror's, of whom *Ralph*, Brother of *Ailwin*, then held it, the Manor being worth 20*s.* the whole of *Snetterton* and *Aſhby*, was two Miles long and one broad, and paid 17*d.* 1*q.* *Danegeld.* * *Aſhby* Part was held by Earl *Ralph* in the Confeſſor's Days, and by him forfeited to the Crown, and the Conqueror committed it to Earl *Goderic*'s Care, at which time it was of the ſame Value as *Snetterton*, *viz.* 20*s.* a Year. Theſe two Parts afterwards became four Manors, *Oldhall*, *Newhall*, *Carhall*, and *Grimes*'s, the Cuſtoms of all which are, that the Fines are at the Lord's Will, and the Eldeſt Son is Heir, they have no *Lete* belonging to them, but it always did, as it now doth, belong to the Lord of the Hundred, to whom they pay a *Lete-Fee* of 2*s.* 4*d.*

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§ It alſo ſhews us that Thomaſine his firſt Wiſe was Daughter of John Osbourn of Norwich, Eſq; and Thomaſine his Wiſe, and died July 13, 1713, Elizabeth his 2d Wiſe was buried at Fersfield, See fol. 72.

* Terra Rogeri Bigoti, Scerepham Hund. (fol. 116.)

SNETRETUNA. tenuit Idem [ſc. Ailuuinus] pro i car: terre et pro manerio, et tenet Radulfus frater Herlvini, ſemper ii. Vill: & iii bord: & i ſerv: viii. acr. prati, ſemper i car: in dnio: & dim: car: homin: tunc iii. acr. m° vii. & ix porc. tunc lx Oves, modo clx. et xiiii Capr: & ii Vaſa apum, ſemper val. xx Sol: et habet i Leug. in longo & dim: in lato, quicunque ibi teneat, & xvii*d.* & i Ferding de Gelto.

(fol. 301.) H. de Wanelunt, Rogerus Bigot tenet in Snetretuna. lib: homo v acr: & iii virg: & ii bov: & val. xvi*d.* de hoc, Commend: tantum, Soca in Bucham, Radulfus filius Herlvini tenet de Rogero.

## *The* MANOR *of* OLD-HALL,

Was Part of *Snetterton* at the Conqueſt, *Ailwin* was Lord of it in the Confeſſor's Time, and *Ralph* his Brother held it at the Survey, of *Roger Bigot*, who infeoffed [*a*] *William de Albany* in it, upon his marrying his Daughter *Maud*, of whom *Richard de Snetterton*, the Deſcendant of *Ralph* held it, he was ſucceeded by [*b*] *Hugh*, (firſt ſirnamed *Rufus*, or the *Red*) and [*c*] afterward *de Bukenham*, and ſometimes *de Snitterton* his Son, whoſe Son *William de Snitterton*, alias *de Bukenham*, married one of the Daughters and Coheireſſes of Sir *Benedict de Angerville*, Lord of || *Weſt-Newton*, *Weſt-Herling*, and of *Kerhalle* in *Snetterton*, all which came to the ſaid *William*, and *Nicholas de Beaufo*, who married the other Heireſs; his Son *Hugh de Bokenham*, alias *de Snetterton*, and *Will. de Beaufo*, held half a Fee here of the Earl of *Arundell*, in the Time of *Henry* III. He was ſucceeded by [*e*] *Ralph de Bukenham* his Son, who in 1203, gave 14*l.* by his Guardian *Godfrey de Albany*, [*f*] to have his 7th Part of the Inheritance of *Goſceline de Lodnes*, in right of his Mother *Alice*, who was Daughter and Co-heir of *Ralph de Somerton*, Son of *Ralph de Somerton*, Son of *Hugh de Somerton* and *Suſan* his Wife, Siſter and Co-heir of *Goſceline de Lodnes*. This *Ralph* gave the Tythe of the *Pannage* of his Wood in *Bukenham*, and the Advowſon of [*g*] *Weſt-Newton*, to the Monks at *Wimondham*, and *Hugh de Beaufo* releaſed his right in it. He left *Hugh de Bukenham* [*h*] his eldeſt Son and Heir, who married *Margaret*, Daughter of *Miles Le-Parker*, (*Parcarius*, or the Park-Keeper) Brother of *William Le-Parker*, Rector of *Eccles* by the Sea, who out-lived him, and left *Hugh de Bokenham*, alias *Snitterton*, his Son and Heir, who in the Year 1290, aſſigned to *Margaret* his Mother, part of the Manſion-Houſes at *Snetterton* and *Herling*, the 3d Turn of *Snetterton All-Saints*, and the 3d Parts of *Snetterton* and *Herling* Manors. In 1324, upon his Marriage, he ſetled his Manors of *Snetterton*, and *Weſt-Herling*, with the Advowſons of *All-Saints*, and St. *Andrews*, the Advowſons of *Stuſton* and *Ockle* in *Suffolk*, and Lands, Homages, &c. in *Stuſton*, *Ockle*, *Hargham*, *Lerling*, *Whidenham*, and *Wilby*, on Sir *John de Bokenham*, Parſon of *Snitterton*, his Brother, Sir *Edmund de Baconſthorp*, and *Nicholas*, Son of Sir *Gregory de Caſtello*, for the Uſe of *Alice* his Wife for Life, and died in 1339, and was buried here, ſhe died before 1365, and the whole then came to *Hugh de Bokenham* her eldeſt Son, who married *Julian*, Heireſs of Sir *John de Thelvetham*, with whom he had the Manor of *Thelvetham*, *Livermere*, &c. in *Suffolk*, and by Will ordered to be buried by the Tombs of his Anceſtors in *Snetterton All-Saints*, leaving *Julian* his Wife Executrix, and Sir *John de Thelvetham* Superviſor, who jointly with *Roger Dawney*, Parſon of *All-Saints*, *Will. de Rougham*, and others, Truſtees of *Hugh de Bokenham* deceaſed, ſetled their Manors of *Snitterton*, *Carhall*, and *Eldehall*, with the Advowſons, on the ſaid *Julian* for Life. In 1385, ſhe and her Truſtees ſetled them on *Hugh* her Son, on his Marriage with *Joan*, Daughter of *Robert Aſhfield*,

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* Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat. (fol. 33.)
Serpeham Hund: Eſſebei tenuit Radus: [Comes] T.R.E. i car: terre, ſemper ii Vill: & i bor: tunc, iiii Serv. poſt et m° ii. & iii. acr: prati ſemper i car: in dnio: & ii bov: hom: ſemper vi Oves, ſemper valet xx Sol. Blancas.

[*a*] See fol. 251. [*b*] It was always held at half a Fee of the Earl of Arundell. [*c*] He gave to All-Saint's Church here, for the Souls of his Anceſtors, Self, and Succeſſors, his Liberty of Faldage which he had here, and in the adjacent Towns, to hold it freely in pure Alms, of this Manor. [*d*] He firſt aſſumed that Name, becauſe it was the Reſidence of the Albanys, of whom he held his Eſtate. [*e*] See fol. 199.

[*f*] It is ſaid that he married Elizabeth, Daughter of Sir Peter Roſceline of Edgfield, Co-heireſs of Sir Thomas Roſceline her Brother, in 1249, he was returned to hold a Knight's Fee, and was not then Knighted, but was, ſoon after the Certificate. [*g*] Rot. Pip. 5 Johis. || Newton juxta Bircham.

[*h*] William de Bukenham of Ketringham was his 2d Son, and was Lord of Elingham in 1285, and of Illington in 1304, and of Bukenham's Manor in Old-Bukenham, which he then held at half a Fee of the Abbot of Bury, ſee fol. 259, he died in 1311, at Old-Bukenham, and left Ralph his eldeſt Son 24 Years old and more, who paid 5*s.* Relief to the Abbot for his half Fee, and 14*d.* every 20 Weeks to the Guard of Norwich Caſtle. He did his Homage to the Abbot in 1315. John the 3d Son was Rector here in 1317, and Miles the 4th Son continued the Sirname of Snitterton, whoſe Son Sir Tho. de Snyterton in 1307, impleaded Rob. de Reydon and others, for Denham Manor in Suffolk, and Peter de Bukenham was the 5th, whoſe Son Rob. de Bokenham, had a Manor in Garboldeſham, ſee fol. 174.

Eſq; who died about 1393, and in the Year 1399, the Truſtees covenanted to ſetle the Manors on *Hugh*, and *Joan* Daughter of Sir *John Bruſe*, and their Heirs Male, if they ſhould be married on *Thurſday* next before the Purification of our Lady, at *Norwich*, (as they were) and not otherwiſe, reſerving *Julian*'s Life in them, and that the ſaid *Hugh*, [i] and *John* and *John* his Brothers, ſhould releaſe *Weſt-Herling* to other Uſes, to the ſame Truſtees.

This *Hugh* was dead before 1425, for in that Year [k] *Hugh*, Son of this Sir *Hugh*, confirm'd to *Joan*, then Wife of *Oliver Groſſe*, the Manor called *Newhall* in *Snetterton*, which he held in Right of *Joan* during her Life, who had it ſetled on her by his Father at their Marriage; this *Joan* died before 1433, and *Edmund de Bokenham* inherited, and in that Year ſetled his Manors of *Oldhalle*, *Newhalle*, and *Kerhalle*, and the Advowſons of *All-Saints*, and St. *Andrews*, &c. to divers uſes, probably upon Marrying *Dioniſe* his Wife; he died at *Norwich* in 1479, without Iſſue, and was buried in the Chapel of our Lady in the Fields there, and by Will ordered, that his Feoffees in *Oldhall* and *Kerhall* Manors, ſhould continue their Eſtates 'till *George*, Son of *John Bokenham* his Couſin, was 21 Years old, who then was to be his Heir, he being Son of *John Bokenham* of *Snitterton*, and *Livermere*, Eſq; by *Anne*, Daughter of *John Hopton* of *Yoxford*, Eſq; which *John* was Son of *Hugh Bokenham* of *Great Livermere*, Eſq; by *Emme*, Daughter of *Robert Scarke*, which *Hugh* was Brother to *Edmund* the Teſtator, and all along had *Newhall* Manor of his Father's Gift, he died in 1467, and was buried in St. *Peter*'s Church at *Great Livermere*, and gave his Manors of *Lyvermere* and *Newton*, to *Emma* his Wife for Life, and the Manor of *Thelvetham* to *John* his Son, &c. who died ſeized of *Thelvetham* and *Livermere* in 1484, and was buried in *All-Saints* Church here, by *Anne Hopton* his Wife; he gave to *Trinity* and St. *John*'s *Gilds* in this Church, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* each, and to *Joan* his 2d Wife, who ſurvived him, all his Houſhold Goods, leaving the aforeſaid [l] *George Bokenham*, Eſq; his Son, who became Lord of the Manors of *Oldhall*, *Newhall*, and *Kerhalle*, as Heir to *Edmund Bokenham*, Eſq; his Kinſman, and *Hugh* his Grandfather, he firſt married *Chriſtian*, Daughter of *William De-Grey* of *Merton* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; who died in 1492, and lies buried in the Middle Iſle of *Merton* Church, and afterwards to *Margaret*, Daughter and Heireſs of *Francis Heath* of *Worlington*, by *Mildenhall* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; by whom he had Iſſue, *John Bokenham*, Eſq; his 2d Son, from whom the *Thornham* Family deſcended, and *Tho. Bokenham* of *Great Livermere*, Eſq; his eldeſt Son and Heir who had *Snetterton*, *Livermere*, &c. he married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *John Jenour* of *Great Dunmow* in *Eſſex*, who had *Livermere*, *Snetterton*, &c. for her Jointure, ſhe re-married to *Richard Codyngton* of *Ixworth*, [m] who is buried in *Great Livermere* Church, and held theſe Manors in her right, during her Life: This *Thomas Bokenham* died *Dec.* 9, 1535, ſeized of all theſe Manors, leaving *John* his Son and Heir, then above one Year old, and was buried in the *Temple* Church with this Inſcription,

> [n] Hic iacet Thomas Bokynham Armiger, filius et Hæres Georgii Bokynham nuper de Snitherton in Com: Norfolk Armigeri, et Margarettæ Uxoris eius, Filiæ et Heredis, Franciſci Heath Arm: qui quidem Thomas, obiit ix° die Decembris Anno Dni: 1535, et A° Regni Regis Henrici Octavi, viceſſimo Septimo, cuius animæ propicietur Deus Amen.

*John Bokenham* of *Snetterton*, Eſq; the laſt Heir Male of this Family was born *Aug.* 29, 1534, he married *Lucy*, Daughter of *Clement Heigham* of *Barrow* in *Suffolk*, Knt. who after his Death married again to *Francis Stonard*, Gent. and died *Aug.* 1, 1551, leaving the Manors of *Oldhall*, *Newhall*, and *Carrhall* in *Snetterton*, and the Advowſons, the Manors of *Thelvetham* and *Livermere*, and the Advowſons, &c. to

DOROTHY BOKENHAM his only Siſter and Heir, then 17 Years old, who married *Tho. Carryll* of *Suſſex*, Eſq; Son of Sir *John Carryll*, Knt. Attorney of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, and died *June* 7, 1560, *Tho. Caryll* her Husband died *Nov.* 21, 1563, leaving Sir *John Carrill* of *Warnham* in *Suſſex*, Knt. their Son and Heir, who in 1577, had Livery of

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[i] Theſe two Johns were younger Brothers to Hugh, and held Tottington and Weſt-Herling Manors for their Lives, remainder to the ſaid Hugh.

[k] Said to be buried at Great Livermere, under an Altar-Tomb, at the North End of the Communion-Table.

[l] He died ſeized of theſe and Thelvetham, and Bromhill Manors in Livermere, 21 Sept. 1523, and Tho. his Son and Heir was then 13 Years old.

[m] Here lye buried the Bodies of Rich. Codyngton, Eſq; * Firſt Temporal Lord of Ixworth, who had it in exchange from King Henry VIII. for the Manor of Codington, now Noneſuch in Surrey, and Elizabeth his Wife, ſometime Wife of Thomas Bokenham, of Great Livermere, Eſq; which had Iſſue by the ſaid Thomas Bokenham, John and Dorothy, the ſaid Richard Codyngton died the 27 of May, 1567, and the ſaid Elizabeth the 8th of Sept. 1571.

* This means ſince the Diſſolution, for the Blund's were Temporal Lords of Ixworth, before the Foundation of that Monaſtery.

[n] Dug: Origin: fol. 181.

*Oldhall*, *Newhall*, *Carrhall*, and *Livermere*, &c. to him and his Heirs, and in the Year [o] 1598, 20 *Nov.* he ſold *Snitterton* to *Ralph Hare*, Eſq; Brother and Heir of that *Nicholas* who built *Stow* Manor Houſe, he ſetled it on his Nephew *Ralph*, afterwards Sir *Ralph Hare*, Knt. who kept his firſt Court 10 *Jan.* 1604, and was Father of Sir *John Hare* of *Stow Bardolph*, Knt. who by his Will dated 21 *Dec.* 1635, gave the Manors and Eſtate here (after the Death of *Elizabeth* his Wife on whom it was ſetled for Life) to *John Hare* his 2d Son, who married *Suſan*, Daughter and Co-heir of [p] *John Walpole* of *Bromſthorp*, Gent. and enjoyed it to his Death [q] in 1689, and then left it to *John Hare*, Gent. his Son, [r] who was afterwards *Richmond* Herald, and a very ingenious Antiquary; he died about 1720, without Iſſue, and left his Eſtate to Mrs. *Anne Hare*, his Siſter, who kept her firſt Court in 1721, and died in 1724, leaving it to *Catherine* and *Suſan*, Daughters of *Philip*, Son of *Edmund Bedingfield* of *Bromſthorp* in *Norfolk*, Gent. by *Elizabeth Hare* her only Siſter, and they in 1725, convey'd the Manors, Advowſon, and Eſtate, to Mr. *Thomas Goddard* of *Snetterton*, the preſent Lord, who held his firſt Court *Febr.* 9, 1726.

## PARISHES'S, *or* GRYMES'S MANOR,

Was up made of ſeveral Parts, one Part was taken out of *Kerhall* before 1195, when *Robert Mortimer* releaſed it to *John L'Eſtrange*, another Part was taken out of *Newhall* Manor in *Henry* III. Time, the whole being then held by *Hugh Doraunt* of *Snetterton*, by the 20th Part of a Fee: In 1345, the Heirs of *Alan de Morlee* and his Parteners held it of *Hugh Bokenham*, who held it of *Jeffery Kineweſdele*, and he of *John L'Eſtrange*, and he, of the King, and *Alan de Morlee* formerly held it at 2*s.* Relief, and now the Heirs of *Hugh Durrant*, in 1350, *Tho. Doraunt* of *Snitterton* Chaplain, ſold it to *Richard Paris* of *Hargham*, and *Margaret* his Wife, from whom it took the Name of *Pariſhes*, in 1401, *Will. Parys* of *Snetterton* was Lord, it afterwards belonged to the *Grimes*'s, and was ſold by them to the *Debneys*, who ſold it to Mr. *Robert Smith* of *Carleton-Rode*, who ſetled it on *Tho. Smith*, Gent. in 1621, and in 1622, [s] *Richard Smith* of *Thetford* died, who held the Manor of *Grymes*, alias *Parris*, alias *Pariſhes* in *Snitterton*, *Rowdham*, *Eccles*, *Illington*, *Harling*, *Larling*, and *Bridgham*, of Sir *Ralph Hare*, Knt. as of his Manors of *Oldhall*, *Newhall*, and *Carhall* in *Snitterton*, *John Smith* his Son and Heir was 50 Years old, whoſe Son *Robert* ſucceeded him, and ſold the Manor to Sir *John Hare*, who gave it by Will to *Thomas* his youngeſt Son, in Tail, who cut off the Entail, and ſold it to his Brother *Nicholas Hare* of *Harpham*, Eſq; in whoſe Family it ſtill continues, *Hugh Hare*, Son of *Thomas Hare* of *Harpham*, Eſq; being now Lord.

## *The* MANOR *of* KERHALL

Was included in the *Snetterton* Part, at the Conqueſt, and went with *Old-Hall* Manor, 'till the Feoffment of that in *Richard de Snetterton*, from which Time it remained in the *Albany*'s, [t] who in *Henry* I. Time infeoffed the *Angervile*'s, with whoſe Daughters and Heireſſes, it went equally to the *Bokenhams*, Lords of *Oldhall*, and the *Beaufoes*, with whoſe Heireſs, one Moiety went to the *Berdewelles*, and continued in that Family 'till Sir *Will. Berdewelle*, Knt. convey'd his Manor of *Snetterton*, which *Margery*, the Wife of Sir *John de Tudenham*, Knt. held for Life, to *Hugh Bokenham* and his Heirs, and ſo it became join'd to the Manor of *Oldhall*, [u] with which it hath paſſed ever ſince, and the ſaid *Hugh* convey'd his Manor of *Weſt-Herling* to the ſaid *William* in exchange.

## NEW-HALL *or* ASHBY MANOR,

Belonged to the Crown, 'till it was divided, and one Part given to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, who infeoffed it in the *Rooſes*, to hold it of the Biſhop, at a quarter of a Fee, as Parcel of his Barony, and in 1345, the Heirs of *Maud Roos* held it; the other Part with the Advowſon of St. *Andrew*'s, belonged to the *Bygods*, who gave it to the *Albanies*, who infeoffed

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[o] Coll: P. L. N. [p] Buried at Taterſet 11 Dec. 1654.

[q] He and his Wife were buried at Taterſet, alias Gateſend, where ſhe died March 6, 1683. [r] He ſold Bromeſthorp Manor to his Brother-in-Law Philip Bedingfield.

[s] He died ſeized of Welholme's Manor in Thrandeſton.

[t] See fol. 199, 200. [u] The Bokenhams join'd their Moiety to Oldhall Manor, as ſoon as it came to them.

Sir *John Straunge* Knt. who infeofed the *Kerſall's*, *Kyneſdele's*, or *Kineſle's*, and *Jeffery de Kyneweſdele*, Son of *Hugh Kineſle*, divided it into 3 or more Parts, the Advowſon and half the Manor, he ſold to Sir *Hugh de Bukenham* Father of Sir *Ralf*, who join'd it to *Oldhall*. Another Part became Part of *Paris's* Manor, and a third Part called *Aſhby* Cloſes, continued in the Family ſome Time, but was after ſold by *Thomas le Haſtelen* of *Aſhby* and *Margaret* his Wife, in 1317, to *Robert de Stokes* Clerk; this was purchaſed by the *Bokenham's* in *H.* VIII, Time, and joined to their Manors, and being held of the Biſhop, was taken with the other Revenues of his Barony, and ſo became held of the Crown, and in 1665, it paid a Caſtle-Guard Rent of 1 *s.* 9 *d.* a Year, to the King, that being the old Rent that the whole Manor uſed to pay the Biſhop, towards the Guard of *Norwich* Caſtle, and was laid on this Part at the Diviſion of the Manor. That Part which always went by the Name of *New-Hall*, belonged to the *Roos's*, and was purchaſed by the *Bokenham's* about 1425, and join'd to their other Manors.

There was a Family ſirnamed *De Aſhby*, that lived, and had a good Eſtate in *Aſhby* in *Snetterton*, in *E.* III. Time.

The *Gonvile's* had many Lands, Tenements, Villains, and Services, in this Town, which belonged to their Manor in *Lerling*.

There was alſo a Part of *Pakenham's* Manor in *Shropham*, which extended hither; and hath paſſed with that Manor * from the Conqueſt to this preſent Time, it then contained 40 Acres, and belonged to Earl *Hugh*, and now it is owned by the City of *Norwich*, as that Manor is, and is taxed at 9 *l. per Ann.*

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* Terra Hugonis Comitis. fo. 73. In Snetretuna xl Acr' tre: tenuit Idem & i Bord: & dim: acr: Prati tunc dim: Car.

# *LERLING.*

LURLING, *Lirling*, and now *Lerling*, or *Lerlingford*, is ſo called from it's low Situation on the River, upon the Ford or biggeſt Paſſage that any where croſſes it, it hath a well-known Inn ſtanding by it, and the great Poſt Road from *London* to *Norwich* paſſing here, occaſions this Village to be more known by Travellers, than ſuch Places uſually are; at the Time of the Confeſſor's Survey, there were two Manors, * the leaſt, was then held by a Freeman, and at the Conqueror's Time was given to *William*, Earl *Warren*, who infeoffed *Hugh* in it, it being then of 30 *s.* Value: || the Capital Manor, both at the Confeſſor's and Conqueror's Survey, belonged to *Ulketell*, and the *Soke* (or *Lete* and ſuperior Juriſdiction) belonged at that Time to *Bukenham* Caſtle, to which this Hundred was then appendant, it was always of 40 *s.* Value; the Town was then a Mile long, and a Mile broad, and the whole of every one's Tenure, paid 8 *d. ob: Geld*, this was afterwards called,

## LERLING *or* GONVILE'S MANOR,

And went exactly as the Capital Manor of *Ruſhworth*, (which you may ſee at fol. 191.) from the Time of *Ulketell*, 'till 1470, and then it was ſetled on *Ruſhworth* College, (as you may ſee at fol. 193.) and from that Time it continued in the College to it's Diſſolution, and was after granted, as that was, to the Earl of *Surrey* in 1541, and alienated in 1542, by the King's Licence, together with the Advowſon, to *John Allington* of *Weſtley* in *Cambridgeſhire*, Eſq; 2d Son of Sir *Giles Alyngton* of *Horſeth* in *Cambridgeſhire*, Knt. by *Mary*, Daughter and Heireſs of *Richard Gardiner*, Lord Mayor of *London*, who ſetled it on his Wife *Margaret*, and their Heirs: In 1563, *Robert Allington* his Son and Heir was in Poſſeſſion, who in 1570, ſold it to [x] *Tho. Lovell*, Gent. and his Heirs, at which time it extend-

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* Terre Willi: de Warenna, fol. 90. Hund. de Scerepham. Lurlinga tenet Hugo i Car: terre & dim: & fuit liberata pro una Car: quam tenuit lib: homo T. R. E. ſemper ix bord. & iii lib: hoies: & xv acr: terre & ii bov: & i bord: ſemper ii car: in dnio. & i car: hominum & viii acr. prati ſemper valet xxx Sol.

|| Terre Ulchetelli, fol. 288. H. de Scerpham, In Luringa ii car: terre tenuit idem Ulchetell T.E.R. tunc & poſt vi Vill: modo iiii. ſemper i bor: tunc & ſer: viii acr: ſemper ii car: in dnio: tunc ii car: hom: modo i. modo i mol: & ſemper ii liberi hoies: xxvi acr. terre commend. tantum & Soca in Bucham Regis. ſemper i car: & ii acr: prati. ſemper val. xl. Sol. totum habet dim: Leug: in longo, & dim: in Lato, quicunque ibi teneat & vii *d.* & i *ob:* de Gelto.

[x] See fol. 218.

ed into *Rowdham*, *Shropham*, and *Illington*, and was held of the Crown by Knight's Service, and formerly of the Lord *Bardolph*; he was ſucceeded by Sir *Francis Lovell*, Knt. who convey'd it to *John Langworth* and others, and they, to *Robert Houghton* of *Shelton*, Eſq; who left it mortgaged to *William Wherewood*, Eſq; who preſented, with the Conſent of *Robert Houghton* of *Randworth*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, who was left a Minor. In 1682, *Charles Houghton*, Eſq; was Lord and Patron, who mortgaged it to Sir *Edward Hungerford*, and after to *Paul Jodrell*, and about 1723, it was convey'd to *Richard Sturgeon*, Eſq; and ſince that to Sir EDMUND BACON of *Garboldeſham*, Bart. who is the preſent Lord and Patron. The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, to which this Manor paid 2*s.* Quit-Rent, and the Town 2*s.* *Lete-Fee*, *per Ann.* The antient Scite or Manor-Houſe, ſtood in a Cloſe by the Church, the Moat that ſurrounded it being ſtill to be ſeen.

The Fines are at the Lord's Will, and the Eldeſt Son is Heir, both in this and *Chalkhill* Manor.

## *The* MANOR *of* WELHOLME'S,

(Or *Eaſthall* as it is ſometimes called) was ſplit out of *Gonvile*'s Manor, about the beginning of *Henry* III. Time, in the 20th Year of whoſe Reign, *Adam de Methelond*, held it of *William Wauncy*, who held it of the *Bardolphs*, and they of the Earl *Warren*, as of his Caſtle at *Acre*, by the 4th Part of a Fee, it being Part of thoſe 8 Fees that *William de Wauncy* and his Tenants held of the ſaid Caſtle; in 1315, *Robert de Welholme* was Lord, in 1345, *Lucia de Welholm* had it, in 1401, *John Bruſiyerd* was Lord, and in 1439, *Oliver Groos* of *Sloley*, Eſq; was poſſeſſed of two Parts of it, which he gave to *John Groos* of *Irſted*, his youngeſt Son, who gave it his Wife *Margaret* for Life, and to the Iſſue of her Body, with remainder to Sir *Henry Heydon*, Knt. In 1453, *Oliver Grooſe*, Eſq; gave a part to *Cecily* his Daughter; in 1491, *Robert Groſſe* held the Moiety of it, and *John* was his Son and Heir. In 1532, *Anthony Gurnay*, Eſq; ſetled the Manor on *John Tirrell*, Eſq; and others, and the ſame Year *John Heydon* Knt. and *Catherine* his Wife, and *Chriſtopher Heydon*, Knt. ſetled it on Sir *Tho. Jermyn*, Knt. and ſoon after it extinguiſhed, the whole being manumiſed, [*] and the Demeans divided into many Parcels, moſt of which ſtill pay their Proportions to the Lord of the Hundred, for the Suit Fines which were due from this Manor to the Hundred.

## DENEVERE *or* CHALKHILL MANOR,

Was given by the Conqueror to the Earl *Warren*, who infeoffed *Hugh* in it, whoſe Deſcendants, the *Bardolphs*, held it at the 3d Part of a Fee, they granted it to the *Deneveres*, to be held of them, *Osbert de Denevere* is the firſt Lord that I meet with of that Name, whoſe Grandſon *Osbert* had it, and after him, *Richard* owned it in 1218, who ſold the Moiety of the Advowſon, which 'till then, belonged to this Manor, to Sir *Richard de Lerling*, (ſee fol. 191.) *Walter de Denevere* was the laſt of this Family I find Lord here; from hem it came to the *Bukenhams*, *William de Bukenham* of *Ketringham*, was Lord in 1304, [*y*] and in 1313, *John de Bukenham*, Parſon of *Illington*, ſetled it on *Ralph de Bukenham* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, it being then held by *Tho. Spriggy* of *Muneſle*, in right of *Julian* his Wife, Widow of *Hugh de Bukenham*, who join'd and convey'd it to *Ralph*, and in 1315, *Ralph de Bukenham* was ſole Lord, and then it extended into *Rowdham*, *Illington*, *&c.* and from this Time it paſſed in the [*z*] *Bukenhams*, [*a*] who ſold off the Demeans into divers Hands, leaving the Manor in their Heireſs, who carried it to the *Carrills*, who ſold it to the *Hollands*, and in [*b*] 1598, *John Holland* of *Wortwell*, Eſq; was ſeized of it, [*c*] for in that Year, he brought an Action againſt *Tho. Lovell*, Eſq; and other Defendants, in which he declared, that he was ſeized of *Calkhill* Manor in *Lerling*, by Virtue of which, he preſcribed to have Common for 400 Sheep, in a Place called, *The Plains of Larlingford*, and that they with their Sheep did eat the Graſs there Growing, ſo that he could not enjoy his Common in as ample a Manner as before, upon which he recovered; and from this Time the Manor continued in the *Hollands*, 'till Sir *William Holland* ſold it to Sir EDMUND BACON of *Garboldeſham*, Bart. the preſent Lord.

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[*] Mr. Clark of Larling now owns the Manor-Houſe, called Eaſthall, and part of the Demeans, as I am informed.

[*y*] See fol. 286. Note *b*.

[*z*] The Demeans were charged with Part of the Suit Fines of the Manor, which were paid to the Hundred.

[*a*] See fol. 286. 287.

[*b*] See fol. 232, for the Holland's Pedigree.

[*c*] Co. 9. Rep. 695, Mary's Caſe.

## *The* RECTORS *of* Lerling.

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| 1280, [d] | *Will. de Lerling* Rector, and Lord of *Lerling* and *Elveden* (or *Elden* in *Suffolk*) had Liberty of Free-warren in his Manors of *Lirling*, *Fouldon*, *Pagrave*, and *Ruſheworth* in 1252, and in *Newton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, which was confirmed to *William de Gonvile* in 1286. |
| 1303, | *Edmund de Lerling* Rector. |
| 1318, 19 Kal: *Sept.* | *Hugh de Reſſewrth* (or *Ruſhworth)* Accolite. Sir NICHOLAS DE GONVILE, Knt. |
| 1321, 4 Id: *July*, | Maſter *John de Galo* Clerk. *Ditto.* |
| 1334, 4 Non: *Febr.* | *John de Gonvile*, Junior, Clerk. JOHN DE GONVILE his Brother. |
| 1344, 14 *July*, | *John Gonvile*, Prieſt. JOHN LE-GONVILE Prieſt, Patron. |
| 1349, 18 *Nov.* | *William de Briſton* Prieſt. The Maſter and Fellows of the College of St. *John* the Evangeliſt at *Ruſhworth*, by whom all the following Rectors were preſented, to their Diſſolution. |
| 1374, 12 *Febr.* | *Peter Froſt de Aſhele*, Prieſt. |
| 1392, 1 *Sept.* | *Tho. Runhale*, Prieſt. |
| 1400, 3 *Sept.* | *Peter*, Son of *Walter Horſheye* of *Bernham*, Prieſt. |
| 1414, 5 *Febr.* | *Alexander Thelyk*, Prieſt, who was Maſter of *Ruſhworth*, and obtain'd Licence, that they might appropriate one Rectory with Cure of Souls to their College, with deſign to have this appropriated, it being of their own Patronage, but upon the Biſhop's not approving of it, it could not be done; however, he ſo far conſented, that the Maſter might hold a Cure with his Maſterſhip, upon which he was inſtituted at the Preſentation of the Fellows, as you may ſee more at large, fol. 194. |
| 1431, 26 *Nov.* | *Robert atte Fen*, Prieſt, on *Thelyk*'s Death. |
| 1433, 4 *April*, | *Robert Palmer* Prieſt, on *Fen*'s Reſignation. |
| 1436, 12 *Oct.* | *John Payn* Prieſt, on *Palmer*'s Reſignation. |
| 1468, 24 *Febr.* | *Thomas Smale*, Prieſt. |
| 1494, 28 *Nov.* | *Richard Pury* Prieſt, on *Smale*'s Death. He held it united to *Shropham* Vicarage. |
| 1501, 6 *May*, | *William Paryſſch*, on *Purry*'s Death. |
| 1516, 8 *May*, | Sir *John Purpet*, Maſter of the College, on *Pariſhe*'s Death, ſee fo. 195. |
| 1524, 10 *Sept.* | *William Heye*, on *Purpet*'s Reſignation, who had a Pention of 4 *l. per Ann.* during Life ſetled upon him, out of the Rectory, by the Conſent of *Heye*, who was then inſtituted, and the Biſhop. He was the laſt preſented by the College. |
| 1559, 30 *May*, | *Richard Brummell*, at *Heye*'s Death. JOHN ALYNGTON, Eſq; perpetual Patron. |
| 1580, 26 *March*, | *Richard Bromell.* Queen ELIZABETH by Lapſe, united to *Illington.* |
| 1592, 30 *Decem.* | *Edmund Suckling*, S. T. B. on *Bromell*'s Death, THO. LOVELL, Eſq; He held it with *Helleſden* Rectory. |
| 1608, 4 *March*, | *Robert Willan*, A. M. JOHN COTTON, Knt. Aſſignee of FRAN. LOVELL, Knt. |
| 1614, 16 *July*, | *Tho. Smith*, A. M. Sir FRANCIS LOVELL, Knt. |
| | *Edmund Tompſon*, Rector. |
| 1673, 13 *Sept.* | *Tho. Morley*, A. M. on *Thompſon*'s Death. WILL. WHEREWOOD, Eſq; on Account of a Mortgage made by *Robert Houghton* of *Shelton*, Eſq; deceas'd, and by the Conſent of the Guardians of *Rob. Houghton* of *Randworth*, his Son and Heir; united to *Rockland All-Saints.* |
| 1679, 12 *May*, | *Benj. Culme*, A. M. on *Morley*'s Death. WILL. WHERWOOD, Gent. |
| 1682, 7 *June*, | *Will. Warkehouſe*, A. M. on *Culme*'s Ceſſion. CHARLES HOUGHTON, Eſq; in full right; united to *Shropham*, A° 1684. |
| 1722, 12 *March*, | *Tho. Sturgeon* at *Warkehouſe*'s Death. PAUL JODRELL, Eſq; |

The Rev. Mr. *William Robinſon* the preſent Rector, was inſtituted on *Sturgeon*'s Deprivation, at the Preſentation of Sir EDM. BACON of *Garboldeſham*, Bart. the preſent Patron.

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[d] He granted Elveden to William, Richard, and Robert, his Sons, who convey'd it to the Gonvile's. This Family always ſealed with a Chief in a Shield, but I know not the Colours.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Ethelbert*, and is a Rectory valued at 10 *l.* 2*d. ob:* in the King's Books, and pays 1 *l.* 1 *q.* Yearly Tenths, and 12*d.* Synodals, it hath a Rectory-Houſe and Glebe belonging to it. [*e*] The Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* had 2 third Garbs of the Tythe Corn, of the Demean Lands of *Denevere* Manor in this Town, which were given to that Priory, by *Osbert de Denevere* Lord thereof, who afterwards gave them the Land called *Osbern*'s-*Hagh*, in *Sipedeham* (or *Shipdam*) in exchange for the ſaid Tythes, and *Osbert de Denevere* his Grandſon, confirmed it, *Jeffery*, the Dean of *Fincham*, *William Talebot*, the Dean's Brother, *Ralph* the Chaplain of *Acre*, *Gilbert de Denevere*, *Euſtace* the Butler at *Acre*, and others being Witneſſes. The Prior of the Canons at *Thetford*, had Lands in this Pariſh, which in 1428, were taxed at 10 *s.* but of whoſe Gift I don't find. In 1603, there were 92 Communicants, and now there are about 22 Dwelling-Houſes, and 150 Inhabitants. It paid 58 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 280 *l.* 10 *s.* to the Land-Tax.

The Church and Chancel are thatched, the Tower is ſquare, and hath 3 Bells, on which are theſe Inſcriptions,

1. Sancta Maꝛia, oꝛa pꝛo nobis,
2. Fac Maꝛgareta, nobis hec muneꝛa leta.
3. Coeleſti Manna, tua Pꝛoles nos cibet, Anna.

There is a Stone for, THO. CATON, Gent. who died Nov. 28, 1712, aged 37, on which are theſe Arms.

Quarterly, --- and *Vair* on a Bend, an Annulet and Creſcent.

Another Stone is laid over SARAH, Wife of JOHN BRETT, who died 25 Sept. 1660. And there are 3 Stones in the Chancel robbed of their Braſſes.

# *ROWDHAM,*

RUDHAM, *Rudeham*, *Roodham*, or *Rowdham*, takes it Name from a remarkable Rode or Croſs, that ſtood in it, [*f*] upon the great Road leading from *Thetford* to *Norwich*, the remaining Stones of it, were carried thence to *Herling*, about five or ſix Years agone by Mr. *Wright*, who was then Lord here; In the Confeſſor's Survey it was held by a Freeman, of *Herold*, at one Carucate, but at the Conqueſt it was divided into 3 Parts (beſides 30 Acres that belonged to the Manor of *Bridgham*) * the firſt was in the Conqueror's Hands, † the ſecond belonged to *William*, Earl *Warren*, and theſe two conſtituted the Capital Manor, called, *Rowdham Weſtaker*'s. ‖ The third was held by *Ralph*, of *Eudo the Sewer*, and the whole *Soke* or ſuperior Juriſdiction belonged to *Buckenham* Caſtle, as part of the Hundred, *Liſius* the old Owner, (as I take him to be) continuing his Claim at this Time againſt *Eudo*, who had got it from him by force, or by the Conqueror's Gift. This was afterwards called, *Trusbutt*'s or *Newhall* Manor.

## *Rowdham Weſtaker* MANOR,

Was all in the Earl *Warren*, the King having given him his Part, but was divided again, and that Part which was the King's, was held of the Earl, by a Family ſirnamed from the Town, [*g*] 'till *William*, Son of *Simon de Rowdham*, gave it to the Priory of *Weſt-Acre*; the other Part with the Advowſon, came from the Earl *Warren*, to the *Bardolphs*, and then to [*h*] the *Roſeis* or *Roſets*, and *Lambert* of *Roſei*, gave his whole Land at *Rodeham*, which *William* his Prieſt held of him there, with the Conſent of *Walcheline* his Son, and of *William* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, the Chief Lord of the Fee, of whom it was held by the Service of one Knight's Fee, to the Priory of *Weſt-Acre*, and the Earl releaſed to that Houſe, the Service of that Fee; and in 1345, the Prior had a quarter of a Fee in *Roudham*, which formerly belonged to the *Munchenſie*'s, after to *Robert de Lyle*, and was held of the King, as Duke of *Lancaſter*, and from this Time the Manor, impropriate Rectory, and the Advowſon of the Vicarage, belonged to the Priory 'till it's Diſſolution, and fell to the Crown, [i] and in 1546, the King granted it to *Tho. Woodhouſe*, who the ſame Year ſold it to *Francis Lovell*, and his Heirs; and from that time it hath paſſed with *Eaſt-Herling*, (ſee fol. 218.) with which it was ſold to the *Wrights*, Mr. *John Wright*, Son of *Thomas Wright*, Eſq; being now Lord, Impropriator, and Patron. The CUSTOMS of both the Manors are, that the eldeſt Son is Heir, and the Fines are at the Lord's Will.

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[*e*] Regr. Priorat. Caſtle-Acre, fol. 99. b.

* Terra Regis in Manu Regis (fol. 33.)
Serpeham H. Rudham tenuit i lib: hom: T.R.E. ſub. Eroldo i car: terre & iiii Vill. & ii Acr: prati ſemper i Car: in Dnio. ſemp. dim: Car: homin: & xiiii Oves & tunc val. xx Sol. poſt & modo x Sol: Blanc.

† Terra Willi: de Warenna. (fol. 91.)
In Rudham ii liberi homines i Car: terre & iii Soc. & v bord. & dimid. Acr: prati tunc i Car: modo ii. & val. x Sol. Soca tempore. E. in Bucham Regis & liberatum eſt tempore Rad. Comitis poſt, retinuit Soca.

‖ Terre Eudonis Dapiferi. (fol. 236.
In Rudham ten: Radulphus viii liberi hoies: i Car. terre & x Acr: & i Acr. & i virg: prati ſemper ii Car: tunc val. xl Sol. poſt & modo xxx. Soc. in Bucham ſed Liſius retinuit & Eulo Similiter.

[*f*] See fol. 141. [*g*] Speed 815. [*h*] Regr. Caſtle-Acre.

The *Lete* belongs to the Lord of the Hundred, as it did at the Time of the Conqueſt.

## *Trusbutt*'s or *Newhall* MANOR,

Was in the Family of the *Crungethorps*, *Cringlethorps*, (or *Crownthorps*) in the Time of King *Henry* III. when *William de Crungethorp*, held it of *Robert de Caſton*, of whoſe Family it was purchaſed, and *Robert* held it of *Hugh Bardolph*, of whoſe Family the *Caſtons* had it, and *Hugh* held it at the 3d Part of a Fee of the Earl *Warren*, by whom the *Bardolphs* were infeoffed: This *William* divided it, and *William de Wirlingworth*, and *John de Rowdham* had one half, which went to the *Trusbutts*, but was afterwards rejoined to *Newhall*: In *Edward* III. Time, *William*, Son of Sir *William de Crungethorp*, Knt. and *Katherine* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Edmund de Soterle*, Knt. had *Newhall* Manor ſetled on them, *Edmund* Parſon of *Soterle*, and *Richard de Bernham* being Deforceants in the Fine. This *William* was Lord in 1315: in 1417, *Joan*, late Wife of *John Eſſex* had a 3d Part in Dower, it belonging at that Time to *Richard Eſſex*; in 1439, *William Halys* and *Margery* his Wife, convey'd *Newhall* and *Trusbutts* Manors to *John Windham*, Eſq; in 1539, *John Heydon*, Knt. and *Catherine* his Wife, and *Chriſtopher Heydon*, Knt. convey'd it to *Tho. Jermyn*, Knt. it after belonged to the Earl of *Surrey*, who ſold it to the *Pains*, [k] whoſe Daughter married *Brian Holland*, and carried theſe Manors to him, and upon his Attainder, the Manor was ſeized, but it appearing to be ſetled on *John Holland*, Son of *Brian*, and Heir of *Catherine*, he enjoyed it, and was Lord in 1572, and ſo continued to 1583, and then ſold it to *Thomas Lovell* and his Heirs, who join'd it to the other Manor, with which it now remains; and that the Title might be compleat, *John Cotton*, Eſq; and *Philip Awdeley*, Gent. the Heirs of *John Paine*, Gent. Brother of the ſaid *Catherine*, joined in the Recovery.

[l] In 1413, the Maſter and Bretheren of *Ruſhworth* College, granted to *John*, Prior of the Monks of the *Holy Virgin* at *Thetford*, a Yearly-Rent of 6*d*. paid from the Lands and Tenements, called *Rothyng*'s in *Bretenham*, and *Brydgham*'s in *Rowdham*.

The *CHURCH* here, conſiſted of one Iſle only, and a Chancel, both which were thatched, having a ſquare Tower ſtanding on the South Side, which ſerved both as a Steeple and Porch, it had two Bells in it 'till 1714, and then there was a Faculty paſſed to ſell one of them; about two or three Years ſince, as the Workmen were repairing the Lead on the Top of the Tower, one of them blew the Aſhes careleſly out of his Pipe, which fell on the Thatch, and not being ſeen in Time, burned the Church and Chancel, ſo that the Walls only are ſtanding, in a ruinous Condition, at this Time.

There was only one Inſcription in the Church, which was on a Braſs Plate, placed there, in Memory of *John Bringloe*, late of *Rowdham*, who died *Aug.* 14, 1658.

I find in the Regiſters at *Norwich*, that in 1460, *Will. Payn* of *Rowdham*, Gentylman, was buried in the Chancel; *Hen. Spelman*, Gent. *Chriſtiana* his Wife, and *Will.* his Son were Executors. In 1468, *Elizabeth*, Widow of *Tho. Halle* of *Rowdham* was buried in the Nave, ſhe gave her Manor in *South Lenn*, to *John Shouldham*, Eſq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of the ſaid *Elizabeth*. In 1515, *Will. Rammesbury* of *Rowdham*, Eſq; was buried in the Church, and gave to *Elizabeth* his Wife, the Wardſhip of *John Pain* her Son, and *Catherine Payne* her Daughter, which he lately bought of *Thomas Clerk*, Prior of *Weſt-Acre*, of whom *Newhall*, and *Trusbutt*'s Manor was then held, *Edmund Rookwood*, Eſq; of *Euſton* was Executor.

This Pariſh in 1603, had 86 Communicants, but the greateſt Part of it being purchaſed in, it is much waſted ſince that time, tho' there are now about 120 Inhabitants. It paid 2*l.* 14*s.* to the Tenths, and is valued at 280*l.* 10*s.* to the Land-Tax.

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[i] Manerium, Rectoria, et Advocatio Vicarie, tenentur de Rege per Servicium xx partis feodi. et 26*s.* 4*d.* annual: reddit: Nomine Decime.

[k] See fol. 233, Holland's Pedigree.

[l] Regr. Thetford.

The Rectory of the Pariſh Church of St. *Andrew* in *Rowdham*, was appropriated to the Priory at *Weſt-Acre*, and the *Priors* of that Monaſtery were Patrons of the Vicarage to the Diſſolution. It was valued at 4*l.* 16*s.* 5*d. ob:* in the King's Books, but being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 23*l.* 02*s. ob:* it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, but ſtill pays 2*s.* Synodals, beſides the Archdeacon's Procurations. The *Prior* of *Weſt-Acre* was taxed at 10 Marks, for the Impropriate Rectory, and the Portion belonging to the Abbot of *Bury*, which was appropriated to the Hoſpital of our *Bleſſed* SAVIOUR there, was taxed at 20*s.* Here was a Gild dedicated to St. *Andrew*.

## *VICARS.*

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| 1313, 10 Kal: *June*, | *Henry de Swaffham*, Prieſt. | The Prior of *Weſt-Acre*. |
| 1323, | *Walter de Horſtede*, Prieſt. | |
| 1328, Non: *Nov.* | *Thomas de Rudham*, Prieſt. | |
| 1349, 27 *July*, | *John Saunſale de Roudham*, Prieſt. | |
| 1361, 8 *Sept.* | *Thomas Le-Smith*, Prieſt. | |
| 1402, 11 *Sept.* | *Reginald Quylter de Caſtle-Acre*, Prieſt. | |
| 1410, 5 *Oct.* | *John Northgate de Swanton* Prieſt, on *Quylter*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1423, | *Walter Southbury*, Prieſt. | |
| 1430, 9 *Jan.* | *Peter Benne*, Prieſt. | |
| 1466, 13 *Nov.* | *John Munke*, on *Benne*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1475, 18 *Nov.* | *Tho. Wright*, on *Munke*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1482, 23 *Dec.* | *Tho. Sygar*, on *Wright*'s Deprivation. | |
| 1490, 4 *March*, | Brother *Rich. Rolſtonne*, a Canon of *Weſt-Acre*, on *Sygar*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1504, 19 *March*, | Sir *Rob. Newman*, on *Rolſton*'s Reſignation. | |
| | *Rich. More*, ſometime Vicar of *Rowdham*, was buried here *Aug.* 5, 1561. | |
| | *John Bulle*, was buried here 6 *May* 1589. | |
| 1589, 23 *July*, | *Stephen Angolde*, A. B. on *Bulle*'s Death. THO. LOVELL, Eſq; | |
| 1600, 11 *Aug.* | *Will. Hill*, on *Angolde*'s Death. THO. LOVELL, Knt. He was buried here *Nov.* 22, 1640. | |
| 1640, 29 *Nov.* | *Henry Moyſe*, A. M. on *Hill*'s Death. ANNE MOYSE, Widow. | |
| | *Henry Gill*, held it with *Harpham*, (ſee fol. 283.) | |
| 1677, 24 *Sept.* | *John Starkey*, A. M. on *Gill*'s Death. JOHN LOVELL. | |
| 1699, 23 *June*, | *Thomas Lone*. The KING by Lapſe. | |
| 1701, 3 *March*, | *Henry Pitts*, JOHN LOVELL, Eſq; united to *Harpham*. | |
| 1729, | The Rev. Mr. *John Verdon*, the preſent Vicar on *Pitt*'s Death, who holds it united to *Hockham*, and was preſented by THO. WRIGHT, Eſq; who is ſince dead, and Mr. JOHN WRIGHT his eldeſt Son, is now Patron. | |

*** In 1615, 26 Perſons were buried in this ſmall Pariſh, there were five buried in one Day. 1617, Dec. 9, John Butler, Clerk, and Elizabeth, Daughter of Tho. Canham, (of this Pariſh) Gent. were married.

BRIDGHAM.

# BRIDGHAM,

WAS ſo called from the *Bridge*, which was the Paſſage to *Rowdham-Croſs*, and was a remarkable and much frequented Way, [m] for all Pilgrims that travelled from *Suffolk*, and other Parts, to our Lady of *Walſingham*: [n] This Town was given by *Ethelwold*, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, and confirmed by *Edward* the Confeſſor to the Monks of *Ely*, in whoſe Hands it continued 'till the Erection of the See there, and then it became part of the Demeans of the Biſhoprick. * In the Confeſſor's and Conqueror's Surveys it appears, that it belonged to St. *Audry*, and was then two Miles long, and 3 Quarters of a Mile broad, and paid 12 *d. Geld*, that the *Prieſt* (or Rector) belonging to the Manor, held Land of 2 *s. per Ann.* Value, as belonging to his Church, but could not ſell it; there was alſo a *Socman*, that held half a Carucate of Land, whom *Roger Bigod* claimed as one of his Freemen, but the Abbot diſeized him, and then held it; there were 30 Acres in *Bretenham*, and 30 more in *Rowdham*, that belonged to this Manor. [o] In 1229, there was an Extent of this Manor, in which it is ſaid, upon the Oaths of the Tenants then upon the Jury, that this Town is in *Shrophamforde* Hundred, [p] of which *Rob. de Tateſhale* was Lord, notwithſtanding which, the Biſhop had a Gallows, Pillory, View of Frankpledge, Conuſance of Buſhells, Gallons, and other Meaſures, and Liberty to hold Plea of all Things, which the Sheriff might, with Writ, or without; the Advowſon belonged to the Biſhop, and is in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Deanry of *Rockland*, but the Nuns of *Ponteverard* in *Normandy*, had a Yearly Pention of 10 Marks out of this Church, by the Gift of Biſhop *Euſtace*, the Demeans are all particularly abutted, and amount to about 400 Acres, the whole being to be plowed with two Plows, four Oxen, and three Scots, two Carts, and one pair of Harrows being allowed to do the Work, and every Acre is valued at 8 *d.* there were three Acres of Meadow, and ten Acres of Paſture, the ſeveral Heaths called *Longhill*, *Suthfrith*, *Mikelehill*, *Stapelfrith*, *Ringemeskele*, *Waterdelefrith*, containing 260 Acres, were to be fed by the whole Town only, but none could dig, cut Heath, *&c.* but the Biſhop, but in *Bukeſdeleſcote-Bury*, *Heroldeſcote*, *Perngate*, (all which contain 155 Acres,) the whole Town not only fed, but might dig, cut Turf *&c.* but not to ſell. There was alſo a Marſh, between *Bretenham* and *Bridgham*, and another Marſh called *Eſt-Etthe*, in both which the whole Town might feed, dig, cut Turf, fiſh, *&c.* except in the Lord's ſeparate Fiſhery, which is between *Weſt-Mill* and *Tune-Mill*, half a Mile long. The Tenants owe their Suit to *Tune* [or Town] *Mill*, and none to *Weſt-Mill*. The Stock belonging to the Manor was 8 Cows, a Free Bull, 24 Hogs, a Free Boar, 500 Sheep, by the great Hundred, beſide the Cuſtomary Sheep, which ought to be in the Lord's Fold. At this Time *Walter de Bokenham* held 90 Acres and an half, Freehold, which was late *Ralph* the Parſon's, at 8 *s.* 2 *d. per Ann.* and Suit of Court, and had a Fold-Courſe. And *William de Hakeford* held above a 100 Acres Free, divers Rents and Services, and a Fold-Courſe, and did Suit to this Court, [for this his Manor called *Hakeford*'s.] With this Manor alſo, the Biſhop held the Advowſon of *Bretenham*. The Tenants paid *Chyldwite*, *Tallage*, *Heriets*, and *Reliefs*, beſides ſeven-ſcore and 15 Hens, 24 Chickens, 647 Eggs, 2724 Days Works, 34 Days Work called *Studework*, which is done by the *Molmen*, 245 Days and half Ploughing, during which time the Lord maintains them, and every Days Work at Plough is valued at 6 *d.* 512 Days Work in Autumn, they were to threſh 105 Combs of Oats and Barley each Year, or pay 2 *d.* for every ſix Combs if they did not do it, they were to do 997 Perches of Ditching and Fencing, about the Stack-Yards and Woods every Year, and have no Maintenance from the Lord during that time, the *Molmen* in Number 70, were obliged to make up 15 Carriages, and attend them, to carry in the Lord's Corn; and beſides theſe and many other Services, he received Yearly in Money Rents, above 18*l.* 15*s.* [q] In 1285, the Jury of the Crown Side for the Hundred of *Shropham*, preſent, that *Hugh*, Biſhop of *Ely*, had in *Bridgham*, *Infangthef*, a Gallows; View of Frankplege, &c. Aſſize of Bread and Beer, *Weyf*, Return of all Writs, *Free-Warren*, and all other Privileges as before; and from this time it continued in the Biſhoprick, 'till by Act of Parliament in the firſt Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, it was ſetled by way of Exchange, among the reſt of the Biſhop's Manors in this County, on the Crown, at which time it was under a Leaſe, made [r] in 1546, by *Thomas*, Biſhop of *Ely*, for 60 Years, at 39 *l. per Ann.* which was to commence from *Michaelmas* 1562, to *Will. Drury* of *Beſthorp*; this was aſſigned by *Dorothy*, late Wife of *Will. Drury*, to *William Brampton* of *Bridgeham*, Eſq; from whom *Tho. Brampton* of *Kenton* in *Suffolk* had it, and was poſſeſſed in 1573, and lived in the Hall, which he repaired, and glazed the Windows with his own Arms, *viz. Brampton*, *Gul.* a Feſs *Arg.* in Chief 3 Plates, impaling *Waxton*, *Erm.* on a Feſs *Gul.* 3 Plates, Quartering Pally of 8, *Arg.* & *Sab.* *Brampton* impales *Leventhorp*, *Arg.* a Bend Compone *Gul.* & *Sab.* cotiſed of the 2d, theſe Arms were taken down by Mr. *Robert Haylet* (as I ſuppoſe) at whoſe Sale I bought them. The Remainder of this Leaſe being bought in by *Baſſingbourn Gawdy*, Eſq; the Queen in 1594, lett it to him for 30 Years, to commence at the End of the ſaid Term, at 29 *l.* Rent, the Advowſons of *Bridgham* and *Bretenham* being excepted; and from this time it continued in the *Gawdys*, as Leſſees to the Crown, 'till the 6*th* of *June*, 1609, and then the King granted it to *Framlingham Gawdy*, Eſq; and his Heirs in Fee, in which Family it continued 'till Sir *Baſſingbourn Gawdy*, ſold it to *Tho. Wright*, Eſq; of *East-Herling*, who is now dead, and Mr. *John Wright* is his Son and Heir. The Fines are at the Lord's Will, the eldeſt Son is Heir, the Quit-Rents are 13 *l.* 14 *s.* 1 *d.* *ob:* a Year.

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[m] See fol. 141. [n] Dug. Mon. vol. 1.

* Terre Sce: Adeldrede. (fol. 187.)

Scerpham Hund. BRUGA. tenet ſemper Sca. A. iiii car: terre ſemper xii vill: tunc x bor: modo xvii. ſemper iiii ſer: iii car: in dnio: iii car. hom. iiii acr: prati, Silv. xv porc. ii mol: ii runc. v. Animal. tunc CC. Oves, modo clxxx. xv porc. huic manerio pertinent xxx acr. in dnio: que ſunt in Bretham, & xxx acr. in Rudham, tunc val. vi lib. modo viii. totum habet i leug: in long: & iiii quar. in lat. & xii *d.* de Gelto. huic manerio i acr. i Preſbiter & val. ii Sol. & non poterat vendere terram ſuam, & i Soc. dim: car. terre & dim. car. & val. ii Sol. iſte fuit de libis: hominibus Rogeri Bigot ſed Abbas eum derationavit & tenet.

[o] Regr. Ely. Bib. Cott: Claudius C. ii. fol. 12. fol. 248. & Regr. Ely, ſive Extent. terrar, &c. in Bib. Coll. Caij Cant. fol. 267. b.

[p] The Lord of the Hundred is Lord Paramount of this Town, it not being excepted in the Grant, yet the Lete belongs to the Manor, tho' all the other Liberties center'd in the Crown, not being re-granted with the Manor.

## *Hackford's* MANOR,

Was originally part of the Manor of *Hackford* in *Weſt-Herling*, that extended hither, and paſſed with that, (as you may ſee at fol. 200, 201.) 'till it was releaſed to *Henry de Elmham*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, who was one of the Daughters and Heireſſes of Sir *William de Hakeford*, who jointly with *Margery* his Wife, ſetled it on *Ralph de Hakeford*, Parſon of *Couteſhale*, in Truſt for his two Daughters, in 1278; in 1485, *Will. Tymperley* had the Cuſtody of this Manor, &c. for 20 Years, paying 43 *s.* 4 *d.* *per Ann.* and maintaining the Houſes and Fences. In 1516, *John Harewell* and others had it ſetled on them by *Robert Fuller*, in 1550, Sir *Tho. Lovell* of *Eaſt-Herling* had it, in which Family it continued, and was joined to the other Manor after that was purchaſed, and ſo remains. There were three other parcels of Land in *Bridgham*, added to this Manor by different Purchaſes; the firſt was granted by *Hugh*, Biſhop of *Ely*, in 1229, to *Roger* the Chaplain of *Bridgham*, and contained 60 Acres; the ſecond in 1267, was ſetled by Fine, by *Hugh*, Biſhop of *Ely*, on *Walter de Hemenhale*, and contained 24 Acres of Land, 40 Acres of Heath, 20 Acres of Marſh, 10 Acres of Meadow, and 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Rent; the third was held by *Ralph* of *Illington*, at a quarter of a Fee, of *Adam de Cayly*, who held it of the Earl *Warren*, and *William de Bokenham* held one half of this Quarter of *Ralph de Illington*, in the Time of *Henry* III.

## *The* RECTORY,

Was appendant to the Manor 'till it came to the Crown, and was excepted when the Manor was granted from it, and the Biſhop of *Ely* always preſented 'till the Exchange, and the Crown ever ſince; the Rectory of *Bridgham* alias *Brigham*, is valued in the King's Books at 11 *l.* 1 *s.* *ob:* and pays 1 *l.* 2 *s.* 3 *q.* Yearly-Tenths, 1 *s.* Synodals, and 7 *s.* 7 *d.* *ob:* Yearly-Procurations, tho' it paid none before the time of King *Henry* VIII. At the time of *Norwich Domeſday*, the Rector had a Houſe and 50 Acres of Land, and now he hath a Houſe by the North Corner of the Church-Yard, but there remains but 39 Acres and an half of Glebe. In 1603, here were 128 Communicants, and now there are about 30 Houſes, and 180 Inhabitants, it paid 3 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 403 *l.* 10 *s.* to the Land-Tax. In 1411, *Hugh Stoppuſly* had Licence in Mortmain to amortiſe a Meſſuage, 200 Acres of Land, 8 Acres of Meadow, 26*s.* Rent, a free Fold, and ſeparate Fiſhery in *Bretenham*, *Bridgham*, *Ruſhworth*, *Thetford*, &c. which were held of the King, as of his Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, to the *Prior* and Convent of Monks at *Thetford*, on Condition the King ſhould have 50*s.* at every Reſignation, Vacation, or Death of a Prior. This was Part of the Prior's Manor in *Bretenham*, that extended hither.

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[q] Rot. Jur. & Aſſiſ. et Plit: Corone 14. E. 1. Boyland. Rot. 6. in Dorſ.

[r] The Advowſons and Wardſhips were excepted.

[s] The Advowſon of Brettenham always belonged to the Biſhop, as well after, as before the Change, that being no Part or appendant on Bridgham Manor, tho' it is mentioned in all Extents with it, it being the next Town.

The CHURCH hath it's Nave, North Porch, and Chancel, thatched, it hath no Steeple, but there are 2 Bells, which hang in a Houſe in the Church-Yard; In the Windows and on the Font, are the Arms of the Biſhoprick of *Ely*; in the Chancel there is a Stone for *Francis Goldwell* Clerk, who died 27 Aug. 1691. Another for *Margaret Goldwell* Single Woman, who died 15 July, 1690.

**John Watſon and Alys hys Wyf.** were at the Charge of Seating the Church, as appears by their Names carved in this Manner, on the Seats.

## RECTORS *of* Bridgham St. Mary.

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| 1303, 5 Kal: *July*, | *Robert de Wynewyk*, Chaplain. |
| 1317, 5 Non: *March*, | Mr. *Panucius Bonoditi de Controne*, Profeſſor of Phyſick and Arts. |
| 1320, 3 Id: *Nov.* | Mr. *Peter de Brixia*, on *Controne*'s Reſignation, in exchange for *Chevenyng* in *Rocheſter* Dioceſs. |
| 1322, 7 Kal: *June*, | *Alexander* of St. *Alban*'s, on *Brixia*'s Reſignation, in exchange for *Wellbourne*, in *Lincoln* Dioceſs. |
| | *John Norton*, Rector. |
| 1429, 6 *Dec.* | *William Bayly* Prieſt, on *Norton*'s Reſignation. |
| 1445, 21 *Sept.* | *Tho. Saureby* Prieſt, on *Bayly*'s Reſignation. |
| 1448, 4 *Octob.* | *Tho. Alleyn* Prieſt, A. M. |
| 1448, 6 *March*, | *John Ultyng*, on *Alleyn*'s Reſignation. |
| | *William Fuller*. |
| 1454, 17 *Jan.* | *Tho. Duſt*, on *Fuller*'s Death, |
| 1461, 24 *Sept.* | *John Weyſy*, or *Veſy*, Prior of the Monks at *Thetford* was inſtituted Rector. |
| 1480, 12 *Aug.* | *John Larke*, LL. B. |
| 1523, 21 *Dec.* | *Richard Ryſley*, S. T. B on the Rector's Death: He was the laſt preſented by the Biſhop. |
| 1554, 16 *July*, | *Eliſha Annyſon*. Queen *MARY*, the See being void. |
| 1566, 4 *Octob.* | *Martin Harriſonne* Clerk. Queen *ELIZABETH*, in right of the Crown. |
| 1584, 7 *April*, | *John Thackſter*, S. T. B. on *Harriſon*'s Death: He was buried 8 *Sept.* 1601. |
| 1601, 11 *Jan.* | *George Rogers*, alias *Thomas*, A. B. He married *Elizabeth*, Relict of *Ralph Leaver*, Rector of *Snetterton*, *April* 28, 1606, (See *Eccles* Regiſter, 278.) and was buried here 25 *Feb.* 1636. |
| 1637, 22 *Aug.* | *Tho. Pell* Rector, buried 19 *Dec.* 1603, united to *Bretenham*. |
| 1663, 23 *Febr.* | *Francis Goldwell*, A. M. on *Pell*'s Death, buried in the Chancel 1691, he bare *Az.* a Chief *Or*, over all a Lyon Ramp. *Arg.* Gutte de Poix. His Son and Heir *Henry Goldwell* married a Daughter of *Porter* of *Bury*, who bare *Sab.* a Feſs *Erm.* between 3 Bells *Arg.* |
| 1692, 27 *Nov.* | *Theophilus Williams*, he held it united to *Eaſt-Herling*. |
| 1716, 7 *July*, | *Nicholas Clagett*, A. M. on *Williams*'s Death. |
| 1717, 9 *Dec.* | *Theophilus Deſaguliers*, on *Clagett*'s Ceſſion. |
| 1726, 15 *March*, | The Rev. Mr. *Moſes Leak*, on *Deſagulier*'s Reſignation, who is the preſent Incumbent, and holds it united to the Rectory of *Hopton* in *Suffolk*. |

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⁂ From the Regiſter which begins in 1558, it appears that many of the Drurys, Goldwells, Bramptons, Grygſons, Buxtons, Lovells, Bells, Chamberlains, Bedingfields, &c. were baptized and buried here. 1550, Joſeph Churchman, married Agnes Howſe. 1570, Tho. Lovell, married Margaret Fayer. 1585, Tho. Drury, married Urſula Brockley.

# *BRETENHAM.*

THE Manor and Advowſon was given to the Monks of *Ely*, along with *Bridgham*, and the reſt of the Poſſeſſions of that Abby in *Norfolk*, [*t*] all which were confirmed by King *Edgar*, in the Year of our Lord 970, (ſee fol. 295.) but was divided before the Conqueror's Time by the Abbots, into divers Parts, they reſerving the Advowſon, part of the Demeans, and a few ſmall Rents only, to themſelves, all which they join'd to their Manor of *Bridgham*, with which it was aſſigned at the Erection of that See, to the Biſhops thereof, who always preſented to this Church, as they do at this Day, the Advowſon not being appendant to *Bridgham* Manor, did not paſs to the Crown at the Exchange of that Manor. [*u*] In 1277, it was found by an Inquiſition, that the Biſhop of *Ely* had the free Gift and Patronage of this Church, that it was in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Deanry of *Rokelond*, but the Abbot of St. *Albans* had two Parts of both the ſmall and great Tythes, of the Demeans of *Alexander de Royinges* (or *Rothynges* as the Family was after called) except 40 Acres, which the Rector was to have, the whole Tythes of, and the Prior of *Thetford* had two Parts of the great and ſmall Tythes, of the Demeans of *William de Carleton*, and the Lady *Sarah Le-Noreiſe*, except 48 Acres, which belonged ſolely to the Rector; and alſo two Parts of the great and ſmall Tythes of the Demeans of [*x*] *Alexander Purri*, and *Godfride de Snareſhille*, except 12 Acres which the Rector had the whole Tythe of, [*y*] all which were given by *Roger Bigot* at the Foundation of the Priory; at which Time he was Lord of that whole Part, which was now divided, and held by the ſaid *William*, *Sarah*, *Alexander*, and *Godfride*. This Portion was taxed at one Mark, and ſo was the Portion of the *Prior* of St. *Albans*; the Rectory was valued at 4*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* in the King's Books, but being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 40*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a Year, it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and conſequently is capable of Augmentation. It is a ſmall Pariſh of near 100 Inhabitants; in 1603, it had 48 Communicants, it paid 55*s.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 119*l.* to the King's Tax: [*z*] At this Town there have been divers *Roman* Coins ploughed up, I have ſeen a very fair one of *Veſpatian*, thus circumſcribed, IMP. CAES. VESPATIAN. AUG. COS. VIII. PP. the Reverſe, was a *Mercury* holding an Urn, and S. C. there are alſo Urns found here, I have ſeen a ſmall one of Red Earth, that held about Half a Pint, [*a*] all which make me apt to think, that this Town, and not *Bretenham* in *Suffolk*, might be the *Combretonium* of ANTONINUS, and the *Conventronum* & *ad Convecin:* in the *Peutegerian* Tables, and the rather, becauſe I never heard of any *Roman* Antiquities found at the other *Bretenham*; but whether the Name in *Engliſh*, implies a Town on the *Breton*, or in *Welſh*, a Valley or low Place upon the *Breton*, I confeſs I know not, but the Situation is in a great Valley, or low Place, upon that River, which runs from *Quidenham-Meer* to *Thetford*, the Name of which, I have not met with. The Church, and Parſonage-Houſe were burnt down in 1693, the Nave was Re-built, but the Chancel was not, there is a ſquare Tower and one Bell, the Nave and South Porch are tiled; this is written on the North Wall,

> By this Place lyeth the Body of Roger Beales, who died June 29, 1711, and was Church-Warden alone for the Town of Bretenham, and built this Church after the Fire, being the 18th Day of May, in the Year 1693, and laid out all the Money, before he made his Rate, to gather in any Money, and whoſe Names, and what every Man paid.

Charles Wright [*Lord*] 29*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* Mr. John Newcomb [*Rector*] 21*l.* 1*s.* Roger Beales 12*l.* 12*s.* John Sele 6*l.* Roger Howes 3*l.* 18*s.* Tho. Townſend 1*l.* 13*s.* Richard Lovick 1*l.* 19*s.* &c.

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[*t*] Mon. Ang. Vol. fol. 92, 3, 4, &c. [*u*] Regr. Ely Claudius. C. 2. Bib. Cott. fol. 348. and Regr. Ely &c. in Bib. Coll. Caij Cant. fol. 267. b. [x] Alexander Purry had a Meſſuage and Land, purchaſed from Carleton-hall Manor, and Snareſhelles Lands, was part of Snare-Hill that extended hither. [*y*] Donavit eis Rogerus et Uxor ſua Adeliza, duas partes Decimationum, de Dominijs eorum, de omnibus, que decimari debent. E. Cart. Confirmationis Herberti Epi: Norwic: Penes Hen: Smith, Gen: de Hautboys-Magna.

[z] Coll: T. M. [*a*] See Atlas Suffolk, fol. 207.

Rectors

## RECTORS of *Bretenham* St. *Andrew*.

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| 1303, 5 Id: *May*, | A Sequeſtration was granted to *Alfred de Brok*, | The Biſhop of Ely. |
| 1303, 6 Id: *Aug*. | *Roger de Orford*, | |
| 1309, 6 Id: *Aug*. | *Richard de Deneſford*, Accolite. | |
| 1309, 17 Kal: *Jan*. | *Tho. de Haytone*, Prieſt. | |
| 1328, 5 Kal: *Feb*. | *John de Derby*, Prieſt. | |
| 1335, Prid: Id: *Febr*. | He had Licence as Chaplain to the Biſhop of *Ely*, to lett his Rectory and not reſide upon it. | |
| 1345, 22 *July*, | *Tho. Elyot de Swaffham-Market* Prieſt, on the Reſignation of *John Breideſdale de Derby*. [b] The KING, by reaſon of the Vacancy of the See. | |
| 1349, 24 *Octob*. | *Tho. Burchard* Prieſt, Brother *Alan*, Prior of *Ely*, Attorney of *Tho.* Biſhop of *Ely*, who was beyond Sea. | |
| 1356, 11 *Febr*. | *Peter de Berton* Prieſt. The KING, on Account of the Temporalities of the Biſhoprick, then in his Hands. | |
| 1361, 25 *Aug*. | *Will. de Neſſingwik* Accolite, on *Berton*'s Reſignation. *Ditto*. | |
| 1363, | *William de Derkewey*. | |
| | *Thomas de Wilton*. | |
| 1372, 30 *Nov*. | *John de Clypesby* Prieſt, on *Wilton*'s Reſignation, JOHN, Biſhop of *Ely*. | |
| 1373, 26 *June*, | [c] *John de Conguresbury* Shaveling. The KING, the See being void. | |
| 1376, 15 *June*, | *Walter De-la-more* Prieſt, The POPE by Proviſion or Reſervation. | |
| 1394, 30 *Sept*. | *Ralph Lemburgh* Prieſt. *Ditto*. | |
| 1401, 12 *Aug*. | *William Aleyn* Prieſt, | The Biſhop of *Ely*. |
| 1403, 4 *Juiy*, | *William Lylye* Prieſt, | |
| 1442, 7 *Jan*. | *Will. Dorant* Prieſt, on *Lylye*'s Death. * JOHN, Vicar-General to the Biſhop of *Ely*. | |
| 1449, 24 *Febr*. | *Will. Gilberd*, Batchelor in the Decrees. Lapſe. | |
| 1454, 30 *Dec*. | *Thomas Walle*, on *Gilberd*'s Reſignation, | The Biſhop of *Ely*. |
| 1466, 7 *Octob*. | *John Fuſtour*, on *Walle*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1470, 8 *June*, | *John Kaa*, | |
| | *John Aleyn*, | |
| 1502, 10 *April*, | *Tho. Watſon*, on *Aleyn*'s Death, | |
| 1511, 9 *June*, | *John Elred*, | |
| 1542, 10 *Aug*. | Sir *Tho. Horne*, Chaplain, on *Eldred*'s Death. | |
| 1544, 23 *July*, | *Will. Colliſon*, on *Horne*'s Death, | |
| 1554, 14 *May*, | *John Thirkelby*, | |
| 1559, 1 *July*, | *Robert Dixon* Prieſt, | |
| | *William Collinſon*, | |
| 1562, 11 *Nov*. | *Hugh Weſton* Prieſt, on *Collinſon*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1566, 19 *June*, | Sir *Tho. Smeth*, on *Weſton*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1569, 5 *May*, | *Robert Weſtley*, | |
| 1571, 13 *Febr*. | *Tho. Green* Clerk, on *Weſtley*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1581, 30 *Aug*. | *John Townſend*. The QUEEN, Lapſe. | |
| 1600, | Mr. *John Wolf*. | |
| 1608, 2 *Aug*. | *Richard Muckleſtone*, A. M. who held it united to *Tharſton* in *Depwade* Hundred. The Biſhop. | |
| 1612, 10 *Dec*. | *Richard Pemberton*, A. M. The Biſhop. | |
| 1624, 2 *July*, | *William Alcock*, A. M. The KING, Lapſe. | |
| 1627, | *Alexander Piſtor*, S. T. P. The Biſhop. | |
| | *Edward Furnace*, Clerk. | |
| 1636, 31 *May*, | *Tho. Cordell*, A. M. by the Promotion of *Edward Furnace*. The Biſhop. | |
| | *Thomas Pell*, united to *Bridgham*. *Ditto*. | |
| 1663, 23 *Dec*. | *Will. Monford*, A. M. on *Pell*'s Death. *Ditto*. | |
| 1666, 25 *Nov*. | *Tho. Hetherſet*, A. M. on *Monford*'s Death. *Ditto*. | |

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[b] Wharton's Anglia Sacra, Vol. 1. fol. 649.

[c] Combersbury (as he is alſo called) exchanged Elme Vicarage in Ely Dioceſs for this.

* "Ad preſentationem "Johannis Fabri Formati, S. T. Bac: Succentoris Bajocenſis, et "Canonici Rothomagenſis, Reverendiſſimi Patris Ludovici, titulo Sanctorum quatuor Coronatorum Presbiteri, Cardinalis de "Lucemburgo Vulgariter nuncupat: Rothomagen: Archiep: "Eccleſiæque et Epiſcopatus Elienſis, in Spiritualibus et Temporalibus perpetui Adminiſtratoris, Vicarij in Spiritualibus. "Inſtitut. Lib. 10.

1675, 17 *Aug.* *John Chinery*, on *Wormley* [*d*] *Hetherſet*'s Death. The Biſhop.
1686, 19 *Aug.* *Edmund Newcomb*, united to *Knatiſhall* in *Suffolk*. *Ditto.*
1701, 10 *Oct.* The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Lone*, the preſent Incumbent, was preſented by the Biſhop of *Ely*, and now holds it united to *Kilverſtone*.

The whole at firſt belonged to the Abbot of *Ely* as aforeſaid, by whom it was divided into ſeveral Parts, * the firſt two Parts belonged to *John*, *Waleram*'s Nephew, at the time of the Conqueſt, and had been held by two Freemen under the Abbot in the time of the Confeſſor; † the next was held by *Eudo the Sewer* in the Conqueror's Time, and by *Turgis* in the Confeſſor's; and *Leſius* claimed it againſt *Eudo*, who recover'd it from him, and then held it. ‖ Another Part belonged to *Roger Bigot*, of whom *William de Burneville* held it at the Survey; the whole was then two Miles long, and a Mile and Quarter broad, and paid 14*d. ob: Geld*, the Lord of the Hundred being then (as he is now) Lord Paramount of this Town, and after this there was no leſs then ſix Manors here, *viz.* the Biſhop of *Ely*'s, which was joined to *Bridgham*, and ever after paſſed with it; the Manor of *Catton*, or *Carleton-Hall*, *Burnville*'s Manor, the two Manors called *Rothyng*, or *Rothyng-Hall*, and the Manor called *Brethenhams.*

## *Catton*, or *Carleton-Hall*,

Belonged to *Eudo the Sewer*, and in 1230, was ſetled by *Richard de Meiſy*, on *Richard Fitz-Richard*, and was after, in a Family ſirnamed *de Carleton*, *Will. de Carleton* held it in 1277, but how long it continued in that Family I don't find; the *Bretenhams* had it in 1314, and *Will. de Bretenham* was then Lord; it ſeems as if the Prior of *Thetford* was Lord of it afterwards, 'till the Diſſolution, but whether in Truſt, or in Right of his Monaſtery, I cannot ſay, but in 1543, the King licenced *Nicholas Rookwood*, Prothonotary of the Common-Pleas, to ſell it to Sir *Ralph Warren*, Knt. Alderman of *London*, whoſe Son *Richard Warren* of *London*, Eſq; ſetled it on *Elizabeth* his Wife in Jointure, who after his Death, married the Lord *Knevet*, the Revertion after her Death, came to Sir *Oliver Crumwell*, in right of *Joan* his Mother, Heireſs of *Richard Warren*, he ſold the Revertion to Sir *Baſſingbourne Gawdy*, who purchaſed the Lady *Knevet*'s Right, and in 1606, *Framlingham Gawdy*, Eſq; ſold it to *Thomas Wright* of *Kilverſtone*, Eſq; in whoſe Family it remained, 'till it was lately ſold by *Thomas Wright* of *Kilverſtone*, Eſq; to Mr. *George Proctor*, the preſent Lord.

## BURNVILLE'S *MANOR*,

Was held of *Roger Bigot*, by *William de Burneville*, as is aforeſaid, [*e*] whoſe Daughter *Avice*, gave it to the Prior of the Monks at *Thetford*, and it was confirmed to them by King *Henry* II. The Prior join'd it to his Manor of *Rothyng-Hall*, from which it never was ſeparated.

## BRETENHAM'S *MANOR*,

Belonged to *Eudo the Sewer*, and in 1198, to *Richard de Brethenham*, after to *John de Brethenham*, and after to *Alexander de Bretenham*, and in 1218, *Richard de Brethenham* held it, and had a Carucate in Demean, held of *Clare* Honour at half a Fee: In [*f*] 1297, *Will. de Bretenham*, and *John de Brockdiſh* had it, in 1299, the Lady *Sarah Le-Noreiſe* held it, and half *Bretenham*'s [*g*] part was ſetled on *Ruſhworth* College, and [*h*] *John de Brockdiſh*'s part was divided into ſeveral Parcels, for in 1345, *Tho. de Brockdyſſch*, *Rob. de Welholme*, and

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[*d*] There might be two Hetherſets Rectors, the Inſtitution ſays, Thomas. Chinery's Inſtitution ſays, Wormley, who might perhaps be between them, tho' I meet with no ſuch Inſtitution.

[*e*] Dug. Mon. Vol. 1. fol. 667.

[*f*] See fol. 193.

[*g*] See fol. 197.

* Terre Johis: Nepotis, Walerami. (fol. 280.)

H. Screpham, BRETHAM, tenet W. ii car: terre quam tenuit lib: homo T.R.E. ſemper iiii. Vill: & i bor. & i ſer. xii acr. prati tunc ii car. in dnio: poſt & modo i ſemper i car. homin: & i mol. ſemper lx Oves & ii lib: xviiii acr. terre quas habuit Commendationem tantum, Soca in Bucham & i lib: ho: xxx acr. terre Soca in Sca. Adel. totum val. lx Sol.

In eadem i lib: ho: ii car. terre T.R.E. tunc xii Vill: poſt & modo iii. ſemper iii. bor. & viii acr. prati ſemper ii car. in dnio: tunc iii car. homin: poſt & modo ii. ſemper i mol. ſemper ii Animal: modo xiiii Porc. & lxx Oves, & v. vaſa apum tunc val. lx Sol. modo xl. Soca in Bucham.

† Terre Eudonis Dapiferi, (fol. 236.)

In Bretham ten: Turgis vii. liberi hoies. T.R.E. i car. & dim: terre ii acr. prati tunc & poſt i. & dim car. modo i car. & dim: poſſet eſſe, tunc. val. xxx. Sol. poſt, & modo xx. Soca horum vi. in Bucham Regis, de Septimo Sancta Adeldret Soca & commend: ſed Leſius totum retinuit, & Eulo retinet totum. habet i leug: in long: & v. quar. in lat. & xiiii *d.* & i obulum de Gelto.

‖ Terra Rogeri Bigoti, H. de Scherepham. (fol. 128.)

In Bretham iii liberi hoies: i car: terre quos tenet Will: de Burnevilla & iii bor. & iiii acr. prati tunc & poſt i car. & dim: modo i. & val. xxxiii Sol. & viii *d.* Soca in Bucham.

[*h*] In 1314, John, Son of Benedict de Thetford, ſetled by Fine, a Meſſuage and Lands here, on John de Brockdyſh, and Agnes his Wiſe, and Richard their Son, and his Heirs.

*William de Bretenham*, held that Quarter of a Fee of the Earl of *Glouceſter*, which formerly belonged to *John de Brokedyſh*; and after this, it was divided in many ſmall Parcels, all which were purchaſed, ſome by the Maſter of *Ruſhworth* College, and ſome by the Prior of *Thetford*, and added to their Manors; the other Part which was not ſetled on *Ruſhworth*, was held by *William de Bretenham*, and paſſed to the Monks at *Thetford*, along with their Manor of *Rothyng-Hall* as you may ſee at fol. 193, where there is an Account alſo of the ſeparate Fiſhery belonging to this Manor.

## *Rothyng-Hall*, or *Rutten-Hall*,

Was the Capital Manor, and was owned, by *John*, *Waleram*'s Nephew at the Conqueſt, and in *Richard* I. Time by *Alexander de Rohinges*, *Roynges*, or *Rothyng*, who in *Henry* III. Time is ſaid to hold it at half a Fee of *Margery de Riparijs*, who held it of the Earl of *Arundell*, as of his Hundred of *Shropham*, belonging to his Caſtle of *Bukenham*, and the Earl of the King in Chief. In 1301, *Henry de Rothinge*, held of the King as of his Honour of *Albemarle*, at half a Fee, one Capital Manor-Houſe, 80 Acres of Land, one Piece of Meadow, and ſix Acres *Bruery*, Liberty of a Free Fold, 20*s.* Rents of Aſſize, and other Rents and Services in *Brethenham*, the whole being valued at 50 *s.* 9 *d.* and alſo 100 Acres in the ſaid Town, of *William de Bretenham*, by the ſervice of 12 *d.* a Year, and *Alexander* was his Son and Heir, who in 1308, poſſeſſed it, [i] in 1314, *Alexander de Rothing*, *William de Bretenham*, the Prior of *Thetford*, and the Maſter of *Ruſhford*, were Lords of the Manors in this Town. This *Alexander* it was, that divided the Manor into many Parts, by Selling half a Fee held of the Honour of *Clare*, to *Robert Baynard*, [k] *Hugh Stopuſle*, and others, who ſetled all their Parts on *Thomas Gardiner*, Clerk, Rector of *Croxton*, in Truſt for the Prior of *Thetford*. In 1345, *Henry de Rothing*, held the other Part, which he divided into two Manors, and ſold one to the *Herling*'s, whoſe Heireſs gave it to *Ruſhworth* College, and this was that *Rothing-Hall* Manor, that belonged to the College, to which there was 60 Acres and a Toft added by *Will: Fullere*, and others, (See fo. 196.) and in 1374, he ſold the other Part to *Rob. de Batisforth*, *Robert Benbras*, Clerk, *Richard Pareys*, *James de Bretenham*, *John Purri*, and *Tho. Fullere*, who in 1385, ſetled it on *Tho. Gardiner*, Rector of *Croxton*, and he convey'd it with *Baniard*'s Part to the Prior of *Thetford*, who was taxed for the firſt Part at 16*s.* and for this, at one Mark; and theſe conſtituted that Manor called *Rothyngs*, alias *Rothyng-Hall*, to which the Prior join'd his Manor of *Burnvilles*; and in 1413, *Alexander*, Maſter of *Ruſhworth* College, *Tho. Crowe*, *John Mannyng*, *Will Parys*, and *John Greene*, Clerks, Fellows there, releaſed to the Prior of St. *Mary* at *Thetford*, a Yearly Rent of 6*d.* paid them by the Prior, out of Lands in *Bretenham*, and thus there were two Manors called *Rothing-Hall*, to the Diſſolution, and then they both came to the Earl of *Surrey*, in 1542, who re-united them, and in 1556, THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*, held it in Capite of the Queen, and in 1572, it belonged to the Earl of *Surrey*, and in 1583, *Phillip* Earl of *Arundell* ſold it to *Tho. Lovell*, Eſq; and in 1622, Sir *Francis Lovell*, Knt. and *William Lovell*, Eſq; ſold it to *Tho. Wright* of *Kilverſtone*, Eſq; in whoſe Family it continued, 'till *Tho. Wright* of *Kilverſtone*, Eſq; lately ſold it to Mr. *George Proctor* of *Thetford*, who is the preſent Lord.

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[i] Nomina Villarum.

[k] See fol. 198.

# *ILLINGTON.*

ILLINKETUNE, *Ilſingtune*, or as it is now called, *Illington*, is a ſmall Village joining to *Rowdham* and *Lerlingford*; the *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and is a Rectory, in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Deanry of *Rockland*. It hath a Rectory-Houſe and Glebe, and was valued at 6*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* in the King's Books, it was ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 37*l.* 2*s.* by which means it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, tho' it pays 1*s.* Synodals, beſides the Archdeacon's Procurations. In 1603, there were 32 Communicants in this Village, and now there are about 60 Inhabitants, it paid 53*s.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 257*l.* to the Land-Tax; the Chief if not the whole of this Town, belongs to the *Churchmans*, whoſe Seat ſtands about two Furlongs N.W. of the Church.

# ILLINGTON.

The Church and Chancel are very ſmall, having a ſquare Tower at the Weſt End; there is an Altar-Tomb in the Chancel for,

Sir *JOHN CHURCHMAN*, Knt. ſometime Patron of this Church, who ſuddenly departed this Life, Feb. 24, 1688, Ag. 56.

*Moriendo perpetuam Vitam Lucramur.*

At the Foot of the Tomb are two ſmall Stones, for,

*GORE*, Son of *WILLIAM CHURCHMAN*, Eſq; and *SUSAN* his Wife, who died Jan. 12, 1692, aged 9 Months.

*SUSAN* their Daughter an Infant, buried April 23, 1692.

As to what is ſaid concerning the Hiſtory of this Pariſh in the *Atlas*, p. 342, there is not one Word of it true, as to this Town, but part of it may be applied to *Iſlyngton* in *Merſhland*.

The Prior of *Bukenham* had Lands here of the Gift of the *Bukenhams*, taxed at 2*s*. 9*d*.

The Abbot of *Sibeton* in *Suffolk*, held the 25th Part of a Knight's Fee, which was either given or ſold to that Houſe by *Henry de Eſthall*, before 1291, for then the Abbot was returned to hold it of the ſaid *Henry*, who held it of *Adam de Cayly*, he of the Earl *Warren*, and he of the King, to whom the Abbot paid his Part, to make his eldeſt Son a Knight. It was taxed at 11*s*. 3*d*. *ob:*

Here was a parcel of Land given to the Abbey of *Bury*, for which the Sacriſt of that Monaſtery was taxed at 2*s*.

## RECTORS.

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| 1313, | *John de Bukenham*, Rector. |
| 1334, 17 Kal: *Apr.* | *John de Bukenham* Prieſt. ELIZABETH DE BUKENHAM. |
| 1349, 5 *Aug.* | *Will. Cark* of *Bukenham* Prieſt. WILL. DE BUKENHAM. |
| 1375, 6 *Octob.* | *Giles de Welham* Prieſt. JAMES DE WROTHAM, and JOHN CHAA, of *Thefford*. |
| 1398, 18 *Aug.* | *John Rykedon* of *Hockham* Prieſt. ROB. FLEMYNG of *Bonewell*. |
| 1421, 2 *June*, | *William*, Son of *John Calkewell*. THO. FLEMYNG, Eſq; |
| 1426, 22 *Octob.* | *Robert Merſton*, who changed his Vicarage of St. *Peter*, in the Iſle of *Thanet* for this, with *William*, Son of *John Calkwell*. |
| 1434, | *Martin Bole*, Rector. |
| | *Thomas Sporle*, Rector. |
| 1450, 16 *Dec.* | *Thomas Hanſum*, on *Sporle*'s Reſignation. Sir THO. FLEMYNG, Knt. |
| 1460, 10 *Octob.* | *Tho. Blythe*, on *Hanſum*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1469, 30 *May*, | *Bartholomew Wyke* Prieſt, on *Blythe*'s Death. MARGARET, late Wife of THO. FLEMYNG, Knt. |
| 1495, 16 *April*, | *Tho. Parys*, on *Wyke*'s Death. HENRY HEYDON for this Turn. |
| 1528, 18 *July*, | The Biſhop collated *Will. Heye*, Rector of *Lerling*, by Lapſe, and united it to *Lerling*, at *Parys*'s Death. |
| 1531, 5 *Jan.* | JOHN HEYDON of *Bakonſthorp*, Knt. Patron of the Advowſon, granted the next Turn to *Richard Clark* of *Eaſt-Wrotham*, and *Robert Hychyn* of *Gyrſton*. |
| | *William Burbie*, Rector. |
| 1555, 5 *July*, | *Robert Halman* Prieſt, on *Burbie*'s Death. FULK GRAY, Gent. |
| 1556, 24 *February*, | *Richard Mortonne* Prieſt, on *Halman*'s Death. JAMES DOWNES, Eſq; |
| 1566, 2 *Octob.* | *Richard Bromell*, on *Mortonne*'s Death, united to *Lerling*. JEROME SPRING, and ELIZ. his Wife. |
| 1591, 25 *Sept.* | *John Chatterys*, on *Bromell*'s Death. CHRIST. GASCOIGNE. |
| 1609, 8 *July*, | *John Weſt*, A.M. JOHN GASCOIGNE, Gent. In 1617, he held *Thetford* St. *Peter* united to this. |
| 1626, 8 *Dec.* | *Henry Roſe*, A.M. on *Weſt*'s Death, COTTON GASCOIGN, Gent. |
| 1643, 6 *April*, | *John Palgrave*, A. M. on *Roſe*'s Death. Sir JOHN PALGRAVE, Bart. |
| | *George Fiſh*, Rector. |
| 1664, 19 *June*, | *Peter Lock*, Clerk, A. M. on *Fiſhe*'s Reſignation. JOHN CHURCHMAN, Knt. united to *Hockham* in 1667. |
| 1672, 6 *Jan.* | *Henry Goodrick*, A. M. on *Lock*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1712, 10 *Dec.* | The Rev. Mr. *James Holman*, A. B. on *Goodrick*'s Death, who holds it united to *Croxton*. WILL. CHURCHMAN, Eſq; the preſent Patron. |

## *Eaſt-Hall* MANOR.

At the Time of the Conqueſt the whole Town belonged to * *William*, Earl *Warren*, and was of 20*s.* Value in the Confeſſor's Time, and 30 in the Conqueror's, the whole was ſomething better than a Mile long, and a Mile broad, and paid 7*d.* *Geld*, and was held of the Caſtle of *Lewes*, tho' at that Time the ſuperior Juriſdiction belonged to the Hundred of *Shropham*, the Lord of which is now Lord *Paramount* of this Town, keeps the *Lete*, and receives 6*d.* for Quit-Rent of the Manor, and 18*d.* for *Lete-Fee*. In the Earl's Time, *Berner* his Servant held it, at one Fee, for Life, and afterwards it went to *Hubert de Burgh*, of whom *Gilbert de Morley* held it, and from him it came to the Crown, and King *Henry* gave it to *Reginald de Warren*, of whom *William de Illingtune*, had the whole Fee, and left it to *Henry* his Son, who built and ſetled in the Eaſt Part of the Town, during his Father's Life, and aſſumed the Name of *Eaſthall*, he divided the Manor into many Parts, reſerving to himſelf the Half of the Town, which he held at half a Fee of *Adam de Caily*, as of the Caſtle of *Bukenham*, and this he called *Eaſt-Hall* Manor.

## *Bukenham*'s, *Weſt-Hall*, or *Illington-Hall* MANOR.

The other half Fee he divided into many Parts, all which were held of him, and became ſo many ſmall Manors. In *Henry* III. Time *William de Eaſthall* his Brother, held a 15*th* Part of a Fee, *John atte More* held a 20*th* Part, *John Dolon* a 40*th* Part, *Ralph* the Merchant a 30*th* Part, *John de Rowdham* a 40*th* Part, *Simon de Ropere* a 20*th* Part, *Adam Pain* a 20*th* Part, *Robert*, Son of *Adam de Long* a 40*th* Part, and *William de Bukenham* a quarter of a Fee, which was the Original of *Bukenham*'s, *Weſt-Hall*, or *Illington-Hall* Manor.

This Family had another Quarter of a Fee, in this and the Neighbouring Towns, which belonged to the Earl *Warren*, and afterwards to *Adam Caily*, who infeoffed it in the *Bukenhams*, and this they joined to the other Part, purchaſed of *Henry de Eaſthall*, together with the Advowſon, ſo that *Weſthall* or *Bukenham*'s, became now the Capital Manor, and in 1253, *Will. de Bukenham* had a Charter for Free-warren here, in *Ellingham* and *Bukenham*. [*k*] In 1304, *William de Bukenham* purchaſed the Part which was *Will. de Eſthalle*'s of *John de Illington*, and added it to his Manor. In 1313, *Ralph de Bukenham* and *Elizabeth* his Wife had it ſetled on them in Revertion, by *Thomas Spriggy* of *Muneſle*, who held it in right of *Julian* his Wife, who held it in Dower, as Widow of a *Bukenham*. In 1316, *Hen. de Eſthall* bought many Lands of *Ralph de Lerling*, Merchant, and *Agnes* his Wife, and added them to his Manor, and in the ſame Year *William Albon* of *Old Bokenham*, (Truſtee I ſuppoſe of *Ralph de Bukenham*) ſetled *Bukenham*'s Manor here, by Fine, on *Lucia De-La-Maynewarin* of *Eaſt-Herling*, it had then 9 Meſſuages, 229 Acres of Land, 6 of Wood, and 20*s.* Quit-Rent belonging to it, and extended into *Lerling*, *Hockham*, and *Rowdham*. In 1329, *Adam de Wrotham* ſetled two Meſſuages, &*c.* on *Jeffery de Holbech* of *Illington*, with remainder to *Aveline*, Widow of *Roger De-la-Maynewarin*, who was Heir of *Jeffery*.

In 1343, JOHN DE ESTHALL held half a Fee of *Adam de Clifton*, he of the Earl *Warren*, and he of the King, which half Fee was held of the ſaid *John*, by the Abbot of *Sibeton*, *William Payne*, *Simon Ropere*, *John atte More*, *William de Eaſthalle*, *Robert*, Son of *Alan Le-Long*, *John de Long*, *Ralph* the Merchant, *John* of *Rowdham*, and *Henry de Eſthall*, and in the ſame Year, *Ralph* of *Illington* and his Tenants, held a Quarter of a Fee, of the ſaid *Adam*, half of which *William de Bukenham* held of him; and thus theſe ſmall Manors continued in various Hands, and were called by divers Names, according to their Poſſeſſors, 'till 1375, and then *James de Wrotham*, and *John Chaa* of *Thetford*, were Lords of moſt of them, and each having a Moiety, they preſented jointly, and in 1392, they became all united in the two chief Manors of *Weſthall* and *Eaſthall*, together with all the Lands belonging to *Welholme* and *Denvere-Hall* Manors in *Lerling*, which laid in *Illington*, the Moiety of all which, were then convey'd by *Henry Pakenham*, *John de Brecclys*, *Tho. Finch* of *Thetford*, and *Eliz.* his Wife, to *John Bruſierd*, from the Heirs of *Eliz.* [*Chaa*] and the next Year, *John Bokenham* Junior, *William* and *John Rookwood*, and *John Breccles*, ſetled the other Moiety on *John Rookwood* and his Heirs, in Truſt for *Robert Flemyng* of *Bonewell* and *Alice* his Wife, who was Daughter of the ſaid *John*; and ſoon after *John Bokenham* Jun. *John Bruſiyerd*, and *Joan* his Wife, ſetled the firſt Moiety on *John Rookwood*, in Truſt for *Robert Flemyng* and his Heirs, who now became ſole Lord of the whole Town. In 1421, *William Flemyng*, Eſq; was Lord and Patron, but before 1428, it was divided again into Moieties, the firſt of which (with the whole Advowſon) was held by *Richard Flemyng*, Eſq; and the ſecond by *John Groos* of *Irſted*, who died ſeized in 1428, as you may ſee under *Welholme*'s Manor in *Lerling*, (fol. 290.) and from this Time it went by the Name of *Eaſt-Hall* Manor and extinguiſhed with the ſaid Manor of *Welholme*'s.

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* Terra Willi: de Warenna, (fol. 91.) In Illinketuna ten: Willus: i lib. hom. i car. terre & dim. ſemper vii Vill: & x. bord. & iiii acr. prati & vi liberi hoies: xxii acr. terre, ſemper i car. in dnio: & iii car. hom: tunc val. xx Sol. poſt & modo xxx. Soca in Bucham. totum habet dim. in longo & iiii quar. in lato, & vii*d.* de Gelto, & hoc de Caſtello de Laquis.

[*k*] See fol. 286, Note *h.* & fol. 259.

The Manor of *Weſt-Hall* or *Bukenhams* continued in the *Flemyngs*, and in 1450, Sir *Tho. Flemyng*, Knt. was Lord and Patron; in 1469, *Margaret* his Wife had it, in 1503, the whole was join'd, and a Fine levyed between *William Tye*, and *Nicholas Bukenham*, Querents, and *Lawrence Gower* and *Maud* his Wife, Deforceants, of the Advowſon and Manors of *Eaſthall*, *Weſthall*, *Welhams*, *Stratton*, and *Illington*, in order to ſettle it on the *Jermyns*, and in 1530, Sir *Tho. Jermyn*, Knt. ſetled it on Sir *John Heydon*, Knt. and *Katherine*, Wife of Sir *Chriſtopher Heydon* of *Baconſthorp*, Knt. and in 1539, a Fine was levied confirming the ſame; it after belonged to *Fulk Gray*, after that to *James Downes*, and in 1556, *Jerome Spring*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife had it, but in 1671, *Chriſtopher Gaſcoigne*, was Lord and Patron, who held it 'till about 1600, and was ſucceeded by *John Gaſcoign*, Gent. his Son and Heir, whoſe Son *Cotton Gaſcoign*, Gent. had it; in 1626, he married *Anne*, Daughter of Sir *William De-Grey* of *Merton*, Knt. who had it ſetled on her in Jointure; ſhe after married to Sir *John Palgrave*, who was Lord and Patron during her Life, the Reverſion being ſold by *Cotton Gaſcoign*, Eſq; to

Sir JOHN CHURCHMAN, Knt. who preſented in 1664, and ſetled here. This Family is deſcended from *John Churchman*, Citizen of *London*, and *Emme* his Wife, in the Time of King *Richard* II. who in 1387, were joint Purchaſers of *Skeburgh* Manor and Advowſon, from whom deſcended *Ozias*, or *Ozill Churchman*, Merchant-Taylor of St. *Auguſtine*'s Pariſh in *London*, in 1632, in which Year he married *Mary*, Daughter of *Caly* of *Lothbury*, from whom deſcended Sir *John Churchman* of *Illington*, Knt. who married *Heſter*, Daughter of [*l*] Sir *John Gore* of *Geldeſton*, in *Hertfordſhire*, Knt. and had *John Churchman* of *Illington*, Eſq; who was buried here in 1688, who by *Suſan*, Daughter and Heir of *Fiske* of *Stivky* in *Norfolk*, who after his Death re-married to *Maurice Shelton* of *Barningham* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; had *William Churchman* of *Illington*, the Preſent [*m*] Lord and Patron, who bears *Arg.* 2 Bars, in Chief as many Pallets *Sab.*

In 1346, *Peter de Eſthalle* held 42 Acres in this Town, of *Seckford*'s Manor in *Weſt-Herling*, (ſee fol. 201.) and the ſeveral Manors in *Lerling*, *Thorphall* Manor in *Wrotham*, *Eaſt-Herling* Manor, &c. extended hither.

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[*l*] Chauncy's Hertfordſhire, fol. 189.

[*m*] The Manor of Illington is now very ſmall, the greateſt Part (if not the whole) being purchaſed by the Lord.

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# *SHROPHAM.*

SCEREPHAM, *Serpeham*, *Scropham*, or (as it is now called) *Shropham*, was a Town of more than common Note, when the Hundreds were firſt appointed, as is evident from it's giving Name to the HUNDRED; at preſent it is a common Village, not ſo large by a great deal as many in this Hundred are, tho' it conſiſts of three antient Villages, the two laſt of which, have been ſo far loſt, that they are not ſo much as known by their Original Names of *Breccles-parva*, and *Broadcarr* or *Bradcarr*.

## BRECCLES-PARVA *or* LITTLE BRECCLES,

At the Time of the Conqueſt, was a ſeparate Town, belonging to * *Roger Bigot*, having in it 9 Freemen under him, who held 110 Acres of Land, the Manor was worth 10*s.* a Year, and was then in *Wayland* Hundred, [*n*] but being given to the Earl of *Arundel* by the ſaid *Roger*, with his Daughter *Maud*, he added it to his Hundred of *Shropham*, which belonged to his Caſtle of *Bukenham*, and afterwards infeoffed the *Breccles*'s; who always held it of the Earl of *Arundel*, at a Quarter of a Fee, as of his Hundred of *Shropham*; In *Henry* III. Time, *John de Breccles* was Lord, and in 1345, *John de Breccles* his Grandſon had it, in 1402, *Benedict de Breccles* held it, and ſoon after it belonged to *William de Narburgh*, whoſe Daughter *Ela* had it, ſhe firſt married *Thomas Shouldham*, and afterwards *Henry Spilman*, who died ſeized in 1494, and *Thomas Spilman* his Son inherited, and his Son *John* had it in 1563; in 1567, it belonged to *Francis Woodhouſe*, Eſq; who ſold it to *Thomas Shelton*, Eſq; at which Time the Manor was extinct, the whole being purchaſed in; it had then a Foldcourſe and Free Fiſhery, and extended into *Shropham*, *Breccles-Magna*, and *Hockham*, it afterwards came to the *Barkers*, *John Barker*, Eſq; the preſent Owner, hath Built a Seat here, which is the only Houſe in this Place.

The Church was a Rectory, given by *Roger Bygot* Lord here, to the Priory of *Thetford*, when he founded it, and ſo it came wholly to that Houſe, to which it was confirmed by [*o*] *Henry* II. but it being a very ſmall Place the Monks agreed to take a Pention of 8*s.* a Year, [*p*] from the Rector of *Shropham*, in Lieu of all the Tithes, it was annexed to *Shropham*, and the Church was demoliſhed before *Edward* III. Time, and the Pariſhioners had the Parochial Chapel of St. *Andrew* in *Shropham*, which 'till that Time belonged to *Bradcar*, aſſigned them for their Pariſh Church, *Bradcar* being then entirely united to *Shropham*; and this continued ſingle for ſome Time, tho' not very long, for before 1332, the Rectory and [*q*] Chapel, was annexed to St. *Peter* and *Paul*'s Church of *Shropham*, ſo that I meet with no Inſtitutions to either of them. At the firſt Setling the Vicarage, Part of the Land in *Little Breccles*, which belonged to *Thompſon* College, was to pay all Tythes to the College, but upon the laſt Setlement in 1414, the Vicar was to receive all the Great and Small Tythes of *Little Breccles*, ſo that the Vicar of *Shropham*, is Rector of *Little Breccles* at this Time; and in 1514, upon the Complaint of the Pariſhioners of *Little Breccles* in the Pariſh of *Shropham*, ſetting forth, that ſince the Setlement the Vicar had neglected ſerving the Chapel, contrary to the Terms of the Conſolidation, which notwithſtanding the Appropriation was ſtill an entire Rectory to him, the Biſhop ſwore Sir *Robert Morley* at his Inſtitution in 1519, to perform Service in it, to the Pariſhioners of *Little-Breccles*; as you may ſee under his Inſtitution; this was demoliſhed about *Edward* VI. Time.

## BROADCAR, *or* BRADCAR,

Was included in *Shropham* at the Conqueſt, but was [*r*] Independent of it ſome Time after, and had the [*s*] Parochial Chapel of St. *Andrew* for their Church, 'till 'twas reſigned to the Pariſhioners of *Little-Breccles*, when this was united to *Shropham*, it belonged to § *Roger Bigot* at the Conqueſt, and to *Andrew de Hengham* in 1235, it was afterwards added to, and became a Part of *Pakenham*'s Manor, and was always held of the Earls of *Arundell* at half a Fee, as of their Hundred of *Shropham*, and is that Part of *Shropham* which joins to the River by *Sneterton*.

The Vicarage is valued in the King's Books at 8*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 30*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation, it pays 2*s.* Synodals, being endowed with the Rectory-Houſe and all the Glebe Land, except an Acre and half, and all the Great and Small Tythes of *Breccles-Parva*, and all other Tythes in *Bradcar* and *Shropham*, except the Tythes of Corn and Grain, which belong to the Impropriation. It is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and Deanry of *Rockland*, and in 1603, had 120 Communicants, and now there are about 250 Inhabitants. It paid 7*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 610*l.* 5*s.* [*t*] There were 3 Gilds kept in the Church of St. *Peter* and *Paul* at *Shropham*, the firſt was the Gild of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, the ſecond of St. *John Baptiſt*, and the third of our *Lady*, [*u*] and there was another Gild in St. *Andrew*'s Church, held in Honour of that Apoſtle.

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* Terra Rogeri Bigoti, (Domſday fo. 127.) Wenelunt Hund. In Breccles viiii liberi Homines cx acr: & i Villan: & i Bord: & x acr: Prati. ſemper ii Car: & val: x *s.*

[*n*] See fol. 251.

[*o*] " Eccleſiam de Serepham &c. Dug. Mon. Ang. Tom. 1. fol. 667.

[*p*] The Prior of Weſtacre had a Pention of a Mark a Year out of Shropham Rectory, which was a perpetual Compoſition for the Tithes of the Priors Lands belonging to his Rectory of Great Breccles, lying in Little Breccles.

[*q*] It ſtood about a Furlong South Weſt of Shropham Church the Scite belongs to the Vicar, it is ſtill incloſed, and is now called the Old Church-yard.

[*r*] E Cartis, pen: me.

[*s*] I find the Name only of one Parſon before the Union, viz. Peter the Parſon of Bradcar.

§ Terra Rogeri Bigoti. (Domſ. fo. 127.) Hund. Scerepham. In Hocham iiii libi: Homines. & in Screpeham v. & in Wileby i. & in Beſethorp, inter totum iii car: tre: & ii acr: & dim: & vi Bord: & xvii acr: Prati. Silv: viii Porc: ſemper v Car: Totum val: lxviii ſol. Soca in Bucham Regis. In Scerpham i liber Homo xxx acr: terre ſemper i Bord: & iii acr: Prati & dim: Car: & val: iiii ſol. Soca in eodem Bucham. In Scerpham i lib. ho: viii acr: terre & i acr: dim: Prati & ii bov: & val: xvi. den.

The Prior of the Monks at *Thetford* had divers ſmall Pieces of Land here, which were taxed at 2*s.*

[*x*] The Abbot of *Bury* at the Conqueſt had a Freeman, who held 30 Acres of him, this was afterwards appropriated to the Uſe of the Infirmary of that Monaſtery, and the Keeper of the Infirmary received the Profits 'till the Diſſolution, and was taxed at 5*s.* and ſo paid 6*d.* every Tenth.

The Temporalities of *Bec* Abby, and *Okebourne* Priory, were taxed at 8*s.* 9*d.* *ob.*

The Prior of *Bukenham*, was taxed at 6*s.* *ob.* for his Temporalities, which were ſmall Rents iſſuing out of divers Lands in this Town, paid to the Priory Manor of *Bukenham*, of which they were held.

## RECTORS *and* VICARS *of Shropham.*

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| 1284, | [*y*] | *Will. de Hengham*, Rector. |
| 1332, 4 Kal: *July*, | | *Ralph de Coggeſhale*, Clerk, was inſtituted to the Rectory of the Church of St. *Peter* at *Shropham*, with the Chapel of St. *Andrew* lately annexed to the ſame, at the Preſentation of JOHN, Son of Sir JOHN DE COGGISHALIS, Knt. |
| 1358, 10 *Dec.* | | *Walter de Elveden* Prieſt, at *Ralph*'s Reſignation. JOHN DE COKEFIELD, Knt. he exchanged his Precentorſhip in *Hereford* Cathedral, for this Rectory. |
| 1360, 7 *May*, | | *Walter Le-Peſtour* Prieſt. Sir JOHN DE COGGESHALES, Knt. |
| 1371, 29 *Octob.* | | *Tho. de Berton* Prieſt. Sir HENRY DE COGGESHALE, Knt. |
| 1396, 6 *Jan.* | | Sir *Thomas*, Son of *Lawrence* of *Horſtede*. JOHN METHELWOLD. This Man was the laſt Rector of this Pariſh, for in 1398, the Maſter and Fellows of St. *Martin*'s College at *Thomeſton* (or *Tomſon*) obtain'd a Bull from Pope *Boniface* to appropriate the Church of St. *Peter* at *Shropham*, together with the Chapel of St. *Andrew* thereto annexed, to their College for ever, on Condition there ſhould be a Vicarage ordained by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, which ſhould be ſetled by him and his Succeſſors, to their Pleaſure and Liking, provided that the Patronage of the Vicarage, ſhould belong to the Maſter and Bretheren of the ſaid College, and accordingly in |
| 1398, 6 *July*, | | *Henry Stoket* of *Eſton*, Prieſt, was inſtituted to the Vicarage of the Pariſh Church of St. *Peter* at *Shropham*, with the Chapel of St. *Andrew* annexed, at the Preſentation of the Maſter and Fellows of *Thomeſton* College, who preſented all the following Vicars, 'till their Diſſolution, and in |
| 1410, | [*z*] | *Alexander*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, by Vertue of the Power reſerved in Pope *Boniface* the IX<sup>th</sup>'s Bull, and becauſe Biſhop *Henry Le-Diſpenſer* his Predeceſſor, who conſented to the Appropriation, had appointed no further about the Vicarage, but that it ſhould be worth 20 Marks a Year, beſides the Vicars Dwelling in the Rectory-Houſe, further declared and ſetled the Vicarage in this Manner, that the Vicars ſhould have the Hall, it's Chambers, the Kitchin, the Bake-houſe, Stable, and the Chamber called the Gueſt-Chamber, a long Houſe with a Chamber over it, called the Prieſt's Chamber, with all the Houſes belonging thereto, and the Garden of half an Acre adjoining thereto, the whole being the Rectory-Houſe and |

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[*t*] Regr. Grundesburgh, fo. 225.

[*u*] Regr. Gelour.

[*x*] Domſ. fo. 298. In Scerepham, Abbas Sci: Edmundi tenet i lib: xxx acr: iii acr. Prati, i bor: dim: car: val: iiii Sol,

[*y*] In 1270, William de Selot gave Land to St. Peter's Church at Shropham.

[*z*] Lib. Inſtitut. N° 7 fo. 69.

its Scite, together with 24 Acres of Arable Land (part of the Glebe) lying near the Houſe, with the ſame Liberty of *Faldage*, as the Rectors had before the Appropriation, and all the Alterage, Oblations, Mortuaries, and perſonal Tythes, Tythes of Calves, Chickens, Lambs, Piggs, Foals, Geeſe, Ducks, Pidgeons, Wooll, Milk, Flax, Hemp, Cheeſe, Apples. Pears, Curtilages, Mills, Turff, Herbage, Paſturage, Wood, Fiſh, Fowl, Wax-Candles offer'd, and all other Offerings to the Altars, or Images, in both Church and Chapel, Plowſhote, Trees growing on the Glebe and Church-Yards, together with the Church-Yards, Tythes of Hay, Conies, and all other Tythes whatever, except the Tythes of Corn, and Grain, all which were to belong to the College; and it was then alſo ſetled, that the Vicar ſhould pay all the Procurations due for the ſaid Church, and all other Pentions due before the Appropriation, *viz.* 7*s.* 7*d.* a Year to the Archdeacon, and 8*s.* a Year Pention to the Prior of *Thetford*, and that the Vicar ſhould have nothing from the College-Land, called *Breccles-Holm*, and that the Maſter ſhould pay an annual Rent of 20*s.* a Year to the Biſhop for the Firſt Fruits, which would ceaſe upon the Appropriation, and that he ſhould be taxed at 10*l.* for the Great Tythes, and the Vicar at 7 Marks for his Vicarage, and this being thus ſetled, the Biſhop in

1411, 6 *April*, Collated *William Helgeye* Prieſt, by Lapſe, who reſign'd in

1414, 8 *Sept.* To *William Snell* Prieſt, in exchange for *Shipton Solars* in *Worceſter* Dioceſs, to which *Helgeye* was inſtituted, at the Preſentation of JOHN SOLERS, Lord there, as *Snell* was to this Vicarage, at the Preſentation of the Maſter and Fellows; he held it 'till *May* 5, 1422, and then reſigned it, and at his Reſignation, with the Conſent of the [a] Biſhop and the Maſter, voided by Deed, the former Aſſignation of the Vicarage, and the ſame Day after the Avoidance, the Biſhop and Maſter, ſetled the Vicarage for evermore to continue, as in the former Aſſignation, except in this, that whereas the College paid 16 Marks in Money Yearly to the Vicar, beſides the Vicarage, out of the great Tythes, the Vicars for the future ſhould have, and receive in Kind, all the Corn-Tythes, and all other Tythes whatſoever, ariſing and coming from [b] *Breccles-Parva*, together with [c] all the Glebe belonging to the Rectory, before the Appropriation, except half an Acre on the Eaſt ſide of the Rectory-Houſe, and one Acre in *Breccles Holm*, and in every thing elſe the firſt Aſſignation was to be valid to all Intents and Purpoſes, and ſoon after, the Maſter and Fellows, *viz.*

1422, 13 *June*, Preſented *Rich. Blok* of *Helgeye* Prieſt, who was then inſtituted Vicar.

1426, 30 *Aug.* *Gregory Dalle* Prieſt, on *Richard Helgeye*'s Reſignation.

1435, 19 *May*, *John Lalle* Prieſt, on *Dalle*'s Reſignation.

1449, 24 *May*, *John Chaumberleyn* Prieſt, on *Lalle*'s Reſignation. Mr. WILL. BETTYS, Maſter of the College.

1457, 18 *May*, *Thomas Smale*, on *Chaumberleyn*'s Reſignation. He reſigned for *Lerling*. (ſee fol. 291.)

1469, 26 *March*, *John Barſham*, on *Smale*'s Reſignation.

1476, 5 *Febr.* *Nicholas Bryon* Prieſt.

1494, 25 *Sept.* *Tho. Fairwell*, on *Bryon*'s Reſignation. † AMBROSE EDE, Maſter of St. *Martin*'s College at *Thomeſton*.

1514, 7 *March*, *Robert Pitts*. By Lapſe.

1519, 17 *Febr.* The Biſhop preſented Sir *Robert Morley*, by reaſon of the Vacancy of the College, and ſwore him to perform Service, twice in a Week, and upon the four principal Offering-Days in every Year, in the Chapel of St. *Andrew* (of *Breccles-Parva*) which was annexed to his Church, the former Vicars having neglected their Duty, in ſerving the Pariſh of *Breccles-Parva* ſince the Conſolidation, and the Pariſhioners would ſuffer it no longer, as being contrary to the Terms of the Conſolidation; and as their Pariſh of *Breccles-Parva*, notwithſtanding the Appropriation was in Effect, an entire Rectory to the Vicar.

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[a] Lib. Inſt. Nº 7 fo. 151 b. The Original Inſtrument with the College Seal hanging to it, and 2 Seals (viz. the Biſhop's and Prior's) cut off, was in the Hands of Mr. Chapell, Town-Clerk of Norwich, Oct. 6, 1715.

[b] All theſe were excepted from the Vicar, in the firſt Aſſignation.

[c] It was only Part of it before.

† He was Doctor in the Decrees, Rector of Oxburgh, and of Caſton by Stow, and Principal Official to the Biſhop.

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| 1526, 24 *June*, | *Will. Johnſon* Prieſt, on *Morley*'s Death. |
| | *Nicholas Marſhall*, Vicar. |
| 1539, 9 *Dec.* | *Richard Ramme*, on *Marſhall*'s Death. ROBERT AWDELEY, Maſter of *Thompſon* Chantery. |
| 1554, 16 *Sept.* | *George Halſted* (or *Haughe*) Prieſt, on *Ramme*'s Death. ANTHONY HEVENYNGHAM, Knt. and MARY his Wife. |
| 1574, 19 *June*, | *John Scott*, A. M. at *Haughe*'s Death. The Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Norwich*, who have preſented ever ſince, and are now Patrons. |
| | *Thomas Stafford*. |
| 1587, 15 *May*, | *Alexander Weſtall*, A. B. on *Stafford*'s Reſignation. |
| 1661, 25 *July*, | *Henry Moyſe*, A. M. |
| 1684, 19 *June*, | *Will Warkhouſe*, A. M. at *Moyſe*'s Death, united to *Lerling*. |
| 1722, 20 *Oct*. | The Rev. Mr. *Nicholas Neech*, on *Warkhouſe*'s Ceſſion, who holds it united to *Snetterton*. |

This CHURCH is a good Building, having a ſquare Tower and 5 [d] Bells; On a Braſs Plate is this,

**Hic iacet Agnes Beny.**

On an old Seat you may read this,

**Pray for the Wyllfare of Thomas Beny and Katherine his Wyffe Anno dni: Millimo: CCCCCxxviii.**

They ſeated the Church at this Time, and made the Screens between the Church and Chancel, and thoſe between the North Iſle, and the Chapel of St. *Catherine*, at the Eaſt End of it. In a North Chancel Window is, : : : : **T. B. Rectoris** : : : For *Thomas Berton* who was the laſt Rector but one, in whoſe Time the Chancel was glazed.

Under the Kings Arms, is this,

**God ſave the King, & ſend him long to ragne,**
**In helth and Peace the Goſpel to maintain.**

On three Marbles in the Chancel.

Hic poſitus eſt *JACOBUS BARKER* Armig: (Filius Unicus et Hæres *JOHANNIS BARKER* de Thorndon in Com: Suff. Gen:) obijt 15° die Febr. Anno Dni: 1718, Ætatis ſuæ 58.

*MARY*, late Wife of *GEORGE LE-HUNT*, of New-Bukenham, Gent. died June 30, 1721, aged 51 Years.

A Saltyr impaling per Feſs, a Starr of 8 Points, counterchanged.

*JOHN HART*, Gent. died March 2, 1711, *Æt*. 67.

There remain in the Windows, the Arms of COGGESHALL, (ſee fol. 16.)

PAKENHAM, Quarterly *Or*, & *Gul.* in the firſt Quarter an Eagle diſplayed *Vert*.

*Arg.* a Lyon Ramp. *Murrey*, with a forked Tail, the Arms of THOMAS DE BERTON, ſometime Rector, as appears by his Seal in my own Collection.

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[d] In 1410, Henry Pakenham Eſq; Roger Cauz, Thomas Luſher, Adam Beny, and Henry Walman, of Shropham, gave a new Bell with all it's Furniture, for which they paid to Rob. Burford of London 31 *l*. 14 *s*. 7 *d*. Autog. pen: me.

## BRETON's *or* PAKENHAM's *Manor*,

Belonged at the Confeſſor's Survey to * *Anaut*, and to Earl *Hugh*, at the Conqueror's, of whom *Richard de Vernun* then held it, it was worth 3*l.* in *Anaut*'s Time, and afterwards 4*l.* the whole of *Shropham* was then above two Miles long and one broad, and paid 18 *d. Geld*, the ſuperior Juriſdiction belonged then to the Hundred, the Lord of which hath the *Lete*, and it extended into [*e*] *Sneterton* as it now does.

The firſt Lord that I meet with after the Conqueſt, was *Richard de Kanky*: In 1230, *Ralf de Jernemuth* convey'd it to *Richard Le Preſture*, In 1308, *John Le Veyle* of *Barningham*, granted it to *Peter Le Breton* of *Shropham*, it extended then into *Sneterton*, *Wileby*, *Harkham*, *Lerling*, *Bretenham*, *Illington*, *Rokeland*, and *Stow-Bydon*, afterwards, *Stephen Bryttoun* had it; After this it divided, and in 1345, *Richard de Cauz* held half a Fee of it, of *John Gernoun*, and the ſame *Richard*, *Richard Herberd*, *Walter Goodhale*, *Henry atte Green*, and *Robert* of *Bokenham*, held the other half Fee, of *Robert de Morley* and he of the King, which *Peter* of *Shropham*, *Roger Cauz* and others formerly held. In 1367, *Henry de Breton* was Lord, who this Year left it to his two Siſters his Heireſſes, *Lettice*, and *Agnes*, whoſe Son and Heir *Henry de Pakenham*, inherited her Moiety, it was then held as Parcell of *Tateſhall* Barony, *Lettice*, married *John Heryng* of *Thompſon*, whoſe Son and Heir *John Heryng*, was Lord of his Part in 1393, and in 1394, *Henry Heryng*, Clerk, Brother and Heir of *John*, held his Part by the 200*th* Part of *Tateſhall* Barony; *Henry Pakenham*, Eſq; at his Death, left his Part to *Henry* his Son and Heir, who lived at *Shropham* in his Manor-Houſe, called *Pakenham-Hall.* About 1408, he became Heir to *Henry Hering* of *Thompſon*, Clerk, and ſo the whole of this Part was joined in him, the other Parts of the half Fee which was divided in 1345, were held in 1442, by the Heirs of *Henry Breton*, *Roger Caus*, *Richard Caus*, and the Heirs of *Richard Herberd*, *Walter Goodale*, *Robert de Bokenham*, and *Henry atte Green.*

Henry Pakenham died in 1445, and left [*f*] *Robert Pakenham* of *Shropham*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, 30 Years old, who held it 'till 1463, when he died, and was buried according to his || Will in the Chapel of St. *Catherine* at the Eaſt End of the North Iſle of St. *Peters* Church in *Shropham*; he gave his Horſe to the Prieſt for his Mortuary, to the High Altar 3 *s.* 4 *d.* to repair the Church 6 *s* 8 *d.* and to repair St. *Andrew*'s 3 *s.* 4 *d.* the Manor he bequeathed to *Henry* his Son, and gave *Garboldeſham* Manor (ſee fol. 171.) to his Wife for Life, with all his Manors in *Staffordſhire*, and order'd 200 Marks, to be paid out of *Pakenham* Manor, to his Daughter *Margery*, and would have a [*g*] *Trental* celebrated for his Soul ſoon after his Death; he deſired *Will. Warner*, Eſq; and *John Lalle*, Rector of *Rokeland*, *All-Saints*, his Feoffees, to perform his Will, *Will. Berdewell*, Eſq; *Robert Spelman*, *Will. Mounteney* of *Threxton*, and *Tho. Beny*, Senior, were Executors, *Hen. Pakenham*, died ſeized in 1495, of this and *Honyng* Manor, and of divers free Tenements and Lands in *Honyng*, *Northwalſham*, *Worſted*, *Croſtweyth*, and *Witton*, called *Drake*'s, *Wales*, and *Lombe*'s; He left two Daughters his Heireſſes, *Elizabeth* married *John Sturges*, Senior, and had the Moiety of this Manor in her Right, and purchaſed the other Moiety of *Anne Dobbes* her Siſter, to whom ſhe ſold her Moiety of *Garboldeſham*, and in 1529, *John Sturges* Senior, of *Cranworth*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, levyed a Fine of the Manor of *Pakenhams*, otherwiſe *Bretons*, to *Humphry Wingfield* in Truſt, and in 1533, *Sturges* had Licence to alien it to *Nicholas Sywhat* and his Heirs. In 1558, *Philip Appleyard* and *Mary* his Wife had it, and not long after it was united to *Bradker*, with which it ſtill continues.

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* Terre Hugonis Comitis. Scerepham Hundr. (fo. 73.)
SCEREPHAM, tenet Richardus de Vernun, quam tenuit Anaut lib: homo T. R. E. ii car: terre. ſemper iiii Vill: & xiii Bord: & ii Serv: & xx acr: Prati, ſemper ii car: in dnio: & i car: hom: & ii mol: & de duobus molinis quartas partes. tunc i acr: m$^{o}$ ii. tunc x porc: m$^{o}$ vi. tunc xxx Oves m$^{o}$ xxviiii. & ii ſoc: i acr terre & quarta pars minus acre. tunc val: lx ſol. m$^{o}$ ſimiliter ſed red: lxxx. Totum habet i Leug. in Longo, & dim: in Lato, & xviii *d.* de Gelto. Soca Regis in Bucham tempore R. E. & ſemper donec Walterus de Dol habuit de dono Radulfi ut Godricus dicit.

† Terra Hugonis Comitis. (Domſ. fo. 73.)

In Snetretuna xl acr: terre tenuit idem & i Bord. & dim: acr: prati tunc dim: car.

|| Autog. pen: me.

[*e*] See fo. 289.

[*f*] He had Virley's Manor in Sneteſham.

[*g*] A *Trental*, is an Obit for the Dead, ſo called, as Minſheu ſays, from the Council of Trent; But I rather think, from the Number of Maſſes, which every Trental had, as it ſhould ſeem from the Latin Name, Trigintale, that is, an Office of 30 Maſſes, if it was a Yearly Trental, then it was called Annuale, if it was given for once only, then it conſiſted of a Maſs ſaid for the Departed, 30 Days together, and this in old Wills, is called Trigintale or Trentale.

## *BRADEKER* or *BRADCAR*,

Was a diſtinct Manor, belonging to * *Aluric* in the Confeſſor's, and to *Gilbert the Archer* in the Conqueror's Time, it being worth 30*s.* and afterwards 40, and the *Soke* belonged to the Hundred; in 1235, *Andrew de Hingham* held *Bradekore* at half a Fee, as part of the Fees of *Roger Bigot*, which he gave to the Earl of *Arundell.* In 1250, *Henry de Hengham* was Lord, and obtained a Charter of Free-warren, in all his Lands in *Bradeker* and *Bathele*; in 1284, *William de Hengham*, Parſon of *Shropham*, ſetled divers Meſſuages and Lands in *Bradkyr* and *Shropham*, on *Roger Le-Veuze* and *Alice* his Wife, in 1285, *Andrew de Hengham* was ſummoned to ſhew Cauſe, why he did not pay the King 96 Marks, which were behind of a certain annual Rent of two Marks a Year, due to the King out of certain Tenements, that the ſaid *Andrew* held in *Shropham*: In 1286, *Alexander de Hingham* had View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, allowed him to this Manor, in 1288, the Heirs of *Andrew* held *Bradeker* at half a Fee of the Earl of *Pembroke*, and in 1295, *Andrew de Hengham* releaſed to *Ralph de Coggeſhale*, the Manor of *Bradker*, conſiſting of two Meſſuages, 296 Acres of Land, 3 Mills, 77*s.* 3*d.* Rent, in *Bradker*, *Shropham*, *Snitterton*, *Wilby*, and *Hocham*, together with the Advowſon of *Shropham* Church; in 1319, Sir *John de Coggeſhale* had it, who in 1327, ſetled it in Tail on himſelf and *Margaret* his Wife, and their Heirs, and in 1331, *John* their Son and Heir had it, who in 1348, ſetled the whole, except one Acre and the Advowſon, on himſelf, *Margaret* his Wife, and *Thomas* their Son in Tail, in 1360, the ſame *John* had it, and *Henry* was his Son and Heir 30 Years old, and in 1372, the ſaid Sir *Henry de Coggeſhale*, Knt. *Thomas* his Brother, and *Joan*, Wife of the ſaid *Henry*, Daughter and Heireſs of *William de Welle*, ſold the Acre of Land, and the Advowſons of the Church and Chapel annexed, together with the Manor of *Bradker in Shropham*, to Sir THOMAS SHARDELOW, Knt. and his Truſtees, who ſold him the Manor of *Newhall* in *Boreham*, *Springfield-parva*, *Badew-parva*, *Waltham*, and *Hatfeld-Peverell* in *Eſſex*, by way of Exchange, on Condition that Sir *Tho. Shardelow*, Knt. and his Truſtees pay an Annuity of 8 *l. per Ann.* to the ſaid Sir *Henry*, and *Thomas* his Brother, during their Lives. In 1391, RICHARD, Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, Chief Lord of the Fee of *Bradeker* Manor, for 20*l.* granted Licence to *John Methewold*, *John Coke*, Rector of *Weſt-Toftes*, *Will. Coupere*, Clerk, and *John Bulneys*, Rector of *Longford*, Truſtees and Feoffees of Sir *Tho. Shardelowe*, Knt. to ſetle the Manor of *Bradekar-Hall*, with the Advowſons and Appurtenances, then held of him as of his Manor of *Hocham*, upon *Alexander*, Maſter of *Thompſon* College, and the Fellows there, and their Succeſſors for ever; on Condition, that during the Life of *Phillipa*, the Earl's Wife the College ſhould pay her 20*s.* at every Vacancy as a Relief, in lieu of all Services: [*b*] This is dated at *Caſtle-Acre*, in the Earl's Caſtle there, the 10*th* Day of *June*, in the Year aforeſaid, and in 1394, the Truſtees ſetled them on the College, where they continued to it's Diſſolution, and were granted in 1540, to *Edmund Knevet*, Knt. together with the whole Revenues of the College; and in 1541, he had Licence to ſell *Bradcar* and the Rectory, and the Advowſon of the Vicarage to *John Flowerdew* and his Heirs, who in 1545, ſold them to *Edward Billingham*, and he in 1546, to *Tho. Clere*, and he in 1547, to Sir *Anthony Hevenyngham*, who alien'd them to Sir *Ralph Sheltone* and his Heirs, in Truſt for Sir *Anthony* and his Wife during their Lives, ſhe out-lived him, and held it to 1572, and left Sir *Arth. Heveningham*, Knt. her Son and Heir, who ſold it to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Norwich*, who are now Lords, Impropriators, and Patrons.

## *Mudigwell* or *Mudingwell*'s MANOR,

Was owned by § *Eudo the Sewer*, of whom *Rouland* held it at the Survey; it had been worth 60*s.* but was fallen to 37, it was held of the Hundred, and *Liſius* and *Eudo* both claimed againſt *Rouland*; in 1198, *Julian* and *Emma*, Daughters of *Richard* [*de Bradeker*] ſold it to *Wimar*, Son of *William* [*of Shropham*,] in 1218, *Emma* and *Beliſant*, Daughters of *Hervy de Schropham* added many Lands to it, which they purchaſed of *Thomas de Snetterton*, and *Maud* his Wife, and of *Simon de Medelwolde*, and *Amy* his Wife. [*i*] In 1279, *Philip*, Son of *Tho. de Mudigwell* of *Shropham*, at the Death of *Thomas* his Father, renewed the Rental, and after this, it was much divided, for in 1293, *Roger*, Son of *Adam* of *Shropham*, purchaſed a Part of *Walter*, Son of *Andrew De-la-Wade*, and ſoon after, we find in the *Feodary*, that *Peter* [*de Mudigwell*] of *Shropham*, *Roger Le-Cauz*, *Will. de Hocham*, *Rich. de Sneterton*, and *Peter Fitz-Oſbert*, held the whole at half a Fee, of *Will. Mareſhall*, and he of the King, notwithſtanding which, the chief Part continued to be a Manor, and in 1341, *Henry de Mudyngwell* was Lord; in 1385, *Rob. de Aileſham* and *Alice* his Wife, conveyed it to Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and Sir *Roger de Boys*, Knts. and their Heirs, in 1506, *John Dade* of *Witton* in *Norfolk*, died ſeized of *Madingwell* Manor in *Shropham*; in 1561, *John Wade*, Gent. ſold *Modyngwell* Manor in *Shropham*, to Sir *Tho. Woodhouſe*, and *Will. Woodhouſe*, Knts. ſince which Time it hath been divided, into ſo many Parcels, that it is now extinguiſhed.

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* Terre Giſleberti Arbal. fo: 285.

H. SCEREPHAM T. R. E. tenuit Aluricus i. car. terre pro i. Man: ſemper iii. bor: tunc & poſt ii. ſer: modo i. & x. arc: prati tunc ii. Car: poſt & modo i. ſemper i. mol. & i. lib: ho: additus eſt hic pro eſcang: de xxx. acr: iiii. acr: prati & i. bor: & ſemper dim: Car: modo i. runc. & ii. Anim: iii. porc. modo viii. tunc lxxx. modo xl. & iii. vaſa apum. totum val xxx. Sol. Soca de Libero hoe: in Bucham.

[*b*] The Seal is very fair, the Creſt is a Griffins Head between 2 Wings, the Supporters 2 Griffins, the Arms, Arundel & Warren, quartered.

§ Terre Eudonis Dapiferi. (fo· 236.)

In Scerepham viii liberi hoes: i car: terre & dim. ten: Rolandus & vi ac: prati. Silv: vi porc: tunc iii car. poſt & m° ii: unc val: lx ſol. m° xxxvii. Soca in Bucham Regis, ſed Liſius retinuit & Eulo ſimiliter.

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[*i*] From the Rental in my own Collection.

⁂ The Manors of Sneterton, and divers other adjacent Manors, extended into this Town. Shropham Manor is Fine certain at 6*d*. an Acre.

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# HOCHAM.

HOCHAM, Hoc-ham, or, *The Town in the Dirt*, as the Name ſignifies, was a Rectory appendant to the Manor 'till the Year 1227, and then *Warine de Monte Caniſo*, or *Montchenſy*, releaſed the Advowſon to *Richard*, Prior of the Monks at *Thetford*, to which Houſe it was ſoon after appropriated, and a Vicarage inſtituted, to which the Priors preſented 'till the Diſſolution.

## *VICARS of Hocham.*

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| 1349, 3 *Nov.* | *John de Reding* of *Berningham*, Prieſt. MARY, Counteſs of *Norfolk*, for this Turn. | |
| 1372, 6 *Jan.* | *Thomas de Goldyngton*, Prieſt. The KING, for this Turn, on Account of the Priory alien at *Thetford*, which is now in his Hands. | |
| 1376, 16 *Jan.* | *Rob. Bert* of *Brandon*, Prieſt, on *Goldyng*'s Reſignation, | The Prior of the Monks at Thetford. |
| 1377, 13 *March*, | *Robert Stugg* of *Thefford*, Prieſt, | |
| 1408, 2 *May*, | Mr. *Robert Waleys* of *Sudbourne*, Prieſt, | |
| 1411, 30 *Octob.* | *Will. Spareſcho* of *Ixworth*, Prieſt, | |
| 1420, 27 *Nov.* | *Rob. Fenn* of *Ruſhworth*, Prieſt, | |
| 1421, 8 *Oct.* | *Robert Trapet*, Prieſt, | |
| 1438, 10 *July*, | *Rob. Langwade*, Prieſt. WILL. ELVEDEN, Sub-Prior of *Thetford*, the Priory being void. | |
| 1438, 15 *Dec.* | *William Jointure*. *Ditto*. | |
| | *John Burges*. | |
| 1483, 4 *Dec.* | *Ralph Beele*, on *Burges*'s Reſignation. The PRIOR. | |
| 1497, 11 *July*, | *Will. Wellys*, on *Beele*'s Death. ROBERT Prior of *Thetford*. | |
| 1527, 18 *Nov.* | Brother *John Ixworth*, Prior of the Monks at *Thetford*, was inſtituted into the Vicarage at his own and his Convent's Preſentation, according to the Pope's Diſpenſation, granted to the Prior's of the ſaid Monaſtery; at the Death of *William Wellys*, the Prior paid 53*s*. 4*d*. for Firſt Fruits, to the Biſhop at his Inſtitution. | |
| 1529, 16 *Febr.* | *Robert Hyde* was inſtituted on the Prior's Reſignation, who reſerved a Pention of 4 Marks *per Ann.* for Life, before he preſented *Hyde* to the Vicarage, who was the laſt preſented by that Houſe. | |
| 1554, 25 *Febr.* | *George Halſtede*, Prieſt. THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*. | |
| 1573, 13 *March*, | *John Wolfenden*. HENRY COPPINGER, Gent. | |
| 1582, 20 *Sept.* | *Will. Carter*, A.M. on *Wolfenden*'s Reſignation. *Ditto*. | |

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| 1606, 21 *Jan.* | *John Benſon.* | ROBERT JERMYN, Knt. |
| 1634, 22 *Dec.* | *Robert French*, A. M. on *Benſon*'s Death. | BACQUEVILL BACON, Eſq; |
| 1636, | *French* reſigned, and *John Underwood* A. M. was inſtituted at the Preſentation of BACQ. BACON, Eſq; and held it united to *Study*, with a Certificate that it was not above 20 Miles diſtant, and this is one of the firſt Unions that I have met with, that had any Certificate of Diſtance, the Biſhops of *Norwich* having always had Power of uniting any two Benefices, ſo that both were within their own Dioceſs. | |
| 1661, | *Samuel Greene*, A. B. was inſtituted to the Vicarage of *Hocham-Magna* and *Parva* annexed, on the Death of *John Underwood*. | ROB. KERINGTON, Gent. Patron. |
| 1667, 9 *July*, | *Peter Lock*, A. M. on *Greene*'s Death, united to *Illington*, | Phillipa Kedington, Widow. |
| 1673, 25 *March*, | *Car. Sippins*, A. M. on *Lock*'s Death, | |
| 1679, 20 *Oct.* | *John Baldock*, A. M. on *Sippins*'s Ceſſion, | |
| 1681, 12 *Aug.* | *Daniel Bret*, A. M. on *Baldock*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1690, 21 *July*, | *Henry Goodrick*, A. M. on *Bret*'s Deprivation. united to *Illington*. | HENRY KEDINGTON, Eſq; |
| 1712, 14 *Oct.* | *Tho. Sadler*, on *Goodrick*'s Death, | Philip Ryley, Eſq; |
| 1714, 16 *Jan.* | *Will. Barcroft*, A. B. on *Sadler*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1717, 9 *April*, | *John Abbot*, A. B. on *Barcroft*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1724, 1 *April*, | The Rev. Mr. *John Verdon*, A. B. on *Abbot*'s Ceſſion, who holds it united to *Rowdham*. | |

The Impropriation and Advowſon of the Vicarage at the Diſſolution, went with the Abbey of *Thetford*, and all it's Revenues, to THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*, who ſold it to the *Coppingers*, and they about 1600, to the *Jermyns*, and ſo it was joined to the Manor.

The Vicarage is valued at 8*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* in the King's Books, and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 40*l.* 10*s.* only, it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*, and hath no Tower, the Ruins of one that hath been dilapidated many Years, lye at the Weſt End of the Church, in which I find theſe Memorials.

*On a Mural Monument againſt the North Chancel Wall,*

Memoriæ ROBERTI BALDOCK, Filij ROBERTI BALDOCK, Equitis Aurati, et MARIÆ Uxoris Ejus, natu Minoris, Prælio Navali contra Belgas, 28° die Maij, Anno Dom: 1673, Ætatis ſuæ 18, occiſi. poſuit Pater.

Cœlum, Animam *(Spero)* annumerat Fælicibus Umbris,
Neſcius an Corpus Terra, vel Unda Capit.

*On flat Marbles in the Chancel,*

Henricus Bacon Armiger, Bacquevilli Bacon Ar: (Dni: Nicholai Bacon de Redgrave, Militis & Baronetti Filij Natu Tertij) Filius Natu Tertius, Bacquevilli Bacon Ar: Frater et Hæres, obijt 13° die Martij Ano Salutis 1647.

Depoſitum Mariæ Filiæ Bacquevilli Bacon Ar: Natu maximæ, Henrici Bacon Ar: Sororis & Cohæredis, Uxoris Roberti Baldock Ar: Dote, Fide, Forma, Moribus, Caſtitate, Pietate, Deſideratiſſimæ, ex hac Vita migravit 11° die Auguſti An° Salutis 1662.

Here lyeth the Body of Robert Kedington of Great Hockham, in the County of Norff. Eſq; who took to Wife Philipa, the ſecond Daughter of Bacquevill Bacon, Eſq; Siſter and Coheir of Henry Bacon, Eſq; he departed this Life the 28 Day of March Anno Dni: 1667.

Phillipa Kedington, Uxor ejus obijt 9 Aug$^{ti}$ 1690.
Henry Kedington, obijt 21 April 1690. Katharina Kedington 7 Febr: 1690.
Rob: Kedington 1 Nov: 1698. Liberi Henr: et Margaretæ Kedington.

Sir Robert Baldock, one of the Judges of the Common-Pleas, during the Reign of King James the 2d, was buried here, he died Oct. 4. 1691, and had 2 Wives, the firſt of which was Mary, Siſter and Coheir of Henry Bacon, and Daughter of Bacqueville Bacon of Hocham, Eſq;

In 1532, [i] *Robert Poley* of *Hocham*, was buried in the Church, as I find by his Will, in which is this Clauſe. "*Item* I wyll that my Tenement ſumtyme called *Jankyns* lately *John Taylour*, alias *Nebys*, now *Robert Poley*'s ſhall fynde and kepe a Light before our Lady of *Petye* wyth five Prekett Candells of Waxe, to burn in the Church of *Hocham* in Tyme of Divyne Service in the ſaid Church, for ever.

## GREAT HOCHAM,

Was always one Manor, which belonged to * *Edric* in the Confeſſors Days, and to *Roger Bigot* at the Survey, when it was worth 4 *l.* and was 3 Miles long and one broad, and paid 15 *d. Geld*; † it then extended into *Wayland* Hundred, and had a Freeman that held 8 Acres of Land in that Hundred, but the Superior Lordſhip of it, belonged to *Bukenham* Caſtle as the reſt of the Town did, the *Lete* belonging to the Hundred of *Shropham*, to which the Town always paid a *Common Fine* or *Lete-Fee* of 7 *s.* a Year, [k] 'till the Hundred was mortgaged and after ſold to the *Kedington*'s, and then the *Lete* and *Lete-Fee*, with all the Liberties belonging to the *Lete* and the whole Liberties which belonged to the Hundred were joined to the Manor, before they ſold the Hundred, and excepted upon the Sale of it, ſo that the LORD of the HUNDRED hath no Paramountſhip in this Town. From the *Bigots*, it went to the *Albanys*, who infeofed the *Montchenſies*, and in 1235, *Warine de Munchenſy* held it at one Fee, of *Bukenham* Caſtle, it being one of the Fees formerly Earl *Bygot*'s. [l] King *Henry* III. granted *Dioniſe Montchenſy*, a Charter for a Fair, and Market, to be kept here every *Friday*, and in 1285, ſhe had Liberty of Free-warren in all her Demeans here; but all the ſuperior Juriſdictions were at the ſame time allowed to *Robert de Tateſhale*, Lord of *Bukenham* Caſtle, as ſuperior Lord of the *Lete*, namely View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, and a Pillory, as well for his own Tenants as others: And in this Year it was preſented by the Jury, ſworn before the Juſtices Itinerant at *Norwich*, that an unknown Man was taken at *Hocham*, in the Manor of *Dioniſe de Montchenſy* of *Hocham*, with a Line of 13 *d.* Value, and was carried into the open Court there, and without any one's proſecuting him, was taken and hang'd; upon which the Sheriff was order'd to ſummon the ſaid *Dioniſe*, and the Suiters of her Court there, to give an Account of it. At her Death it went to the Earl of *Pembrook*, and ſo deſcended to the *Haſtyng*'s, Earls of *Pembrook*, (as you may ſee under *Winfarthing* fol. 123.) and in 1487, *John de Haſtyngs*, Earl of *Pembrook*, ſetled it on *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas de Brotherton*, Earl of *Norfolk*: In 1391, *Reginald Grey*, Knt. was Lord, in the Year 1400, *Philippa*, Widow of *John de Haſtyngs*, the laſt Earl of *Pembrook* of that Name was dead, and held it to her Death, in Dower of the Lord *Mowbray*, as of his Manor of *Forncet*, by the Service of 9 *d. per Ann.* Caſtle-Guard, and it was found, that Sir *Edward Haſtyngs* (of *Elſyng*) Knt. was her Huſband's next Heir, but for all that it deſcended to the *Greys* of *Ruthyn*, Heirs General of the Family, and this Year Sir *Reginald de Grey* of *Ruthyn*, Knt. ſetled it on Feoffees, but in 1401, he had releaſed it, for then *William Beauchamp* had it, and in 1435, *Joan*, Widow of *William Beauchamp* of *Bergavenny*, died ſeized of it, as parcel of the Inheritance of the *Haſtyngs*'s Earls of *Pembrook*, and it deſcended to *Elizabeth*, Wife of *Edward Nevil*, Lord *Abergavenny*, Daughter and Heir of *Richard Beauchamp*, Earl of *Worceſter*, Son and Heir of *William*, and this *Joan* in 1475; *Edward Nevil*, younger Son of *George Nevile*, Lord *Bergavenny*, was poſſeſt of the Manor, by Virtue of his Father's Will in 1491, and in 1535, Sir *George Nevile*, Knt. and Sir *Edward Nevile*, Knt. ſetled it on *William Drury*; in 1539, *John Heydon*, Knt. and *Catherine* his Wife, and *Chriſ. Heydon*, Knt. ſold it to Sir *Thomas Jermyn*, Knt. in 1576, Sir *Ambroſe Jermyn* of *Ruſhbrook* was ſeized, and Sir *Robert Jermyn* his Son had it in 1599, and then levyed a Fine to *William Killegrew*, Eſq; *Will. Jermyn*, Eſq; and others. About 1600, [m] *Bacquevile Bacon* of *Hockham*, 3d Son of Sir *Nicholas Bacon* of *Redgrave*, Bart. by *Anne*, Daughter and Heir of *Edmund Butts*, was Lord, and at his Death left it to *Bacquevile Bacon* his eldeſt Son, who died a Minor in 1641, aged 17 Years, and *Henry* his Brother inherited, being then 15 Years old. He died the 13 of *March* 1641, and was buried here, leaving his three Siſters his Co-heireſſes, *Mary* the Eldeſt, marry'd Judge *Baldock*; *Philipa* the Second, marry'd *Robert Kedington*, who lived and died here; *Anne* the Third, marry'd *Nicholas Rookwood* of *Euſton*, Eſq; and ſold their third Part to *Robert Kedington*, who afterwards purchaſed *Baldock*'s Part, and ſo became ſole Lord, and at his Death left it to *Philipa* his Wife, who kept her firſt Court *Oct.* 15, 1667, and at her Death, [n] *Henry Kedington* of *Hockham*, Eſq; became Lord, and kept his firſt Court 9 *Oct.* 1685, and in 1702, *Philip Ryley*, Eſq; Serjeant at Arms to the Lord Treaſurer, Surveyor of the Queen's Woods and Foreſts on the South Side of *Trent*, and one of the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, who was afterwards Knighted, purchaſed the Manor, Impropriation, and Advowſon, of *Henry Kedington*, Gent. and built a neat Brick Houſe here, which is now the Seat of *Philip Reginald Ryley*, Eſq; his Grandſon and Heir.

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[i] Regr. Alpe. fol. 191.

* Terra Rogeri Bigoti, (fol. 116.)

Scerepham Hund. HOCKHAM tenuit Edricus tegn: T.R.E. v car. terre tunc & poſt xiii. Vill: modo vii. Qn°. recep: xi bor. & modo ſimiliter tunc & poſt vii Sol. modo iii. xxxvii acr. prati Silva C. Porc. tunc & poſt iii car. in dnio: modo ii. tunc iii car. homin: poſt & modo ii. & ii car. poſſent reſtaurari & iiii Soc. iii acr. & dim. tunc ccxx. eque ſilvatice modo nulla tunc v. runc m° ii. tunc xii. acr. modo ii. tunc xii. Porc. modo viii. ſemper ccxx Oves, modo ii. vaſa apum tunc & poſt val. iiii lib: & m° ſimiliter totum habet i Leug. & dim. in long. & dim. Leug. in lato, quicunque ibi teneat, & xv *d.* de Gelto.

† Rogerus Bigot, tenet in (fol. 301.)

H. de Wanelunt. in Hockham i lib: ho: commend. tantum viii acr. val. viii *d.* Soca in Bucham.

[k] See fol. 245.

[m] It is ſometimes wrote Bacquevile, Baquevile, and Banquevile, which was the Name of a Family, ſo called from Bankerville in Normandy.

[l] Carta 56. H. 3.

[o] The antient CUSTOMS and Privileges within the Manor of *Great Hocham*, as appears by the examined Evidences of the ſaid Manor.

The Lord hath the Goods of Felons *de ſe*, within the Manor: (Court Roll 11. *H.* 7.) No Tenant can waſte his Copyhold: Women are Dowable for a Moiety of the Copyhold, of which their Husbands are ſeized, during the Coverture.

A Man, by the Cuſtom of this Manor, is Tenant by the Courteſy of *England*, of Lands and Tenements of this Manor, of which his Wives are ſeized, and have Iſſue between them. (Roll 12. *E.* 3.)

No Tenants of the Lord's, inhabiting in *Great Hocham*, ought to be cited to the Conſiſtory, or Spiritual Courts, becauſe it is againſt the Cuſtom of that Village or Town, and to the Prejudice of the Lord, as appears by the Prior of the Monks at *Thetford*, A° 1. *H.* 4.

*Hocham-Meare*, alias *Cranberry-Fen*, is a ſeperate Water of the Lords of this Manor, (Rolls 7. 10 *H.* 7. 13. 22. *H.* 8. 16. *Eliz.*) it contains fourteen-ſcore Acres, and is in Circuit 708 Perches, every Perch containing 18 Feet, and the Lord hath a Fiſh-Houſe there.

The Lord of the Manor is Lord of the Common of Paſture in *Great Hockham*, and of all Waſte in the Bounds of the Village.

The Tenants give for a Fine for their Copyhold Lands and Tenements, upon every Alienation, whether by Death or Surrender, according to the antient Cuſtom of this Manor, 12*d.* out of every Mark of the Value and Price of their Lands and Tenements by them taken up, and ſuch Fine is called *Mark Shilling*.

One Copyhold Tenant can take a Surrender, and another Witneſs it.

The Lands deſcend to the Eldeſt Son, and the Manor extends into *Breccles*, *Illington*, *Tottington*, and *Thomſon*.

In 1384, Sir *Stephen de Hales*, Knt. aliened diverſe Lands here and in other Towns, to the Prior of *Walſyngham*. In 1654, the Townſhip of *Hocham* held divers Lands of this Manor.

This Town, hath no Market at this Time, it contains about 200 Souls, and paid 4 *l.* 7 *s.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed with *Little Hocham* at 628 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the King's Tax

[n] See Wylby, fol. 250.

[o] From the Court Book, mark'd c c c.

# *LITTLE HOCHAM*,

WAS a ſmall Village between *Great Hocham* and *Illington*, in * the Confeſſor's Time it belonged to *Ailwin*, and in the Conqueror's it was held of *Roger Bigot* by *Turold*, (for Life I imagine) becauſe ſoon after, it was in *Roger*'s own Hands, who gave the Church and Tythes, to the ** Priory of *Thetford* at their Foundation, who received them ſeperately, 'till the Church of *Great Hocham* was appropriated to them, and then they join'd them to *Great Hocham*, which is the reaſon we meet with no Inſtitutions, tho' I ſuppoſe the Church was not demoliſhed, 'till after *Richard* II.

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* Terra Rogeri Bigoti, (fol. 116.)
In PARVO HOCKHAM, ten. Ailwinus dim. car. terre ſemper iii. vill. & iii. bord. & ii ſer. & iii acr. prati ſemper i car. in dnio: & dim. car. hominum & i Soc. iii acr. & dim. ſemper val: xiii Sol. & iiii *d.* & ten& Turoldus.

** In Biſhop Herbert's Confirmation of Roger Bigot's Foundation of Thetford Abbey, it is ſaid, "Donavit itaque Rogerus "Bigotus —— quicquid Juris habebat in Eccleſijs de Dominicis "terris ſuis, viz. de Hoccham, &c. Autog. pen. Hen. Smith, de Hauteboys Magna in Com: Norf.

Time, for then we meet with the Church of St. *Mary* at *Hocham*, mentioned in Evidences, which I believe muſt be this, *Great Hocham* being dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*. The Manor afterwards was held of the Honour of *Richmond* at a quarter of a Fee, by *Alan de Aneſtie*, and in 1252, by *Ralph de Neketon*, who had Freewarren allowed him in it. It ſoon after belonged to *William de Hockham* who made it compleat, by joining all the Lands and Tenements that belonged to the Manor of *Wrotham* (or *Wretham*) to it, as well thoſe that laid in *Great Hocham* as in this Town; [p] for I find in an old Regiſter of *Bec* Abbey in *Normandy*, to which *Wrotham* Manor belonged, that this *William* held all the Lands and Tenements that the Church of *Bec* had in *Hocham*, by the Rent of 17*s.* 2*d.* a Year, three Days Work in Plowing, three in Mowing, and one Hen, and he and all his Tenants under him, were to pay Reliefs, do Suit to the *Halmote-Court* at *Wrotham*, pay *Scot* and *Lot*, and could not marry their Daughters without Licence; and ſoon after this in 1299, he levyed a Fine of the Whole, when it contained 18 Meſſuages, 275 Acres of Land, 11 Acres of Paſture, one Acre of Turff-Land, 37 Acres of Heath, and 14*s.* *ob:* Rent, in *Great* and *Little Hocham*. In 1315, *John de Hocham* was Lord, and in 1326, *Ralph* of *Hocham*; in 1335, *John* Duke of *Bedford* alien'd to the Prior of *Thetford*, the Manor of *Little Hocham*, but I take it to be only the ſuperiority of the Fee, the Manor being then held of him, and afterwards of the Prior, and after that of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and after the Revenues of the Biſhoprick were taken into the King's Hands, it was held of the Crown. In 1538, *Ambroſe Jermyn* was Lord, [q] it after belonged to the *Bedingfields*, and in 1572, *Edmund Jermyn* died ſeized, in 1603, *Will. Jermyn* had it, and releaſed it to *Robert Jermyn*, Knt. and *Will. Jermyn*, Senior, Eſq; in 1616, there were five Copyhold Tenants, which pay'd 3*l.* 12*s.* Rent, two Tenements worth 8*l.* *per Ann.* a Sheeps Walk, *&c.* It now pays all dues to *Great Hocham*, there being only two Farms in the Village, of which the Manor-Houſe is one, which with the Manor, is now owned by *William Jermy* of *Norwich*, Eſq; in Right of his Wife, who was Siſter and ſole Heireſs, of the Right Honourable the Lord *Richardſon*, Baron of *Cramond* in *Scotland*. The Fines are at the Lord's Will, and the eldeſt Son is Heir. The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, but there being ſo few Inhabitants it is ſeldom kept.

[p] Pen: T.M.

[q] See fol. 230.

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## *Eaſt*, or *Great WROTHAM*,

IS ſo called becauſe it lies moſt Eaſt of the three *Wrothams*, of all which *Herold* was Lord in King *Edward*'s Time, and *Ralph de Tony* in the Conqueror's; * *Wretham* (or *Wrotham-Thorp*) had then two Carucates, § *Wertham* (or *Weſt Wrotham*) had Three, and || *Weretham* (or *Eaſt Wrotham*) had Four, and all of them were *Berewites* to *Neketun* (or *Necton*) and contained together four Miles in Length, and four Miles in Breadth, and paid xx*d.* *Geld*.

[r] This Manor was given to *Bec* Abbey in *Normandy*, by that *Ralph de Toni* who held it at the Survey, from which Time it enjoyed all the Privileges belonging to that Monaſtery. In the Regiſter of the Abbey (fol. 58 b.) the Cuſtoms of the Manor are enter'd, among which it appears, that the Tenants were to pay *Scot* and *Lot*, by way of Aid to the Abbots, when they came into *England*, or to their Proctors, if the Neceſſities of the Abbey were very urgent; they could not ſell a Horſe-Colt, nor an Ox of their own bringing up, without their Lord's Leave, nor marry their Daughters, nor go to live out of the Manor, nor remove their Chattels out of it without Licence, they paid at every Death the beſt Beaſt for a Heriot or 32*d.* inſtead of it, and if any one died inteſtate, all their

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* Terra Radulfi de Toenio, (fol. 231.)
Hund. de Screpham, WRETHAM tenuit Heroldus, T.R.E. ii car. terre ſemper xii Vill: viii bord. & iii ſer. & viii acr. prati ſemper ii car. in dnio: & iiii car. homin: Silv. xxx Porc. & i runc. & xii Porc. lxxx Oves.

§ In Alio Wertham iii car. terre tenuit idem ſemper xi Vill: & ix bor. & iiii ſer. & vi acr. prati tunc iii car in dnio: poſt & m$^o$ ii. & tertia poſſet eſſe, ſemper iiii car. homin: & i mol. & i runc & xxi Por. & lxxxi Oves.

|| In Alio Weretham tenuit idem iiii car terre tempore R.E tunc et poſt viii. Vill. poſt & modo iii. ſemper iiii Por. & ii ſer. & ii acr. prati ſemper ii. car. in dnio: tunc & poſt iii car. homin: & modo i. & iii poſſunt eſſe & ii Soc. una car. terre & xii acr. viii acr. prati & v. bor. & lvi acr. terre & i car. & dim. hec tria ſunt Berewite in Neketuna & in pretio totum habet ii Leug. in long. & ii in lat. & xx*d.* de Gelto.

[r] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fol. 469.

Chattels were at the Lords Diſpoſition: When the Harveſt Work was finiſhed by the Tenants, they were to have half an Acre of Barley, and a Ram let looſe in the midſt of them, and if they catched him, he was their own to make merry with, but if he eſcaped from them, he was the Lord's, which Cuſtom is ſtill kept at *Eton* College, there being a Ram every Year let looſe among the Scholars, on a certain Day, to be run'd down by them, the Original of which, might come from the Cuſtom of this Manor; at this Time *William de Hockam* held 60 Acres of Land of the old Feoffment, by 5*s. per Ann.* Rent, and alſo 16*s.* Rent at *Rokeland*, and all that belonged to the Church of *Bec*, and was Part of this Manor, as you may ſee at *Hocham Parva.* [fol. 314.] *William Francolanus*, or *Frankleyn*, held a Carucate of Land at *Screpham*, or *Shropham*, and paid *Scot* and *Lot*, *Gifts* and *Aids*, and did Suit to this Court, and *Henry de Bradekere* held a Tenement there by the ſame Service. *Emma de Kerbrook*, or *Carbrook*, *Adam de Ockeham*, or *Hockham*, *Walter Bainard*, and the Heirs of *William Crongethorp*, held a *Bruery*, called, *Sandwadeſcot*, by Suit of Court, and the Service of going to *London*, or elſewhere, at their own Charge, on the Lord's Errand, and by doing the Lord's and the Town's Service, in attending the Sheriff's Turns, and Hundred Courts, to hear the King's Orders, and *William de Wrotham* then held 60 Acres of Land and a Meſſuage, which in 1240, was given by *Reginald*, Son of *Euſtace de Wrotham*, to *Bec* Abbey. In 1285, the Abbot held it in free Alms, as Parcel of *Tony*'s Barony, and had View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, a Pillory, Gallows, and Weyf, and thus it continued in the Abbey, (unleſs when it was in the King's Hands by reaſon of the *French* Wars) 'till 1414, the 2d of King *Henry* V. when the Parliament at *Leiceſter* diſſolved the Prior's Aliens, and then it continued in the Crown 'till King *Henry* VI. ſetled it on his College of *Eton*, at the Foundation, and confirmed it by his Charter in 1444, and in 1460, it was re-confirmed by King *Edward* IV. it being parcel of the Poſſeſſions of *Okeburne* Priory, which was an alien, depending on *Bec* Abby, and at this Time the Provoſt, Fellows, and Scholars of *Eton*, are Lords. The *Lete* belongs to the Manor, and Liberty of keeping *Petit-Seſſions* along with it, by Grant of *Hugh*, Earl of *Suſſex*, who releaſed it to the Church of *Bec*, on Condition, that they ſhould treat his Bailiffs and Suiters to the Hundred Court, every other Year, in their Manor of *Eaſt Wrotham*, [*s*] and afterwards in 1237, the ſaid *Hugh*, for 12 Marks, paid him by Brother *William de Gynevill*, their General Proctor in *England*, releaſed to them the ſaid Treat on Condition they paid to the Bailiff of the Hundred Yearly, 14*d.* every *Michaelmas-Day*, [*t*] and the antient *Lete-Fee* of 3*s.* ſo that the Lord of the Hundred, tho' he is Paramount here, yet hath no *Lete.* This Manor hath Liberty of a Coroner, whoſe Juriſdiction extends over the *Wrothams*, by Grant of King *Henry* VI. when he founded his Colleges of *King*'s and *Eton*.

The Rectory is valued at 11*l.* 12*s.* 3*d. ob:* in the King's Books, and pays 1*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* 3*q.* Yearly Tenths, it is in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, and Deanry of *Rockland*. The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Ethelbert*, and the Rector paid a Pention of 20*s.* a Year, out of it, to the Abbot of *Bec*, and 12*d.* for Sinodals, the Abbot of *Counches*'s Temporalities belonging to his Manor of *Weſt Wrotham*, in this Town, were taxed at 9*l.* In the Year 1603, there were 80 Communicants, which Number is much decreaſed; it paid 2*l.* 15*s.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 340*l.* to the Land-Tax, there being as I am informed, about 150 Inhabitants.

## The RECTORS.

1321, 7 Id: *July*, *William de Dorſo uſto*, [or *Burn't Arſe*,] Accolite, was preſented by Brother WILLIAM DE PONTE, Monk of the Monaſtery of *Bec-Herlewyne*, who was General Proctor for the Abbot of *Bec*, in *England*.

1321, Prid:Kal:*Nov.* *Gilbert de Arundell*, Colet, [i. e. Accolite.] *Ditto*. In 1325, he was Deacon and had Licence for Non-Reſidence for two Years.

1335, Prid:Kal:*Sept.* Maſter *Will. de Braumford*, Prieſt, on *Arundell*'s Reſignation. RICH. DE BEAUSEVALL, Proctor for the Abbot of *Bec*.

1348, 30 *May*, *Rob. de Aſh*. The PRIOR of *Okebourne*.

1349, 20 *Febr.* *Will. de Pakynton*, Shaveling. The KING.

1362, 30 *March*, *Richard Mercer*, Prieſt. PETER DE FALCO, Prior of *Okeborne*, Proctor General for the Abbot of *Bec*, in the Dioceſs of *Roan* in *France*.

[*s*] In Eton Muniment Room, Drawer 48.

[*t*] The Hundred Roll.

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| 1394, 27 *Aug.* | *Will. De-Lawe*, Prieſt. | The KING, as belonging to the Temporals of *Okebourne* Priory, which are now in his Hands. |
| | *Robert Swanland.* | |
| 1447, 19 *Sept.* | Mr. *John Smith*, Batchelor in the Decrees, on *Swanland*'s Death. | The Provoſt of Eton College, who is now Patron. |
| 1447, 17 *Febr.* | *John Gardiner*, on *Smith*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1453, 23 *Jan.* | *Will. Bettys*, Prieſt, | |
| 1465, | *Adam Welvys*, Prieſt, on *Bettys*'s Death, | |
| | *John Dunham*, | |
| 1482, 30 *Aug.* | *Will. Pennyngton*, on *Dunham*'s Death, | |
| 1494, | *Will. Horman*, A. M. on *Pennyngton*'s Death, | |
| | *Richard Marten*, | |
| 1503, 13 *March*, | *John Smith*, on *Marten*'s Death, | |
| 1517, 9 *Dec.* | *Tho. Payne*, on *Smith*'s Death, | |
| 1550, 25 *Oct.* | *Peter Catton*, Prieſt, on *Payn*'s Death, | |
| 1556, 12 *March*, | *Stephen Hopkyns*, on *Catton*'s Death, united to *Weſt Wrotham*, | |
| 1559, 21 *Febr.* | *William Edwards* on *Hopkyns*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1579, 7 *Sept.* | *Robert Conye*, S.T.B. who had *Weſt Wrotham*, | |
| 1613, 29 *May*, | *Robert Haldeſworth*, A. M. | |
| 1614, 16 *Nov.* | *Tho. Browne*, A. M. | |
| 1640, 16 *Jan.* | *Rich. Younge*, A. M. on *Browne*'s Death, | |
| | *Samuel Wooton*, S. T. P. he had *Weſt Wrotham*, | |
| 1681, 25 *April*, | *John Powell*, A. M. united to *Weſt Wrotham*, | |
| 1711, 18 *Oct.* | The Rev. *Nathaniel Coddington*, A. M. the preſent Rector, who holds it united to *Weſt Wrotham*. | |

Upon the Weſt End of the Steeple was an old Inſcription, beginning, Orate pro, &c. but ſo batter'd, that it is illegible; a very large Stone Coffin was ploughed up in a Cloſe in this Town about 1715. There are divers Saints painted on the Screens, as St. *Auguſtine*, St. *Ambroſe*, &c. In 1615, *John Dowffyld*, Gent. gave 10*l.* by Will to the Miniſter and Church-Wardens, to be employed for ever as Town Stock, to ſet the Poor on Work.

# WEST, *Or*, NORTH WROTHAM,

BElonged to [u] *Ralph de Toni* at the Conqueſt, who was Son of *Roger de Toni*, Standard-Bearer of *Normandy*, and Founder of the Abbey of *Conchis* in that Dukedom; this *Ralph* was Standard-Bearer to the Conqueror, in that memorable Battle againſt King *Harold*, and by his eminent Service in it, became a Sharer in thoſe large Poſſeſſions, which were after that ſignal Conqueſt, diſpoſed of to his Friends and Followers, and among others, had 19 Lordſhips in *Norfolk*, theſe three being part of them, the biggeſt of which he gave (as is before obſerved) to *Bec* Abbey, and left the other two to *Ralph* his Son and Heir, who left them at his Death, to *Roger* his Son and Heir, who gave this Manor and Advowſon, with the Mill and [x] Moors, and whatever he held elſe in the Townſhip, to the Monks of *Conchis*, who held them of [y] his Gift at his Death, as belonging to their Cell at *Wotton-Wawen* in *Warwickſhire*, which was in 1162. In 1267, *Robert le Taylur* and *Aveline* his Wife, granted to *Walter*, Abbot of the Church of St. *Peter* of [z] *Cunches*, 70 Acres of Land here; in 1279, *Ralph*, Son of the ſaid *Roger*, granted Liberty of Free-warren, and Free-Fiſhing, to the Abbot of St. *Peter* of *Conches Caſtellon*, in all his Demeans and Waters in his Manor of *Wrotham*, *viz.* in *Wrotham-Thorp* Manor: In 1285, the Abbot of *Conches* had View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale allowed him, and thus it continued in the Abbot (except when the King held it on Account of the *French* Wars, when the Temporalties of the alien Priories were generally ſeized, that the Revenues might not go to ſupport the King's Enemies) 'till 1414, the 2d of King *Henry* V. and then the Parliament at *Leiceſter* diſſolved all the alien Priories, and ſo it came to the Crown, and was granted for Life to Sir *Rowland Lenthall*, Knt. and at his Death it went with the Priory of *Wotton Wawen*, and all it's Revenues, to King *Henry* VI. who gave them to the Provoſt and Schollars, of his College of St. *Mary*, and St. *Nicholas* in *Cambridge*, commonly called, *King*'s College, who are now Lords and Patrons. King *Henry* II. granted the Monks of *Wotton*, Licence to chooſe their own Abbot, and that all their Tenants in *England* ſhould be free from ſerving at Sheriff's Turns, and Hundred Courts, and acquitted them of all Tax, *Danegeld*, *Hildielt*, and *Hundredſu*, and alſo granted them all Felons Goods forfeited; by Virtue of which, this Manor pleaded an Exemption from doing Suit to the Hundred, but ſtill paid their *Lete-Fee* of 3*s.* a Year to it, for themſelves and *Wrotham-Thorp*, of both which, the Lord of the Hundred is Paramount, but hath no power to compel the Tenants to any Service.

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[u] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fol. 469.

[x] Dug. Mon. Ang. Tom. 1. fol. 559.

[y] This is Wrotham Meer, which belongs to the Lord, and in 1267, ſeveral Townſmen were indicted and fined, for Fiſhing in it.

[z] The Arms of Cunches-Abbey are, Or, an Arm *Gul.* iſſuing out of the ſiniſter Chief, in the Right-Hand proper, a Roſe of the 2d. Dug. War: page 603.

This Rectory is valued in the King's Books at 12*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* and pays 1*l.* 5*s.* 1*d. ob.* Yearly Tenths, it is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and *Rockland* Deanry. The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Lawrence*, was taxed in the *Lincoln* Taxation at 14 Marks, and paid 12*d.* Synodals. In 1603, there were 40 Communicants, and there are now about 100 Inhabitants, it paid 3*l.* 4*s.* to the Tenths, and is aſſeſſed at 376*l.* to the Land-Tax.

# RECTORS.

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| 1308, 6 Non: *May*, | *William*, called *de Forda* (or *Ford*) Prieſt, was preſented by the Abbot of St. *Peter* of *Cunches*. |
| 1328, 8 Kal: *Febr.* | *Rich. Woderone*, Prieſt, was preſented to *North Wrotham*, by JOHN DE LOTOVERIS, Proctor of the Abbot of *Cunches*; and in 1331, he had Licence for Non-Reſidence, as Chaplain to the Lady *Mortimer*, at the Requeſt of the Biſhop of *Worceſter*. |
| 1394, 2 *July*, | *Barth. Pulleter*, Prieſt, was inſtituted to *North* alias *Weſt Wrotham*, on the KING's Preſentation, the Temporals of the Abbot of *Cunches* being in his Hands, during the War between him and *France*. |
| 1398, 22 *June*, | *John Gylot*, Prieſt. The KING as before. |
| 1417, 9 *Nov.* | *Tho. Doleyn* Prieſt, on *Gilbert*'s Reſignation. The KING for this Turn. |
| 1433, 7 *Jan.* | *Tho. Galle* Prieſt, on *Doleyn*'s Death. Sir ROWLAND LENTHALL, Knt. in Right of the Manor, called *Weſt Wrotham Hall*, which he hath for Life, of the Gift of King *Henry* V. to which Manor the Advowſon is appendant. |
| 1435, | *Tho. Bennet* Prieſt, on *Gall*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1436, 17 *June*, | *Tho. Says*, on *Bennet*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.* |
| 1442, 3 *March*, | *Will. Deen* Prieſt, on *Says*'s Reſignation. JOHN, Prior of *Wotton Wawen* in *Worceſter* Dioceſs. |
| 1451, 10 *Febr.* | *Rob. Wodemanſton*, Prieſt, |
| 1500, 30 *June*, | *David Barker*, A.M. |
| 1509, 30 *Oct.* | *Rob. Harlſey*, on *Barker*'s Death, |
| 1551, 16 *May*, | *Stephen Hopkyns*, A.M. on *Harlſey*'s Death, in 1556, he was inſtituted to *Great Wrotham*, and held both by Union. |
| 1559, 21 *Febr.* | *William Edwards* on *Hopkyns*'s Reſignation. |
| 1579, 7 *Sept.* | *Robert Conye*, S.T.B. |
| 1613, 3 *June*, | *Richard Lancaſter*, S.T.B. |
| 1613, 17 *Sept.* | *Paul Kent*, Clerk. |
| 1640, 29 *April*, | *Samuel Wooton*, S.T.P. he had *Great Wrotham*, |
| 1681, 25 *April*, | *John Powell*, A.M. on *Wooton*'s Death, united to *Great Wrotham*. |
| 1711, 18 *Oct.* | The Rev. *Nathaniel Coddington*, A.M. the preſent Rector, holds it united to *Eaſt Wrotham*. |

The Provoſt of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas's College at Cambridge, commonly call'd Kings College, who is now Patron.

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[a] Dug. Mon. Vol. 1. fol. 561.

*Theſe Inſcriptions are in the Chancel,*

HODIE MIHI. CRAS TIBI.

Here lyeth the Body of SAMUEL WOTTON, Doctor of Divinity, and Miniſter of both the Wrethams, who departed this Life the 4th of Febr. and was buried the 6, 1680, aged 80 Years, 5 Months,

He learn'd to live, while he had Breath,
And ſo he lives even after Death.

ELIZABETH, Wife of Dr. Wotton, died 1 Aug. 1679, aged 53, on the North Side of her Stone lie Samuel, William, and Elizabeth their Children,

Their Time was ſhort, the longer is their Reſt,
God calls them ſooneſt, whom he loveth beſt.

Thomas Townſhend, Gent. and Kath: Hoo his Wife, he died July 31, 1681.

Frances, Wife of George Townſhend, Gent. and Daughter of Edmund Bacon of Heſſet, Eſq; died Sept. 1649.

William Powell, Gent. deſcended from the Powell's of Shropſhire, died Febr. 6, 1685.

John Powell his Son, Rector of the Wrethams, dyed March 6, 1710.

*There is a Braſs Plate fixed againſt the Eaſt End of the Chancel Wall, with this Inſcription,*

The Body of CATHERINE CODDINGTON, the beloved Wife of NATHAN: CODDINGTON, Rector of the two Pariſhes, dyed 11 Oct. 1716, aged 33.

*Oh! had the Number of her Days,* } { *Happy, and pleaſ'd with ſuch a Store,*
*Been as compleat, as was her Praiſe,* } { *Her deareſt Friend had wiſh'd no more.*

Upon a South Chancel Window may be ſeen, a ſmall emblematical Figure of an Hare, riding on a Greyhound, with a Bow and Quiver hanging at it's Back, and a Bugle Horn by it's Side,

## *Wrotham-Thorp*, or *Little Wrotham*, now *Thorp-Houſe*.

THE Third was called antiently *Little Wrotham*, or *Wrotham-Thorp*, and now *Thorp-Houſe*, there being only one Farm remaining at this Time, it never had any Church, but was an Hamlet to *Weſt Wrotham*, which took the Name of *Little Wrotham*, after this was join'd to it: It was a ſeparate Village at the Conqueſt, and ſo continued to the latter End of *Edward* II. tho' the Manor always was, and now is, diſtinct from the other *Wrothams*, by the Name of *Thorp-Hall*. It was held by the *Tonys*, who had all the three at firſt, and paſſed as *Weſt Wrotham* did, 'till that was given to the Abbot of *Conches*, by *Roger de Tony*, who died ſeized of this, and left it to *Ralph* his Son, who in 1279, held *Wrotham-Thorp*, as part of his Barony, the Manor having then Liberty of View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, and Weyf; he left it to *Robert* his Son and Heir, after the deceaſe of *William Martin*, and *Loveday* his Wife, who held it for Life by *Ralph*'s grant, [b] but in 1309, he was in Poſſeſſion, and died ſeized, leaving it to *Alice*, Widow of *Tho. Leybourne* his Siſter and Heir, at that time 26 Years old, who married *Guy de Beauchamp*, Earl of *Warwick*, who ſoon after his Marriage ſold the Manor, with 30*s.* 11*d.* Rent, a Meſſuage, and 100 Acres of Land in *Stanford*, held by the 10th Part of a Fee, to *Thomas de Nethergate*, Chaplain of *Stanford*, to be held of the Earl, by the annual Payment of a Chaplet of Roſes; and this *Thomas* gave the Manor to the Prior of *Cokesford* and his Succeſſors in 1315, reſerving the *Stanford* Parts to himſelf. In 1343, it was ſettled by *Peter de Weſton Taillur*, and *Alice* his Wife, on Sir *John de Norwich*, Knt. at which time it contained two Carucates, for which *John* gave them 100 Marks, how it came from *Coxford*, whither by Exchange or no, I do not find. In 1350, *John de Her-*

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[b] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. 471.

*lyng* granted to Sir *John de Norwich*, Knt. all the Lands in the *Wrothams* and *Illington*, which he purchaſed of *John de Wrotham*, with the Fold-courſes, Homages, and Services, thereto belonging, and in 1354, *John de Bruſeyerd* of *Shadenfield*, his Feoffee, releaſed his Right, in 1374, it deſcended to *Katherine de Brewſe*, Couſin and Heir of Sir *John Norwich*, Junior, who ſetled it on *John Daventre*, Parſon of *Brom*, *Walter Barkly*, Vicar of *Kymberle*, *John Cranhouſe*, *Edmund Lakyngheth*, and *Richard Nooth*, for her Life, and a Year after her deceaſe, remainder to the King and his Heirs, Sir *John Plaiz*, Sir *Robert Howard* and others being Feoffees, and in 1384, King *Richard* II. gave the Revertion to the Prioreſs and Nuns of *Dartford* in *Kent*, in 1405, *William Barret* of *Dicleburgh*, and *Joan* his Wife, ſetled divers Lands and a Fold-courſe here, on *Joan*, Prioreſs of *Dartford* and her Succeſſors, in which Houſe it continued to the Diſſolution, and in 1539, was granted to Sir *Tho. Jermyn*, Knt. and his Heirs, to be held in Capite. In 1561, it was *Edmund Jermyns*, in 1576, Sir *Amb. Jermyn* of *Ruſhbrook*, Knt. died ſeized, and left *Robert* his Son and Heir, but gave this Manor to *William Jermyn*, Eſq; his youngeſt Son, who in 1603, ſettled it on himſelf and his Heirs; it afterwards belonged to *George Townſend* of *Cranworth*, 2d Son of *Tho. Townſend* of *Teſterton*, he married *Frances*, Daughter of *Edmund Bacon* of *Heſſet* in *Suffolk*, leaving two Sons, *Henry* the Younger, and *Thomas* the Elder, who lived at *Weſt Wrotham*, where he was buried in 1681, leaving by *Katherine Hoo* his Wife, one Son, [*d*] *viz. George Townſend* of *Wrotham*, Gent. who firſt married a *Green*, but by her had no Iſſue, and afterwards a Grand-Daughter of Sir *Robert Baldock*'s, of *Tacolneſton*, whoſe Mother was Siſter and Heir of *Robert Baldock* of *Tacolneſton*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, by whom he had the Rev. Mr. *Townſend*, Rector of *Shipdham*; which of them it was that ſold the Eſtate, I can't ſay, but am inform'd that it belongs to the Heirs of Sir *Nicholas Gerrard*, Bart. who died in 1727.

I meet with nothing more concerning theſe *Wrothams*, but that the Great Hundred Court is to be annually kept, at a Place called *Kettle-Bridge*, between *Little Hocham*, *Illington*, and *Great Wrotham*, on *Tueſday* after *Michaelmas-Day* in the Morning, where all the Rents due to the Hundred are to be paid, and proper Warrants iſſued for all Arrears.

In FABIAN's *Chronicle*, (fol. 361.) is this, “ **Aboute that Seaſon, [1418,] the parſon of Wrotham in Norfolk, whych longe Tyme had haunted New-Market heth, and there robbed and ſpoyled many of the King's Subiects, was nowe with his Concubyne broughte into Newgete, where laſtly he dyed.**” And in a Manuſcript in the Hands of the Rev. Mr. *Baldwin*, it is thus related. “ In 1418, the Parſon of *Wrotham* in *Norfolk*, which had haunted *Newmarket Heathe*, and there robbed and ſpoiled many, was with his Concubine to *Newgatt* of *London* where he died.

It appears by the Inſtitutions, that it could not be the Parſon of *Weſt Wrotham*, and (if any) muſt be the Parſon of *Eaſt Wrotham*, and it looks ſomething like it, there being no time of *Swanlond*'s Inſtitution mentioned, who was inſtituted at the Death of this Parſon; but whether it was *De-Lawe*, or any other that had it after him, and before *Swanlond*, I can't pretend to determine.

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[c] Dug. Mon. Ang. 359.

[d] Pedigree Int. Coll. P.L.N.

## *ROCKLAND-TOFT,*

ROKELUNT, *Rochelunt*, or roc-land, as it is now called, ſignifies the *Hilly-Land*, which anſwers very well to the Situation of theſe Pariſhes, as well as the other *Rockland* in *Henſted* Hundred, which is ſituate on the declivity of a Hill, joining to a large Marſh, thro' which the *Waveny* paſſes, in it's Courſe to *Yarmouth*; That this Place was of ſpecial Note in early Times, is evident from it's being the Reſidence of the Deans of ſo large a Deanry as this, having no leſs than three Pariſhes in it's own Bounds, beſides 30 other Rectors and Vicars, under it's Juriſdiction, it containing all the Pariſhes in *Giltcroſs*, and *Shropham* Hundred; the Pariſhes here are call'd St. *Andrews*, *All-Saints*, and St. *Peters*, the two firſt of which were lately conſolidated, he Church of St. *Andrew* falling into decay, and ſtanding not above a Furlong Eaſtward rom *All-Saints*, was ſuffer'd to dilapidate; the Tower is ſquare, and is ſtill ſtanding, three Bells being ſtolen out of it ſome Years ſince, were never heard of. This Town is called to diſtinguiſh it from the other *Rockland*, *Rockland Tofts*, and St. *Andrew*'s Pariſh, is often named in Evidences, about *Edward* III. Time, *Toft*, without any other Addition; Here is a Meeting of People on *Midſummer-Day*, in a Nature of a ſmall Country Fair, which they call *The Gild*, the Remains without all doubt of the Gild of St. *John Baptiſt*, which was held in St. *Peter*'s Church, before the Reformation. The Pariſhes of *All-Saints*, and St. *Andrew*'s are aſſeſſed together at 518*l.* 15*s.* to the Land-Tax, as in *Shropham* Hundred, and the Pariſh of St. *Peter* by it's ſelf at 230*l.* as in *Wayland* Hundred, tho' I don't find it ever ſaid to be in that Hundred, 'till about 90 Years ſince, at which time it was laid to *Wayland*, and the Conſtables and Surveyors are the ſame with *Little Ellingham*, their Preſentments running, *Ellingham-Parva, cum Rockland-Tofts St. Peter.* The whole was taxed together in *Shropham* Hundred to the Tenths, to which it paid 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* there are now about 300 Inhabitants.

This and all the other Deanries were in the Biſhop's Collation, and had peculiar Seals appropriated to them, ſeveral of which I have ſeen, but never met with that of this Deanry; the Deans here follow in their Order.

## *Deans of* ROCKLAND.

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| | PETER, the Dean. |
| 1315, 6 Kal: *April*, | ROBERT DE STOKENEYLAND, Accolite, he was Rector of a Mediety in *Denevere*. |
| 1338, 24 *Sept.* | JOHN DE NORTH-KELLESEY, Accolite, he reſign'd in |
| 1341, 15 *March*, | And PETER DE NORMANDEBY, Accolite, ſucceeded. |
| 1345, 20 *Febr.* | ADAM DE SUDBURY, Prieſt. |
| 1348, 22 *Dec.* | LAWRENCE DE LITTELTON, Shaveling, who was afterwards Rector of *Great Maſſingham*. |
| 1350, 19 *Sept.* | JOHN DE BREYDESTON, at *Littelton*'s Reſignation. |
| 1350, 7 *Nov.* | BREYDESTON reſign'd, and ANTHONY DE GOLDESBURGH a Shaveling, had it. |
| 1410, 26 *July*, | WILLIAM OXENFORD, Clerk. |
| 1456, 5 *Aug.* | JOHN PYERS. |
| 1475, 8 *June*, | JOHN AP HOWEL. |
| 1498, 10 *Jan.* | ROBERT GASELE. |

*Toft*, or *Rockland St. Andrew*'s Rectory, was valued in the King's Books at [b] 5*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* and is called *Rockland Major* in many Evidences, it paid 2*s.* Synodals, and 6*s.* 8*d.* Procurations. The Canons of *Thetford* had Temporal Rents here, taxed at 20*s.* *ob:* and the Prior of *Bukenham*'s Temporals were taxed at 4*s.* 10*d.*

## RECTORS.

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| 1310, 15 Kal: *Febr.* | *Robert Carbonel*, Prieſt. | HENRY CARBONEL of *Rokelound*, and KATHERINE his Wife. |
| 1317, Prid: Non: *Feb.* | *John*, Son of *John Bule* of *Brecles*, Accolite. | *Ditto.* |
| 1324, Kal: *July*, | *Alan de Hecham*, Prieſt. | *Ditto.* |
| 1342, 18 *Dec.* | *Will. Dune*, Accolite. | KATHERINE, Relict of HENRY CARBONEL of *Rockland Toftys*. |
| 1349, 29 *Oct.* | *John Le-Veylde* of *Bodney*, Prieſt. | MAUD, Daughter of HENRY CARBONELL. |
| 1365, | *Jeffery Cantel*, Prieſt. | RICHARD HOLDYCH. |
| 1375, 27 *Nov.* | *Richard Perpoynt* of *Saham*, Prieſt. | *Ditto.* |
| 1392, 10 *June*, | *Will. Taillour* of *Northwold*, Prieſt, on *Perpoynt*'s Death. | THOMAS HOLDYCH: He had *All-Saints*. |
| 1418, 6 *Aug.* | *Robert Oldman* of this Pariſh, Prieſt. | THO. Son of ROG. ELYNGAAM. |
| 1432, 23 *March*, | *Nicholas Medewe*, Prieſt. | THOMAS HOLDYCH, Eſq; |
| 1435, 16 *Dec.* | *Walter Gooſe*, Prieſt. | *Ditto.* |
| 1441, 5 *Oct.* | *Will. Orlyons*, Prieſt. | *Ditto.* |
| 1462, 2 *Oct.* | *Robert Hill* on *Orlyon*'s Death. | RICHARD HOLDYCH, Eſq; |
| 1466, 6 *Oct.* | *John Hyſeham.* | *Ditto.* |

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[b] There is a great Miſtake in Ecton's Valor. p. 231. as to this and All-Saints.

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| | *Richard Hardeſyſhe.* |
| 1502, 21 *June*, | *John Marſhall* on *Hardeſyſhe*'s Death. ---- SOUTHWELL, Eſq; |
| 1502, 12 *Nov.* | *Henry Stroder.* united to *All-Saints.* |
| 1512, 25 *July*, | *James Brereley.* Lapſe. |
| 1540, 9 *Aug.* | *Richard Clegg*, Chaplain, on *Brereley*'s Death, united to *Brecles Vic.* EDMUND CHAUMBERLEYN. |
| 1554, 8 *May*, | *Will. Wylde*, Prieſt, at [c] *Clegg*'s Deprivation. ROBERT HOLDICH of *Ranworth*, Eſq; |
| 1557, 4 *Jan.* | *Edmund Bidſonne*, or *Bilſonne*, on *Wylde*'s Reſignation. Sir RALPH CHAUMBERLEYN, Knt. united to *All-Saints.* |
| 1559, 6 *June*, | *Will. Tugney* on *Bidſonne*'s Death. RICHARD HOLDYCH, Eſq; |
| 1575, 15 *June*, | *Tho. Atkinſon.* JOHN HOLDICH, Eſq; united to *Breccles*, which *Richard Clegg*, who was deprived of this held, 'till 1573, at whoſe Death *Atkinſon* was inſtituted. |
| | *Samuel Harding.* |
| 1639, 14 *Sept.* | *Tho. Watts*, A. M. on *Harding*'s Death. Sir RICH. BERNEY, Bart. |
| 1661, 11 *Nov.* | *Tho. Eſſex*, A. M. on *Watt*'s Death. *Ditto.* It was afterwards held by Mr. *Grey*, Rector of *All-Saints* by Sequeſtration, to which it conſolidated by the preſent Incumbent. |

*Rockland All-Saints* Rectory was valued in the King's Books, at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and ſworn together with St. *Andrew*'s, of the clear Yearly Value of 44*l.* ſo that it is capable of Augmentation, it paid 12*d.* Synodals, and the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* had a Portion of Tythes, which was taxed at x*s.* and was given with their Portion in *Rockland St. Peter.* This Pariſh is ſometimes called, *Rockland Minor*, or, the *Leſſer Rockland*, in Oppoſition to St. *Andrew*'s Pariſh, which is called *Rockland Major*, or, the *Greater Rockland.*

## RECTORS.

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| 1305, | *John de Lenton*, preſented by Sir JOHN LE MOYNE, Knt. |
| 1306, 5 Kal: *July*, | *Andrew Reyner*, Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| | *Robert*, Son of *John* of *Luttone*, Deacon. |
| 1334, 5 Id: *Nov.* | *Richard de Hayſtyngs*, Accolite, on *Luttone*'s Reſignation. Sir JOHN DE BROKESBOURNE, Knt. |
| 1341, 6 *March*, | *John Pach*, Accolite. Sir JOHN DE BROKESBOURNE, Knt. who recovered it againſt *John de Caſton*, by the King's Writ. |
| 1358, 26 *Dec.* | *Robert*, Son of *Adam de Totyngton*, Prieſt, on *Pach*'s Reſignation. JOHN DE SUTTON of *Wyvenho*, Knt. Patron, in right of his Wife. |
| 1377, 26 *Dec.* | *Robert Geffrey*, Prieſt. EDMUND, Son of EDMUND DE BROKESBOURN, Knt. |
| 1392, 10 *June*, | *Will. Taillour* of *Northwold*, Prieſt. THO. HOLDYCH. he had St. *Andrew*'s. |
| 1393, 29 *Dec.* | *John Rede.* Sir RICHARD SUTTON, Sir PETER DE BUKTON, Knts. THO. DE LEGHES, ROB. RYKEDON, ROB. HOUTOT, THO. OKLE, and JOHN SUMPTER, Junior. |
| 1394, 12 *June*, | *John Alman* Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1398, 14 *Nov.* | *Ralph ate Heythe* of *Gunton* Prieſt, on *Alman*'s Reſignation. Sir WIL. BURGATE, Knt. THO. COGGESHALE, ROB. HOTOST, ROB. RYKEDON, RALPH CHAUMBERLYN, JOHN SUMPTER, and JOHN ESTHORP. |
| 1400, 23 *Oct.* | *Richard Hardeſele*, Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1439, 27 *Nov.* | *Will. Marleburgh*, Prieſt, on *Hardeſele*'s Reſignation. JOHN FITZ-RAUF, Eſq; in Right of his Manor, called, *Le Moynes.* |
| 1448, 29 *Jan.* | *John Lalle*, Prieſt, on *Marleburgh*'s Reſignation. Sir THOMAS TUDDENHAM, Knt. and ROB. MORTIMER, Eſq; |
| 1485, 5 *Oct.* | *Dioniſe Shanys*, by Lapſe. |
| 1502, 12 *Nov.* | *Henry Stroder*, Prieſt. Sir ROGER ORMSTON, united to St. *Andrew.* |
| 1511, 11 *April*, | *Robert Cudworth.* ELIZ. late Wife of ROBERT CHAUMBERLEYN, Eſq; |
| 1512, 17 *Aug.* | *Robert Coppall*, united to St. *Peter.* |
| 1556, 9 *Febr.* | *Edmund Bilſone* Prieſt, on *Cople*'s Death. RALPH CHAUMBERLEYN, Eſq; |

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[d] He was deprived in 1552, by Queen *Mary*, for being married.

1563, 21 *July*, *John Holden*, by Lapſe, united to *Great Elingham*.
1601, 18 *Dec.* *John Peeke*. JOHN WELDE of *London*, Eſq;
1663, 26 *Nov.* *Thomas Morley*, A. B. RICHARD BERNEY, Bart.
1679, *Samuel Grey*, A. B. on *Morley*'s Death. RICHARD BERNEY, Eſq; united to *Caſton* by *Stow*.
1710, 23 *Aug.* The Rev. Mr. *John Watſon*, the preſent Rector, on the Deprivation of *Samuel Grey*, to the conſolidated Rectory of St. *Andrew* and *All-Saints*. ANNE MARTELL, Widow.

This *CHURCH* hath a ſquare Tower and Three Bells, the Nave, South Porch, and Chancel are thatched, there is no Inſcription in it, ſave one on a modern Stone, for one Mr. *Salter*: [d] In 1506, *Robert Moriel* of this Town was buried here, who by Will gave half an Acre, and half a Rood, at *Weſton* (*Market*) in *Suffolk*, to that Church, on Condition the Rector paid 3*s.* 4*d.* to the Rector of *Hindercley*, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the Rector of *Counſton*, to pray for his Soul, and four Cows, the Profits of which were to be expended in keeping his Anniverſary.

*Rockland St. Peter*'s Rectory was valued at 4*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* *ob:* in the King's Books, and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 29*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* is capable of Augmentation, it pays 12*d.* Synodals; the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* had a Portion of Tythes taxed at two Marks, and other Temporals, taxed at 20*s.** all which were given by *John de Kiteſtune*'s or *Caſton*'s Father, and confirm'd by himſelf, namely, two Tythe Sheaves out of Three, of all his Demeans in *Rockland*, and the third Tythe Sheaf, of his Demeans in *Sipedam*, or *Shipdam*, and above 14 Acres of Land in *Rockland*.

## *RECTORS* and *VICARS*.

*Oliver de Redham.*
1326, 6 Kal: *Nov.* *Simon de Boſco, de Saham*, (or *Simon* of *Saham* Wood) on *Redham*'s Reſignation. OLIVER DE REDHAM, for this Turn.
1349, 24 *Nov.* The Church of St. *Peter* at *Rokelund Toftes*, belonging now to the Abbeſs of *Marham*, was appropriated to that Houſe, by the Conſent and Approbation of the Pope and the [e] Biſhop, on Condition, that the Biſhop or his Succeſſors, at the Churches Vacancy, ſhould ordain a Vicarage, for which the Vicar ſhould be taxed at 6 Marks, the Vicars being always to be nominated by the Biſhop, to the Abbeſs, who was obliged to preſent them, and alſo to pay a Pention of half a Mark a Year to the Biſhop, in lieu of the Portion of his Firſt Fruits, for the Great Tythes, which ceaſed upon the Appropriation, the Vicar was to have a Houſe, and to be endowed to the Value of 12 Marks *per Ann.* at leaſt, and the Abbeſs was taxed at eight Marks for the Rectory.
1367, 17 *March*, *Henry Moyſe* of *Redgrave*,
1373, 22 *Nov.* *John Cantel*,
1414, 13 *July*, *Richard Bangot* of *Mileham*, Prieſt.
1417, 28 *Jan.* *Tho. Whyk*, Prieſt, on *Bangot*'s Reſignation,
*John Fouldon*,
1453, *John Oſmund* Prieſt.
1460, 24 *Aug.* Sir *John Bourne*, Chaplain.
1486, 22 *Dec.* *John Jannis*, on *Bourne*'s Reſignation,
1501, 20 *June*, Sir *Peter Wylkyns* Chaplain, on *Jannys*'s Death,

Nominated by the Biſhop, preſented by the Abbeſs.

1516, 29 *March*, *Robert Coppull*, on *Wylkyns*'s Death, united to *All-Saints*, at whoſe Inſtitution it was diſ-appropriated, for the Abbeſs preſented him as Rector, and in
1523, 20 *May*, *Barbara*, Abbeſs of St. *Mary* at *Marham*, granted the next Turn of her Rectory of St. *Peter*'s Church of *Rokelond*, to *John Tendale*, Eſq; and the 18 *Aug.* in the ſame Year, *Robert Coppull*, Rector of St. *Peter*'s, and *All-Saints*, was domeſtic Chaplain to *Henry*, Biſhop of St. *Aſaph*.

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[d] Regr. Rix, fol. 361.

* Regr. Caſtle-Acre, fol. 99, b.

[e] William [Bateman] Biſhop of Norwich, gave to the Nunnery [of Marham] the Appropriation, and Pariſh Church of St. Peter in Rockland, in the Dioceſs of Norwich, A° 1349, Atlas, page 410.

1556, 13 *Febr.* *Will. Harriſon,* [*f*] **John Hare** of *London*, Gent. united to *Stow-Bedon.*
1581, 17 *April,* [*g*] *Leonard James,* on *Harriſon*'s Death. **Nich. Hare,** Eſq; united to *Stow-Bedon.*
1608, 13 *Jan.* *John Lowthwat,* A.M. **Sarah James,** Widow, this Turn, united to *Stow-Bedon.*
[*h*] *Robert Pooley.*
1690, 5 *Dec.* *Henry Pitts,* Clerk, on *Robert Pooley*'s Death. **Tho. Hare,** Bart. in full Right, united to *Hargham.*
1694, *Zachary Pooley,* on *Pitt*'s Reſignation. **Frances Pooley,** Widow, in full Right.
1703, 1 *July,* *George Taylor,* on *Zachary Pooley*'s Death, united to *Wimondham.* **Rob. Pooley** and **Sarah Potts.**
1737, The Rev. Mr. *Edward Heyhoe,* on *Taylor*'s Death, who is now Rector and Patron, having purchaſed the Advowſon of the *Pooleys.*

The *CHURCH* of St. *Peter* which is the Deanry Church, hath nothing remarkable in it, the North Porch was built about 1619, as a broken Inſcription informs us. The Tower is Octangular, and hath Three Bells in it, the Chancel is ruinated, a ſmall Part of which was re-built by the late Rector, to officiate in.

There are now only three diſtinct Manors in this Town, called *Carbonels*; *Ladies*; *Kirkehall Moynes*, and *Gournays*; tho' there were formerly no leſs then Seven, before they were united.

## *Carbonel*'s MANOR,

With the Advowſon of St. *Andrews,* * belonged to *Brode* in the Confeſſor's Time, and to *William,* Earl *Warren,* in the Conqueror's, of whom *Simon* held it, the whole Town being then above two Miles long, and one broad, paid 11*d. Geld.* In 1194, *Walkelin de Roſey* gave 20*s.* to King *Richard* I. to have Seizin of 12*s.* 7*d.* Rent, of the Service of *Hervy Gorge*, in ſuch Manner as *Baldwin de Roſey* had, when he began his Journey to *Jeruſalem*, where he died: This *Baldwin* was Lord here, and cotemporary, if not Brother, to *Roger de Roſſei*, or *de Roſſeto*, Lord of *Roſe*'s Manor in *South-Creke.* In 1218, another *Baldwin de Roſſeto* held it of the Earl *Warren* at one Fee; in 1234, *Robert Carbonel* was Lord; From about 1310, to about 1340, *Henry Carbonel* and *Catherine* his Wife had it, who held it after her Husband's Death to her own, which was before 1399, for then *Maud* their Daughter preſented, it ſoon after divided, and one Part with the Advowſon, came to the *Holdiches*, who preſented 'till 1571, and afterwards ſold it to Sir *Ralph Chaumberleyn*, Knt. reſerving two or three Turns to the Family; the other Part went to *William de Narburgh*, whoſe Daughter *Ela*, married *Tho. Shuldham*, and had a Son by him of his Father's Name but he did not inherit, the Manor being given by his Mother to *Henry Spelman*, her 2d Husband, and his Heirs, and *William Spelman* their Son inherited, in 1488, *Henry Spelman* died ſeized, and left it to *Edmund Paſton*, Eſq; to perform his Will, at which time 'twas held of the Earl *Warren*, at the 4*th* Part of a Fee, in 1606, *Francis Spelman*, Eſq; was Lord of *Carbonell*'s in *Rockland*, in which Family it hath continued to this Time, it being now owned by Mrs. *Elizabeth Spelman* of *London.* The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, the Fine is at the Lord's Will, and the Eldeſt Son is Heir.

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[*f*] It was granted 38 H. 8. along with Marham Abbey, to Nicholas and John Hare.

[*g*] He was ordained Prieſt in 1580, was barbarouſly murdered by Mr. Lowe his Curate, with his Wife's Conſent, on Twelfth-Night, A° 1608, for which the firſt was hanged, and the laſt burned. There was a Book printed at London for Rob. Bonian, A.D. 1609, of the bloody Murder of Maſter James, Miniſter at Rokeland in Norfolk, committed by Mr. Lowe his Curate, and conſented to by his Wife, for which both were executed. See this Book in Tho. Rawlinſon Eſq; his 6th Catalogue, Hiſt. Britanic: & Hibern: 4to. N° 6.

[*h*] He was unfortunately drowned, in a dark Night, and was ſeveral Days before he was found.

* Terre Willi: de Warenna, (fol. 90.)

Hund. de Scerepham, In ROKELUN tenet Simon iii car. terre quam tenuit i lib: hom. BRODE, T.R.E. ſemper ii Vill: & xii bord. tunc i ſerv: modo i. & viii acr. prati ſemper ii car. in dnio: & i car. hom: Silva vi Porc. tunc. iii. Runc. modo null: tunc viii anim: modo v. tunc xxx Porc. modo xv. tunc C. Oves & modo ſimiliter & in eadem ten& idem Simon vi. liberos homines & dimid. quos habuit idem Brode commend: tantum lxx. acr. terre & iiii acr. prati, ſemper i car. & dim: & his vi. & dim. Soca in Bucheham Regis T.R.E. & poſt, donec W. de Gar: habuit tunc & ſemper iii lib: & x Sol. Preter hoc additi ſunt huic terre ix liberi homines & dim: i car. terre liiii. acr. hoc eſt dnio: ſemper ix bord. & viii acr. prati ſemper vi car. & ii dimidios molin: hoc totum eſt pro uno man: de Laquis & val& iii lib: & xi Sol. de iiii. & dimidio ex ix Soca & commend. erat in Bucham Regis T.R.E. & poſt, donec W. habuit, & totum fuit liberatum tempore Radulfi Comitis. Totum habet i Leug, in longo, & dim. in lato & xv*d.* de Gelto.

*Kirkehall,*

## *Kirkehall*, *Moynes*, and *Gurneys*,

Were diſtinct Manors at firſt, tho' they have been long united, the firſt was held by [†] *Eudo* the Sewer, of whom *Richard* held it; and the ſecond by [§] *Ringull* at the Confeſſor's, and by *Roger Fitz-Renard* at the Conqueror's Survey; to *Moynes* Manor the Advowſon of *All-Saints* was appendant, and belonged to *John Le Moyne*, who held it at three Quarters of a Fee of *Will. Blaumiſter*, and he of the Earl *Warren* in *Henry* III. Time: In 1282, Sir *John Le Moyne* of *Weſton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, had the Manors of *Weſton* by *Weſt Wratting*, and this Manor and Advowſon ſetled on him, by *Tho. de Colvile*, for Life, remainder to *Baldwin de Manerijs*, (or *Manors*) for Life, remainder to *John*, Son of *Henry de Cokefield*, remainder to the right Heirs of Sir *John Le Moyne*, who in 1285, had View of Frankpledge, and Aſſize of Bread and Ale allowed him here: In 1316, it was ſetled by another Fine exactly according to the former in 1282, and in 1334, *John Le Moine*'s Heir had it, I ſuppoſe Sir *John de Brokeſbourne* married her, for he preſented then; after his Death Sir *John de Sutton* of *Wivenho*, Knt. held it in right of *Margaret* his Wife, and levyed a Fine of the Manor and Advowſon in 1359, in order to ſetle them in Truſtees Hands, to his own uſe, *John de Caſton* having claim'd a Turn in the Advowſon, as belonging to his Manor of *Kirkehall*, but was caſt: in 1360, *Andrew Mancer*, Parſon of *Little Shelley*, granted to *John Pach* (or *Peche*) and other Feoffees, the Manor and Advowſon, and *Moyne*'s Manor in *Weſton Colvile*, in *Cambridgeſhire*. In 1377, *Edmund*, Son of Sir *Edmund de Brokeſbourne*, Knt. had it, and in 1401, *Richard Chamberlain*, and *John Sumpter*, held it of *Tho. de Bardolph*, and he of the Earl *Warren*: In 1415, *John Fitz-Ralph*, Eſq; and *Tho. Elyngham*, ſetled it on *William Raynforth* and *Eleanor* his Wife for Life, and before 1474, the Manor called *Moynes*'s, was united to *Kirkehall*, for then Sir *Robert Chaumberleyn* levyed a Fine of them and *All-Saints* Advowſon, and in 1546, *John Barney* ſetled his Manor, called *Barris*, alias *Gurneys*, on *Ralph Chaumberlain*, Eſq; who afterwards purchaſed one Part of *Carbonel*'s Manor, and the Advowſon of St. *Andrew*'s, and levied a Fine of them all in 1567, and in 1589, *John Welde* of *London* was Lord, in 1590, *Humphry Welde*, Gent. Executor of the ſaid *John*, kept his firſt Court, and in 1601, *John Weld* of *London*, Eſq; was Lord and Patron: In 1623, *William Welde* had them, in 1639, Sir *Richard Berney*, Bart. was Owner, in whoſe Family they continued, 'till *Richard Barney*, Eſq; (who died in 1695, at *Redham*) mortgaged them, and Mrs. *Anne Martell*, Widow, preſented under the Mortgage; in 1709, they were ordered by Decree in *Chancery*, to be ſold to pay Mr. *Barney*'s Debts, and were ſold accordingly to Collonel *Windham* of *Earſham*, and now they are owned by *Joſeph Windham-Aſh*, Eſq; The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, the Fine is at the Lord's Will, and the eldeſt Son is Heir. As to *KIRKEHALL* before the Union, that belonged to the Family Sirnamed *de Caſtletun*, *Cakeſton*, or *Caſton*, and was originally a part of the Manor of *Caſton-Hall* that extended into this Town, tho' it was taken as a ſeparate Manor very Early, it being held by *Robert de Cakeſton*, or *Caſton*, as ſuch, [*i*] about King *John*'s Time; *John de Kiteſtun*, or *Caſton* granted, and with his Father's Seal confirmed, to *Caſtle-Acre* Priory, his own and Father's Gift, of two Garbs of the Tythes of their Lands in *Rockland St. Peter*, in 1256, *John de Caſton* was Lord, and in 1296, *Robert de Caſton* held it at a quarter of a Fee, of *William de Mortimer*; in 1315, it belonged to *Agnes de Caſton*, and in 1319, *John de Caſton* had a Charter for Free-warren here and in *Caſton*, *Breydeſton*, and *Burlingham*. In 1373, *Catherine*, Widow of Sir *John de Caſton*, convey'd *Kirkehall* Manor, to *Tho. Caus* of *Hocham*, and his Heirs, *Henry de Pakenham* of *Shropham*, being his Truſtee, and in 1387, *William*, Son of *Hugh Faſtolf*, releaſed all his Right in the Manor to *Richard Caus*, in whoſe Family it continued, tho' ſometimes in Truſtees Hands, 'till it was united to *Moines*'s.

## *Barrie*'s MANOR,

Belonged to a Family Sirnamed *de Rockland*, and was ſplit out of *Moines*'s Manor, for *Maud de Rockland*, and her Feoffees held it in *Henry* III. Time, of *John Le Moine*, at a quarter of a Fee, in *Edward* I. Time it divided, and *Rich. Barry* had one Part, whoſe Daughter *Joan* married to Sir *Robert de Caſton*, and in 1288, *Henry Berry* and *Chriſtian* his Wife had it, after that, it fell to *John de Caſton*, whoſe Daughters, *Elizabeth* married *Robert Carbonel*, and *Alice*, *William Faſtolf*, in *Edward* III. Time, when this Part was joined to *Carbonel's* Manor; the other Part continued in the *Rockland*'s, and in 1230, *William de Rockland* held it at half a Fee, in 1234, *Adam de Rockland* was Lord, and in 1336, *John de Rokeland*; in 1338, *Will. de Redham* and his Feoffees had it, and it went with the *Redham*'s Eſtate to the *Berneys*, *John de Berney* being poſſeſſed in 1355, of this and part of *Kirkehall*. [k] In 1440, *John Berney* of *Redham*, Eſq; ſettled this Manor by the Name of *Kirkehall* only, on *Phillip* his Son for Life, Remainder to *Thomas* his Brother and his Heirs, inſtead of the Manor of *Caſtons* in *Shipdam*, but yet the Son recites in his Will dated 1441, that he had given it by Deed to his Brother *John Berney* for Life, remainder to his own Heirs; and not long after this, *Kirkehall* Part was united to *Kirkehall* and *Moines*'s, with which it continues, but *Barry*'s continued in the *Barneys*, and in 1527, *John Barney*, Eſq; died ſeized, after which about 1546, it united to *Kirkehall*.

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[†] Terre Eudonis Dapiferi, (fol. 236.) Scerepham Hund. In ROKELUNT ten: Rikardus x lib: hoies: i car. terre ſemper i bor. & iii acr. prati Silva iiii Porc. tunc iiii car. poſt. ii. modo iii. viiia pars mol. tunc. val. C. Sol. poſt. & modo xl. Soca Jacuit T.R.E. in Bucham Regis & poſt. donec Liſius habuit terram & hoc teſtat. Hund.

[§] Terre Rogerij Filij Renardi. (fol. 282.) H. de Screpham. In ROKELUND i car. terre ten. Ringul. lib: ho: T.R.E. ſemper i Vill: & viii bor. tunc ii Ser. modo i. & viii. acr. prati Silv: viii Porc tunc ii car. in dnio: poſt & modo i. tunc & poſt. i car. homin: modo dim: & i car. poſſet eſſe. modo i acr. & v Porc. & xxiiii Oves, ſemper val. xx Sol.

[*i*] Regr. Caſtle-Acre, fol. 99.

## *Mortimer*'s MANOR,

Was held by *Conſtantine de Mortimer* in *Henry* III. Time, at one Fee of the Earl *Warren*, who held it of the King in Capite, it continued in that Family a long Time, and paſſed as their Manor of *Attleburgh* did; in 1337, *Conſtantine de Mortimer*, Eſq; had a Charter for Free-warren in his Lordſhip, it deſcended with *Scoulton* to Sir *John Fitz-Ralf*, Knt. who married *Margery*, Grand Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *Robert Mortimer*, who had Iſſue *John Fitz-Rauf*, Eſq; whoſe Son *John*, married *Alice Whalesburgh*, by whom he had *Elizabeth* his Co-heireſs, who enjoyed it in Fee Simple after her Grandfather's Death, with *Elyngham*, and *Waldingfield* in *Suffolk*, and *Kingſton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, they being ſetled by her Grand Father on her, to perform his laſt Will, and from this time it was joined to *Kirkehall*, and *Moine*'s.

## *Ladie*'s MANOR,

At the Survey was held by * *Pain* or *Pagan*, of *Roger Bigot*, and in 1218, by *Richard Fitz-Roger*, at half a Fee, in 1231, *Richard Le-Preſtre* releaſed to *Ralph Gernun*, his right in that half Fee; which *William de Rokelund* then held of him in Exchange, for other Eſtates in *Eſſex*. In 1345, *John Le-Schephyrd*, and *Jeffery de Beneland* held the half Fee, formerly *John Gernun*'s, of the Honour of *Pembrook*, which *Robert de Bonelond* and *Iſabel Cody* lately held, they had it 'till 1401, it after belonged to *Richard Hocham* of *Little Hocham*, who ſold it to *Henry Pakenham* of *Shropham*, Eſq; and his Truſtees, who in 1445, ſetled it abſolutely on *Elizabeth Bigot* his Wife, and her Heirs, *William Warner* and others being Truſtees. In 1463, *Elizabeth Bigot*, formerly Wife of Sir *Ralph Bigot*, Knt. after that of *Henry Pakenham*, made her Will, [l] which was proved 18 *Aug.* in that Year, in which ſhe deſired to be buried in the *Auſtin* Friers Church at *Norwich*, and gave this Manor, and all her Manors and Lands in *Great Elingham*, and *Attleburgh*, with the Courts, Reliefs, &c. to *Tho. Manning* her Husband and his Heirs; in 1472, *Henry Bixle* of *Thetford* kept his firſt Court, after he had purchaſed it of *Tho. Pekke* of *Rokelond*, and *John Salter*. In 1479, *Rob. Fulmerſton* of *Stow*, and *Reginald Parys* of *Thetford*, at the Requeſt of *Bixley*'s Executors, whoſe Feoffees they were, convey'd it to *Tho. Brian*, Clerk, *Will. Croſs*, and *Tho. Springold*, who releaſed it to *Tho. Plummer* of *Swaffham*, and *Iſabell*, Wife of *Tho. Summerſham* of *Thetford*, Senior, Dyer, *Robert Wyneyve*, *Robert Newman*, and *Tho. Blake*, in Truſt for *Eleanor Muriel*, who held her firſt Court in 1486; in 1493, they convey'd it to *Robert Muriel*, *Rich. Groom*, *Robert Fulmerſton*, *John Walter*, and *John Mathew*, who held their firſt Court in 1494; and in 1498, they granted it to *John Nele* of *Hocham*, and *Chriſtopher Purdey* of *Bury*, who ſold it to *Helen Muriel*, *Peter Webſter*, *John Purdey*, *Ralph Nele*, &c. in 1506; and in 1514, they convey'd it to *Tho. Muriel*, and *Henry Darby*, who ſold it to *Will. Neele* of *Elingham Parva*, who in 1524, ſold it to *Robert Sibbs* of *Counſton* in *Suffolk*, *William Cunge* of *Berningham*, *Robert Hawiſe* of *Weſton*, and *John Muriel* of *Rockland*, *Sibb*'s Feoffees, to whom they releaſed in 1536, from which Time the Courts were held in his Name,

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[k] Regr. Doke, fol. 126. b.

* Terra Rogeri Bigot, fol. 128. H. Scherepham. In ROCHELUNT dim. car. terre i lib: ho: quem tenet Paganus ii bor. & iii acr. prati ſemper dim. car. & val. v. Sol. Soca in Bucham.

[l] Regr. Broſyerd, fol. 316.

'till his Death in 1572, and then *Robert Sibbs* of *Hawley* in *Suffolk*, his Son and Heir, kept his firſt Court, and in 1594, ſold it to *Edm. Sarjent* of *Coneweſton*, who in 1598, ſold it to *William Musket* of *Hawley* in *Suffolk*, Gent. who in 1609, jointly with *Robert* his Son, ſetled it on *Anne Bedgewell*, the intended Wife of the ſaid *Robert*, and they ſold it to *John Duffield* and *Barbara* his Wife, but in 1619, *Simon Musket*, Gent. and *Anne* his Wife, recovered it by an Action, brought againſt *John Duffield*, Senior, and *John Duffield*, Junior, to them and their Heirs, and at their Death, it fell to the Share of *Henry Blomefield* of *Fersfield*, Gent. who married *Anne Musket* their Daughter and Co-heireſs; he at his Death left it to *Henry Blomefield* of *Briſingham*, Gent. his only Son by his ſecond Wife, at whoſe Death it went to *Style Blomefield* of *Blonorton*, Gent. his Eldeſt Son, who died ſingle, and it deſcended to Mr. *Henry Blomefield* of *Fersfield*, his only Brother, who is now Lord. The Manor Houſe is dilapidated, it's Scite is ſtill called LADIES, which Name it aſſumed from the Lady *Bigot*, it's former Owner.

The Manors of *Caſtonhall*, *Attleburgh Mortimers cum Membris ex parte Crowſhall*, *Elingham Parva*, *Thompſon*, and *Scoulton Newlands*, extend into theſe Pariſhes.

*N. B.* There is a Pention of 2*s.* *per Ann.* paid by the Rector of St. *Peter*'s to the Duke of *Norfolk*, it being a perpetual Compoſition for a Meaſure of Wheat, which *Robert de Rokeland* gave to the Monks of *Thetford* out of his Lands here. (*Dug. Mon. Ang.* Tom. i. fol. 665.) There is alſo a Pention of 4*s.* *per Ann.* paid to the Duke from the Rectory of *All-Saints*, and another of 2*s.* from the Rectory of St. *Andrew*, both being perpetual Compoſitions for the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre*'s Portions of Tythes in thoſe Pariſhes. (ſee fol. 322, 323,) There is alſo a Rent of 15*s.* a Year paid to the Duke, from the Manor of *Kirkehall*.

# GREAT ELINGHAM.

THIS Town was in three Parts at the Conqueſt, and hath continued ſo to this Time, there being now three Manors; the Capital Manor was always called as it now is,

## *Elingham*, or *Elingham-Hall*:

It belonged to † *Turketel* the *Dane* in the Confeſſor's Days, and to *Waribold* or *Warbold*, in the Conqueror's, who held it of *Hermer de Ferrers*, to whom the Conqueror had given it; it was then worth 5*l.* and the whole Town was two Miles long and one broad, and paid 19*d.* *Geld.* * The ſaid *Hermer* ſeized alſo three Freemen, and 110 Acres, beſides other Lands and Services in this Town, and *Warbold* added them to this Manor, to which they afterwards belonged as to their Services, but the *Soke* belonged to *Bukenham* Caſtle. It after came to the Earl *Warren*, of whom the *Wirmegeyes* held it, 'till *William de Wormegeye* infeoffed *William*, Son of [*m*] *Ralph de Elingham*, and in 1252, *Robert de Elingham* held it at two Fees, of Sir *Hugh Bardolph*, and had a Charter for Free-warren; he was ſucceeded by *Alex. de Elingham*, who had the Charter allowed in *Eire* in 1285, *Robert de Elingham* was Lord after him, and ſetled it in 1313, on himſelf and *Caſſandra* his Wife for Life, remainder to his own Heirs, in 1369, *Alexander* his Son was Lord and Patron, who convey'd the whole Manor and Advowſon, to Sir *Robert Mortimer*, Knt. and Dame *Margery* his Wife; and in 1372, according to the Agreement on the Sale, they re-granted the Manor (except eight Acres, and the Advowſon) to the ſaid *Alexander* and *Amy* his Wife, for their Lives, remainder to the ſaid Sir *Robert* and *Margery* his Wife, who ſetled the Revertion on *William atte Wend*, Parſon of *Skulton*, *Tho. Caus* of *Hocham*, and *John*, Son of *Tho. Wottes* of *Attleburgh*, their Feoffees, who releaſed to them in 1377, and in 1381, Sir

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* Invaſiones in Nordfulc. Invaſio Hermeri de Ferrarijs, (fol. 296) Serepham Hund. In Helingham iii liberi hoies: CX acr. quod tenet Wariboldus & v acr. prati. ſemper ii car. Silv' xii Por: val. xv Sol. & in his Commend. tantum. Soca. in Bucham Regis.

† Terre Hermeri, (fol. 173.)

Serepham Hundret. Helincham ten: Wariboldus quam tenuit Turchetel lib: ho: T.R.E. iii car: terre ſemper iii Vill: & ii bord. & v Serv. Silva de C. Porc. xxx acr. prati. ſemper iii car. in dom: ſemper iii runc. & viii acr. & vi Eque cum pull. tunc xx Porc m$^o$ xxvii. tunc cxx Oves, modo c. i Eccleſia xx acr. & xxviii Soc. lx acr. & vi acr. prati. ſemper iii car. tunc & poſt val. iiii lib: m$^o$ c. Sol. & totum habet i Leug. in long: & dim. in lato, & xix *d.* de Gelto quicunque ibi habeat.

[*m*] In 1194, Walter de Elingham, Father of Ralph, purchaſed many Lands and Tenements here.

*Robert* was Lord and Patron; in 1388, *Margery* his Widow, ſetled both the Manor and Advowſon on Sir *George Felbrigge*, Knt. *Will. de Sharneburn*, *Henry de Pakenham*, *William atte Wend*, Parſon of *Great Elyngham*, *John*, Parſon of the 3d Part of *Attleburgh*, *Richard Caus* of *Hocham*, *Richard Gegge* of *Saham*, and *John atte Croſs* of *Depham*, by Deed dated at *Great Elingham*, under her Seal, which is remarkable for it's having her own Arms *viz.* a Chev: between 3 Lyons Ramp. impaled with, and placed before thoſe of her Husband's. In 1399, the Feoffees releaſed their Right to her again: In 1401, *Conſtantine Mortimer* was Lord and Patron, in 1402, the Advowſon was ſeparated from the Manor, as you may ſee in the Account of the Incumbents, and the Manor went to Sir *John Fitz-Ralph* of *Scoulton*, Knt. in right of *Margery* his Wife, one of the Daughters and Co-heireſſes of Sir *Thomas Mortimer* of *Attleburgh*, from whom it deſcended to *John Fitz-Ralph*, Eſq; his Son, who ſetled it with *Scoulton*, and *Totyngton*, on *John Fitz-Ralph* his Son, and *Alice Whalesborough* his Wife, after the Deaths of himſelf, and *Julian* his then Wife, with remainder to the Sons Heirs Male, and for want of ſuch, on *Maud* his Daughter, and her Heirs, *Richard de Beauchrmp*, Earl of *Warwick*, Sir *William Phelep*, Sir *John Faſtolff*, Sir *John Howard*, Sir *Richard Walgrave*, Senior, and Sir *Tho. Tudenham*, Knts. *Will. Clopton*, *Henry Pakenham*, Eſqrs. and others being Feoffees, and for want of Iſſue Male, they went to *Maud Fitz-Ralph*, who married Sir *Robert Conyers*, Knt. who died ſeized, and *John Conyers*, their Son inherited, he married *Eleanor*, Siſter and Co-heir of *William*, Son of Sir *William Yelverton*, Knight of the *Bath*, at King *Edward* IV. Coronation, and one of the Juſtices of the King's-Bench, but having no Iſſue, in 1472, he releaſed it to *Henry Spelman*, in Truſt for *Thomas* his Son, who had married *Anne*, one of the two Daughters and Co heirs of *Tho. Conyers*, Eſq; his Brother, he died in 1483. "And in 1499, *Thomas Spelman* Gentylman of *Mekyll Elyngham*" held it of *Shropham* Hundred, who died ſeized, and by his Will dated this Year, [n] ordered to be buried in the Church, to which he gave 20*l.* for a Suit of Veſtments, "and to the Gild of our Lady, in Honowr and Worſchypp of her v. Joyes, 5*s.* to St. "*James*'s Gild 10*s.* and to St. *Peter*'s 6*s.* 8*d.*" to *Anne* his Wife the Manor of *Chervells*, in *Bichamwell*, 'till *John* his Son was 21 Years old, to *Henry* his Son, and *Elizabeth* his Daughter 100 Marks each, to *Anne* his Wife, the Manor of *Berryhall* in *Elyngham*, and after her deceaſe to his Son *John* in Fee Tayle, who died under Age, and *Henry* his Brother inherited, he died without Iſſue in 1525, and was buried here, by *Anne* his Mother, upon which, this Manor went to *Anthony Gourney*, Eſq; of *North Barſham*, in right of *Margaret* his Wife, one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of Sir *Robert Lovell*, by *Ela Conyers* his Wife, who was Siſter to *Anne Coniers*, Mother to *Henry Spelman*; but *Berryhall* went to the Heirs of *William De-Grey* of *Merton*, in right of *Chriſtian* his Wife, the Daughter and Co-heir of *Thomas Manning*, as you may ſee under *Buryhall* Manor. *Francis Gurney* Son of *Anth. Gourney* of *Elyngham*, Eſq; married *Helen*, Daughter of *Robert Holdiche* of *Ranworth*, Eſq; and died before his Father, leaving [*o*] *Henry Gurney*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, who held *Irſted* Manor of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, *Elingham* Manor of the Lord *Bardolf*'s Heirs, *Weſt Barſham* of the Manor of *Caſtle-Acre*, by one Fee, *Gurney*'s Manor in *Hingham*, of the Heirs of *Henry* Lord *Morley*, as of his Manor of *Hingham*, and the Advowſon of the 3d Part of *Attleburgh*: He was Lord in 1572, and at his Death it went to *Edm. Gurney*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, who died ſeized in 1641, and left *Henry* his Son and Heir, then nine Years old, who died without Iſſue, and it went to *Margaret Gurney* his Aunt, who married Mr. *Henry Davy* of *Great Elingham*, whoſe ſole Daughter and Heireſs *Mary*, married Sir *Roger Potts*, Bart. of *Great Elingham* and *Mannington*, who ſold it to Mr. *Francis Colman* of *Norwich*, the Preſent Lord, who now dwells in the Manor-Houſe, called *Ellingham-Hall*.

The CUSTOMS of this Manor are, that the Eldeſt Son is Heir, it is ſet Fine at 3*s.* an Acre, and there are very conſiderable Barley Rents paid in Kind, if the Lord does not chooſe to compound for them. The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, the *Lete-Fee* being 3*s.* 6*d.* 3*q.* as the Hundred-Roll informs me.

## *Burgh-Hall*, or *Berry-Hall* MANOR,

At the Conqueſt * belongs to *Robert de Beaufo*, the *Soke* of it was then Appendant to the Hundred, as it now is, there being no *Lete*, it afterwards belonged to the Lords of *Bukenham* Caſtle, and was Part of thoſe eleven Fees which *Hugh de Vere* and *Dioniſe* his Wife held of *Robert de Tateſhale*, and in 1304, *Tho. de Cayly* had it. In 1305, it belonged to

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[n] Regr. Sayne. [*o*] Cole's 5th Vol. of Inquiſitions p. 312.

* Terra R. de Bellofago, (fol. 211.) H. Scerepham. In Elincham ii liberi hoies: xlviii acr. ii bor. & ii liberi hoies: xxii acr. terre & vi acr. & dim. prati. Silv. viii Porc. ſemper dim. car. & ii bov. tunc val. x Sol. modo xx. Soca in Bucham.

*Baldwin de Manerijs*, or *Manors*, who held it of *Roger Bigot*, Earl of *Norfolk*; in 1314, *Simon*, Son of *John Skilman* of *Hederſete*, granted to *Margery*, Relict of *Roger Coſyn* of *Great Elingham*, his Mother, the Manor and all it's Appurtenances, *viz.* 15 Meſſuages, 320 Acres of Land, 100*s.* Rent, &c. in *Great* and *Little Elingham*, *Hingham*, *Attleburgh*, *Rockland*, *Depham*, and *Morley*, and in 1315, the ſaid *Margery* and *Ralph Ponyant* (whom ſhe had married) owned it; in 1345, *Roger de Gateſend* had it, and in 1399, *Baldwin de Boſco*, or *Bois*, [p] held it at half a Fee, as of *Forncet* Manor, and ſoon after it belonged to the *Mortimers*, and went with [q] *Elizabeth Mortimer*, to Sir *Ralph Bigot* of *Stockton* her Husband, who held it for Life, and after his Death ſhe enjoyed to her own, in 1463, and then by Will gave it to *John Manning*, her laſt Husband and his Heirs; who in 1428, was Juſtice of Peace, and of Goal Delivery in the Biſhop of *Ely*'s Liberty of *Mitford* Hundred; at his Death it went with *Chriſtian*, one of his Daughters and Co-heirs to ***William De-Grey*** of *Merton*, Eſq; who died in 1474, as his Inſcription in *Merton* Church informs me, from which time it hath gone in [q] a Lineal Deſcent to *Thomas De-Grey* of *Merton*, Eſq; the preſent Lord, of whoſe Family I ſhall diſcourſe under *Merton*, their antient Seat.

The **CUSTOM** of the Manor is, that the *Fines* are at the Lords Will, and the Eldeſt Son is Heir.

This Church was valued in the Kings Books, at 6*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 31*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* it hath been augmented (as I am informed) by the Rev. Mr. *John Cater* the preſent Vicar and Patron, who hath ſetled Part of the Great Tithes, upon the Vicar; It ſtands in Mr. *Ecton*'s laſt Edition of the *Valor* &c. as a Rectory, the Reaſon of which is, that on it's Appropriation to the College, the Vicarage was never taxed but the College paid the whole Firſt-Fruits, not at the Inſtitution of each Vicar, but of each Maſter, ſo that as to Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, it always was a Rectory, but being under Value, it is now diſcharged of both; It pays 16*d.* Synodals, beſides the Archdeacons Procurations,

## RECTORS *and* VICARS.

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| 1312, 15 Kal: *May*, | *Henry de Brom*, Prieſt, was inſtituted to the Rectory of the Church of St. *James* the Apoſtle, of *Great Elingham*, at the Preſentation of ROBERT DE ELYNGHAM. |
| 1362, | *Ralph* of *Elyngham*, Rector. |
| 1369, 5 *April*, | *William*, Son of *Tho. Wottes* of *Attleburgh*, Shaveling. ALEXANDER, Son of *Robert de Elyngham*. |
| 1381, 13 *Dec.* | *William*, Son of *John atte Wend* of *Great Elingham*, Prieſt. Sir ROB. DE MORTIMER, Knt. |
| 1393, 25 *Jan.* | *William Ilketleſhall*, Shaveling. MARGERY, Relict of Sir *Robert de Mortimer*, Knt. |
| 1399, 12 *Nov.* | *Tho. Hilton* Prieſt, on *Ilketleſhall*'s Reſignation. CONSTANTINE MORTIMER, HENRY PAKENHAM, RICH. CAUS, RICH. GEGG, JOHN ATE CROS, and JOHN WASBALD, Rector of *Reynham*. |
| 1400, 14 *March*, | Maſter *John Warner* Accolite, on *Hilton*'s Reſignation. CONSTANTINE MORTIMER. |
| 1402, | The Advowſon of this Rectory was appendant to the Manor, 'till the Diviſion of the *Mortimers* Eſtate, and then the Manor went to *Margery*, Wife of Sir *John Fitz-Ralph*, Knt. and the Advowſon to *Cecily*, Widow of Sir *John de Herling*, Knt. who gave it to the Maſter and Fellows of *Attleburgh* College, or Chantry, and they at their Foundation got it appropriated to their Houſe, by Bull from Pope *John* XXIII. dated at *Rome*, in *June* 1411, which was obtained at the Petition of *Simon Howiſone* Rector of *Scoultone*, and *Robert Syred* Maſter of the College, which ſet forth, that Sir *Robert Mortimer* deſigned to found (tho' he was hindred by ſudden Death) a College or Chantry, for five Chaplains, to pray for his own, and his Wife *Margery*'s Soul, &c. all which they as his Executors, in purſuance of his Will, had fulfilled, and had alſo procured this Advowſon, and obtain'd Licence of the King to ſetle it on the College, upon which the Bull granted the Appropriation, on Condition that on the next Avoidance, a Vicarage was created by the Biſhop, with Inſtitution to it. |

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[p] Liber Feod. Milit: tent: de Manerio ſive Honore de Forncet.

[q] It was ſetled on one or two of the Spelmans for Life, but the Fee was always in the Greys.

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| 1415, 4 *April*, | Maſter *John Rykedon* Prieſt, was inſtituted to the then created Vicarage of *Elingham Magna*, at the Preſentation of the Maſter and Fellows, or Chaplains of *Attleburgh* College or Chantry, who were to pay 11 Marks to the Biſhop, on every Vacancy of the College, in full for the Tax of the Firſt-Fruits of the Rectory, and ſo the Vicarage was not taxed at all, and paid no Tenths nor Firſt-Fruits. | |
| 1418, 14 *Oct.* | *Simon Scherreve* of *Sculton* Prieſt, Fellow of *Attleburgh* College, was inſtituted at the Reſignation of *John Rykedon*, Maſter of the College, at his and the reſt of the Fellows Preſentation. | |
| 1453, 6 *April*, | *Walter Howard*, on *Shereve*'s Reſignation. | *Ditto.* |
| 1470, 22 *April*, | *John Hasby*. | In |
| 1475, 12 *Jan.* | He ſued the Maſter and Fellows, becauſe the Vicarage was worth no more than nine Marks a Year, and made them augment it for ever with four Marks *per Ann.* payable at *Eaſter* and *Michaelmas*, out of their Great Tythes. | |
| 1482, 3 *February*, | *John Palmer* on *Hasby*'s Reſignation. | *Ditto.* |
| | *William Cherlys.* | *Ditto.* |
| 1494, 23 *July*, | *Tho. Sherman*, on *Cherly*'s Reſignation. | *Ditto.* |
| 1504, 17 *Jan.* | *Tho. Holme*, Chaplain of *Attleburgh* Chantry, on *Sherman*'s Reſignation. | *Ditto.* |
| 1508, 6 *Octob.* | *John Hardyng.* | Lapſe. |
| 1561, 1 *Aug.* | *John Holden* Prieſt, by Lapſe. | In |
| 1590, 3 *May*, | He was re-inſtituted for Confirmation, at the QUEEN's Preſentation, by Lapſe. | |
| 1601, 20 *Octob.* | *Henry Womock*, A. M. on *Holden*'s Death. | ROB. RADCLIFF, Earl of *Suſſex*, united to *Ferſfield*. |
| 1628, 7 *Nov.* | *Nathaniel Scot*, A. M. on *Womock*'s Death. | |
| 1631, 24 *Nov.* | *Samuel Harding* on *Scott*'s Reſignation. | EDWARD, Earl of *Suſſex*. |
| 1639, 16 *Sept.* | *John Tireman*, S. T. B. on *Harding*'s Death. | *Ditto.* |
| 1641, 21 *Dec.* | *John Bateman*, A. M. on *Tireman*'s Ceſſion. | JAMES LLOYD, Gent. |
| | *Abraham Turner.* | |
| 1674, 29 *Jan.* | *Tho. Lynford*, A. M. on *Turner*'s Death, | *Tho. Cockayne* of *Sunning* in *Berks*, Gent. |
| 1676, 5 *March*, | *Nicholas Clegat*, A. M. on *Lynford*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1684, 15 *July*, | *Will. Kimin*, A. M. on *Clegat*'s Ceſſion, united to *Beſthorp*, | |
| | *James Bedingfield*, alias *Grey*. | |
| 1717, 10 *March*, | The Rev. Mr. *John Cater*, on *Grey*'s Reſignation, who is now Vicar, Patron, and Impropriator, and holds it united to the Rectory of *Little Elingham*. He was preſented by ANTHONY CATER, Gent. | |

## The *Rectory* MANOR,

Always belonged to the Rectors, for in the Conqueror's Survey it appears that there were then divers Lands and Services belonging to the Church, but at the Appropriation in 1402, it was taken from it, and ſetled as part of the Rectory on the College, and went with the Rectory, and Advowſon of the Vicarage, at the Diſſolution, to the Earl of *Suſſex*, in whoſe Family it continued 'till after 1639, as the Inſtitutions ſhews us; in 1641, *James Lloyd*, Gent. and *Abraham Turner* preſented: It after belonged to *Tho. Cockayne* of *Sunning*, and is now owned with the Impropriation and Advowſon, by the Rev. Mr. *John Cater* the preſent Incumbent; the Cuſtoms being the ſame as *Berryhall* Manor.

This Town paid 4*l.* to the Tenths, and is aſſeſſed at 733*l.* In 1603, it had 360 Communicants, and now there are about 400 Inhabitants, it is a Vicarage endowed and augmented, in *Rockland* Deanry and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry; The Prior of *Wymondham*'s Temporalities in this Town, were taxed at 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and the Prior of *Bokenham*'s at 11 *s.* 9 *d.* In 1382, *Thomas de Flitcham*, and others aliened to the Prior of *Flitcham*, 1 Meſſuage, 4 Tofts, 133 Acres of Land and 45 *s.* Rent in *Flitcham*, *Appilton*, *Hillington*, *Depham*, *Morle*, *Atleburgh*, *Wiclewood*, and *Great Ellingham*. The Honour of *Clare* extended hither, for in 1564, *Thomas* Son and Heir of *Roger Greene* Clothier, held the Paſture Lands called *Iſehalls* of the Queen, as of her Honour of *Clare*, by Knights Service.

In 1498, *Thomas Spelman* was buried in the Chancel, his Mother was buried at *Stow-Bedon*, and his Father at *Narburgh*, as his Will tells us. In 1505, his Son and Heir was buried here, over whom, at the upper End of the Church, [r] lies a Stone which had a Braſs Plate. thus inſcribed,

> [ſ] Orate pro Anima Henrici Spelman Armigeri, filii et heredis Thome Spelman Armigeri, qui obiit primo die Menſis Martii Anno Domini, M.cccccxxv. cuius anime propicietur Deus Amen.

On the upper Part of the Stone were the Arms of SPELMAN, impaling MORTIMER, and SPELMAN Quartering MANNING.

[t] In 1509, *Adam Cowper* of *Moche Elingham* was buried here, in whoſe Will is this Clauſe, "I geff onto the Church of *Elyngham* aforeſeyd, iii Acres and a Rode of fre Lond, "lying in a Felde, called *Weſt Felde*, at *Heſyllmere-Buſh*."

[u] *Anthony Gurnay* of *Great Elingham*, Eſq; was buried in this Church in 1557.

The CHURCH is dedicated to [x] St. *James* the Apoſtle, who had a Gild alſo kept to his Honour on the Dedication Day, and there was another kept on St. *Peter*'s Day, to his Honour, in the South Chapel which is dedicated to him; the North Iſle Chapel is called *Mortimer*'s Chapel, and was made at the Expence of that Family, as appears by their Arms ſcattered about it.

The Nave, two Iſles, and the Chapels at their Eaſt Ends, with the Chancel are leaded, the Porch tiled, the Tower is ſquare, hath a Spire on it, and five Bells in it.

*There are two Black Marbles in the Chancel, thus inſcribed,*

MEMENTO MORI.

Here lyeth the Body of ELIZABETH, the Wife of CHARLES POTTS, Citizen, and Merchant Tayler of London, who departed this Life the 2d of Sept. A° Dni. 1706, at Kenſington, in Com: Midd: aged 21 Years.

Not Youth, nor Beauty, Wealth, Deſcent, or Lands,
Can charm pale Death, or ſtay his cruel Hands.

Jacet PHILLIPUS POTTS, hoc ſub Marmore,
Domini ROGERI Baronetti e Filijs,
Amice Lector, parce (ſis) Lachrymis tuis,
Morique diſcas, quem legis, Quondam fuit,
Rarum beatæ Exemplar Innocentiæ,
Virtute præſtans, candidiſque Moribus,
Facilis Amicus, et (quod Inſtar omnium)
Pietate clarus, in Parentes et Deum,
Sed in Juventa languidus Morbo gravi,
Valedixit Orbi huic lubrico, et plenus Fide
Tenace, lætus Suaviterque obdormijt,
Anno Ætatis 27,
1698.

There is a Stone in the Chancel diſrobed of the Effigies of a Woman, and the Arms of WILLOUGHBY and CONIERS, and CONIERS Quartering FITZ-RALPH, and this Inſcription,

> Orate pro Anima Anne nuper Uxoris [y] Richardi Wyllughby Armigeri, Unius Filiarum & Heredum Thome Conyers Armigeri, que obiit xxii° die Octobris A° Dni: 1499.

There are divers Arms in the Windows, and upon the Seats and Screens, in the Church and Chancel. FITZ-RAUF, *Gul.* 3 Chev. *Or*, on each as many Delis's *Sab.* MANNING, *Az.* & *Gul.* Quarterly, over all a Croſs Patonce, between 3 Trefoils ſlipped *Or.* WILLOUGHBY *Gul.* a Croſs Moline voided *Arg.* MORTIMER of *Attleburgh.* SPELMAN, CONIERS, KERDESTON, MONTCHENSY, SWATHYNG, HETHERSET, FELBRIGGE, PLANTAGINET, BUTLER, and BASSINGBOURN. BUNDEVILE, *Or* & *Az.* Quarterly, indented per Feſs, a Bendlet *Gul.*

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[r] Weaver, fol. 820.

[ſ] Regr. Sayne.

[t] Regr. Spyltimer, fol, 170.

[u] Regr. Jagges fol. 58.

[x] Regr. Gelour.

[y] He was her 2d Husband, and Thomas Spelman was her firſt, whoſe Heirs inherited.

**Edward** the Confeſſor, *Az.* a Croſs Patonce, between 4 Martlets *Or.* *Sab.* 3 Lyons Rampant *Arg.* langued *Or.* Chequy *Or* & *Gul.* a Feſs *Arg.* and the following Arms, and Emblem of St. *James, viz.* the Pilgrim's Staff and Ring, his Bag, Pouch, and Eſcalop Shells, which were the Badges of the Pilgrims, that frequently travelled to *Compoſtella,* [z] where St. *James* lies buried.

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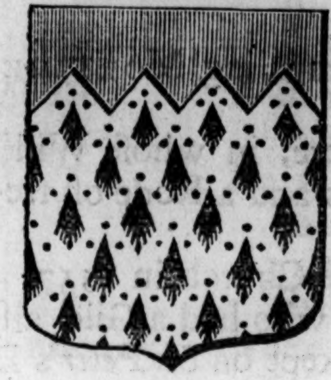

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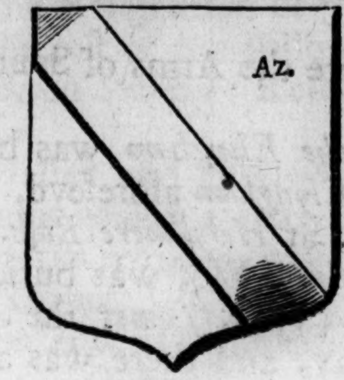

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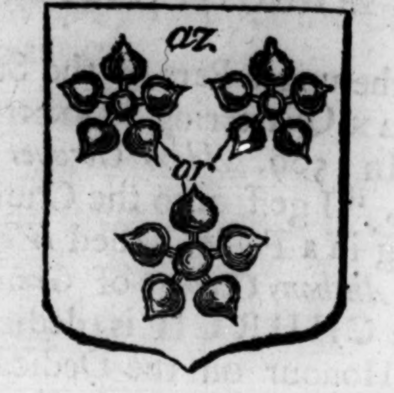

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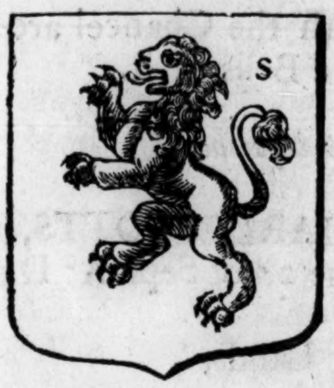

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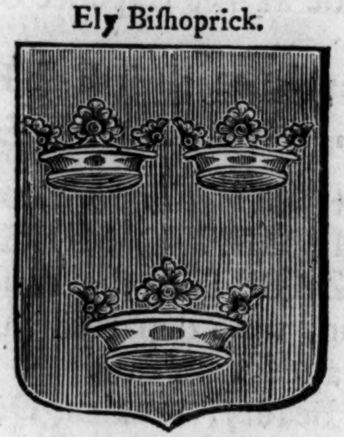
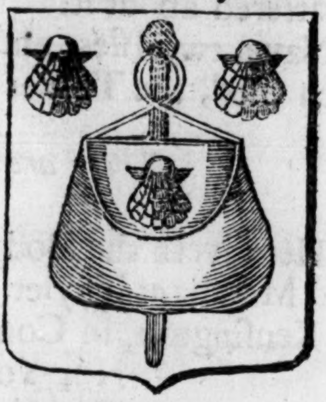


Emblem of St. James.



[z] Aurea Legenda, London 1503, fol. 118.

* John de Elyngham was one of the four Bailiffs of Norwich in 1354.

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# B E S T H O R P.

THIS Village is called in *Domeſday*, *Beſethorp*, and *Baconſthorp*, and now *Beſthorp*, or the *Beſt Village*, from the goodneſs of it's Soil, and plenty of Wood, as *Spelman* in his *Icenia* obſerves, it was a Rectory appendant to the two Manors in this Town, and each of them had a Turn in it's Advowſon, that which belonged to *Plaſſet*'s Manor, was given by [a] *William*, Earl of *Arundel*, the 2d of that Name, to the Monks of *Wimondham*, and the other, which belonged to [b] *Robert de Bautvent*'s Manor, was by him at that Time releaſed to the ſame Monks, and afterwards *Robert*, Son and Heir of *Robert de Tateſhale*, and *Hugh*, Son and Heir of Sir *Robert de Bavent* of *Beſthorp*, confirmed their Anceſtor's Gifts, *Simon de Wanton*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, conſented to the Appropriation, and it was [c] appropriated accordingly, before the Year 1266, for then that Biſhop died, but in or after the Year 1262, becauſe *John de Alveſchirche*, the Biſhop's Official was Witneſs to it, [d] the Prior and Convent were to be Patrons of the Vicarage, the Vicars were to have the Houſe and Lands belonging to the Rectory, and all other Profits, and the whole Tythes, except thoſe of [e] 638 Acres, and one Rood, all which Lands are ſpecified in the Appropriation, and the Tythes valued at 15 Marks *per Ann.* at leaſt, but the Vicars are to pay the Synodals and Procurations; [f] and afterwards in *Edward* I. Time it is thus entred in *Norwich Domeſday*, "the Prior of *Wymundham* holds

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[a] Regr. Wymondham. in Bib: Cott: fo. 32. b. 40.

[b] Robert Bavent's Original Deed with the Aſſent of Picot his Firſt-Born, lies in the Bagg of diverſe Dioceſſes in Norwich Box, in the Court of the Receipt of the Exchequer.

[c] The Endowment of the Vicarage is to be found in a MSS. in the Library at Canterbury, quoted by Mr. Batley in his Collections.

[d] Regr. Wymondham, fol. 94, 95, 96.

[e] The Prior of Wymondham owned 95 Acres and an half, of theſe Lands, of the Gift of the Earls of Arundel and others, and the Nuns of Marham 3 Acres, Will. Plaſſys 30, and Rob. Mortimer and others the reſt.

[f] Rices Survey, p. 34.

“the Church of *Beſthorp*, appropriated to his Convent, but the Vicar hath the Parſonage Houſe, and 28 Acres of Glebe, and receives the Moiety of the Tythes, and the Prior the other Moiety, *William* Earl of *Arundel*, Son of *William* and *Alice*, gave it to the Prior, in King *Henry* II. Time, in order that it might be appropriated, and it's Advowſon continued in the Convent, 'till *Simon*, Biſhop of *Norwich* appropriated it, reſerving the Patronage of the Vicarage to the Prior, the Inſtitution to the Biſhop, and the Epiſcopal and Archidiaconal Dues, to be paid by the Vicar.” At the Diſſolution, the Impropriation and Advowſon came to the Crown, and there continued 'till Queen *Elizabeth*, in the 18th Year of her Reign, granted the Portions of Tythes to *Richard Brokelsby*, to be held at 26*s.* 8*d.* Yearly Rent, and in the 29th Year of her Reign, ſhe granted to *Edward Heron*, Eſq; and *John Nicholas*, Gent. all Tythes, whatſoever, in *Beſthorp*, and Lands, which lately belonged to *Wymondham* Convent, and were concealed and unjuſtly detained from the Crown; and in the 30th Year of her Reign, the Advowſon of the Vicarage, and Impropriation, was granted to the *Cleres*, and was joined to the Manors before 1602, by the *Drurys*, with which they now continue.

## *VICARS* of Beſthorp All-Saints.

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| 1262, | *Roger de Cantelupe* was Rector, at whoſe Death the firſt Vicar was inſtituted. |
| 1303, 13 Kal: *May*, | *Thomas*, ſirnamed *Raven*, of *Wymondham*, Prieſt. The Prior and Convent of *Wymundham*. |
| 1332, 4 Non: *Jan.* | *Tho. Rykeward* of *Wymundham*, Prieſt. |
| 1349, 20 *July*, | *Tho. Ryngedale*, Prieſt. |
| 1375, 23 *Dec.* | Mr. *John Mote*, Deacon. |
| 1384, | *Mote* changed with *Barth. de Wendover*, for *Shakerſtone* Rectory in *Lincoln* Dioceſs. |
| 1384, | *Wendover* changed with *Tho. Killingworth.* |
| 1388, 15 *Sept.* | *Will. Walkelyn* Prieſt, on *Killingworth*'s Reſignation. |
| 1394, 23 *Nov.* | *John Pogge de Hedirſete*, Prieſt. |
| | *Richard Snowe.* |
| 1408, 12 *Aug.* | *John Smyth* Prieſt, on *Snowe*'s Reſignation. |
| 1410, 2 *May*, | *John Peers* Vicar, he reſigned to *Simon Mafrey* of *Banham* Prieſt, in exchange for *Wykham* in *London* Dioceſs, in the Patronage and Juriſdiction of the Dean of St. *Paul*'s. |
| 1417, 17 *May*, | *Will. Child* Prieſt, on *Mafrey*'s Reſignation. |
| 1421, 27 *March*, | *Richard*, Son of *Fraricus Buntyng* of *Salle* Prieſt. |
| 1424, 17 *Oct.* | *John Knynyngton*, otherwiſe called *atte Halle* of *Lutchurche* Prieſt, on *Bunting*'s Reſignation. |
| 1426, 18 *Dec.* | *Tho. Clement*, alias *Deely*, alias *Mortymer.* |
| 1439, 3 *Oct.* | *Tho. Browſter* Prieſt, on *Clement*'s, alias *Mortymer*'s Reſignation. |
| | *Tho. Newton.* |
| 1445, 13 *Sept.* | *Oliver Whetenhale*, alias *Warner*, on *Newton*'s Death. |
| 1469, 8 *July*, | *John Cralle*, Licenciate in the Decrees. |
| 1489, | *Richard Stokeſey.* |
| 1494, 20 *Aug.* | *John Baldwin*, Lapſe. |
| 1496, 20 *July*, | *John Forſter* Prieſt. |
| | *William Stanwey.* |
| 1511, 5 *Oct.* | *John King* Chaplain, on *Stanwey*'s Reſignation. |
| 1528, 13 *March*, | Sir *Thomas Downyng* Chaplain, was inſtituted at *Hoxne*, in the Biſhop's Palace there, on the Reſignation of *John King*, (who had a Pention of four Marks a Year, aſſigned him during Life,) at the Prior's Preſentation, and was the laſt preſented by the Monaſtery. In 1555, 4 *June*, he was inſtituted to the Vicarage of *Loweſtoft* (or *Layſtoft)* on the Reſignation of *John Blomvyle*, at the Preſentation of THOMAS GODSALVE Senior, Eſq; by Grant of the Turn from the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and it was the ſame Day united to *Beſthorp*, during his Life, becauſe of the ſmallneſs of the Livings: This is one of the firſt Unions that I meet with, that aſſign any Reaſon |

for the Biſhop's uniting them. This Sir *Thomas* built the Vicarage Houſe at *Beſthorp*, over the Parlour Chimney-Piece is this,

Alle you that ſitt by thys Fire warmyng,
Pray for the Sowle of Sir Jhon Downyng.

he died in
1559, and on *July* 30, *Chriſtopher Smethe* Prieſt, was inſtituted, on the QUEEN's Preſentation, buried 15 *Dec.* 1575.
1575, 26 *Febr.* *George Copping*. *Ditto.* who was buried here 13 *Dec.* 1629.
1629, *George Clerk* Vicar.
1630, *Daniel Donne.*
1646, 22 *May*, [g] *Eliſha Agas*, A. M. on *Donne*'s Death. Lady MARY DRURY.
1679, 11 *March*, *Samuel Dobſon*, A. M. on *Agas*'s Death, PHILIP HARBORD, Eſq;
1683, 12 *Oct.* *Will. Kimin*, A. M. buried 12 *Nov.* 1715. *Ditto.*
1716, 2 *June*, *Iſaac Sayer*, on *Kimin*'s Death. ELIZ. SHAW Widow, united to *Crownthorp*.
1716, 14 *Febr.* The Rev. Mr. *Philip Carver*, on the Reſignation of *Iſaac Sayer*, was preſented by ELIZ. SHAW, Widow, and now holds it united to *Tibenham*.

The Temporalities of the Prior of *Bukenham* in this Town, were taxed at 3 *s.* 1 *d.* being Lands given by the Lords of *Bukenham* Caſtle to the Priory. The Lands belonging to the Nuns at *Marham*, were granted at the Diſſolution to Sir *Nicholas Hare*, Knt. and *Rob. Hare*.

The Prior of *Norwich* had an annual Rent of 12 *d.* paid from a Meadow in *Beſthorp*, which was given by *Stephen Mengy* of *Beſthorp*. The Spirituals, or Great Tythes belonging to the Prior of *Wymondham*, were taxed at 10 Marks, and the Temporalities belonging to that Monaſtery at 14 *s.* 4 *d.* There was a Manor belonging to the Rectory before the Appropriation, after which it went with it, and ſo came join'd to the other Manors: In 1285, the Prior had Free-warren in his Demeans in *Beſthorp*, in 1288, it was return'd, that the Prior held the 20th Part of a Fee in *Beſthorp*, of *Montchenſie*'s Barony, which was heretofore *Aymer de Valence*'s, Earl of *Pembrook*, and this he joined to the Rectory Manor.

[h] *Ebraud de Melnes* gave to God and his Church of St. *Mary* at *Thetford*, two Parts of the Tythes of his Demeans in *Melnes*, or *Melles*, and *Beſthorp*, for which the Prior of the Monks of the ſaid Church, was taxed at 15 *s.*

The Vicarage was valued in the King's Books, at 5 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* *ob:* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 48 *l.* 15 *s.* 6 *d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths. In 1603, Return was made, that it was in *Rockland* Deanry, and *Norfolk* Archdeaconry, and had 180 Communicants, and was late in the Patronage of the Crown, but is now granted to *Anthony Drewry* the Elder, Eſq; The Town paid 2 *l.* 14 *s.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 1087 *l.* 11 *s.* 8 *d.*

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to all the *Saints*, and the North Chapel, [i] to the Annunciation of the *Holy Virgin*, and had two Gilds kept in it, of the ſame Dedications; againſt the North Wall of the Chancel is a moſt curious Monument of Black and White Marble, thus inſcribed,

*ARMS*, DRURY and COKAIN impaled.

Here lyeth the Body of Sir WILLIAM DRURY, Knight, Eldeſt Son of Sir Anthony Drury, Knt. late one of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace, and Quorum, and one of the Deputy Lieutenants of this County, who after the Death of his Father, ſucceeded him, both in the Commiſſion of the Lieutenancy, and of the Peace for this County; he married Mary Eldeſt Daughter of William Cokain of London, Eſq; by whom he had Iſſue, 2 Sonns William, and Anthony, and 3 Daughters, Bridgett, Jane, and Anne; he departed this Life at London upon the 8th Day of Nov: in the Year of our Lord, 1639, & in the 42d Year of his Age, and was ſhortly after Solemnly interr'd in this Chancell, to whoſe dear and laſting Memory, the ſaid Mary his ſorrowing and ſurviving Lady, hath erected and dedicated this Monument.

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[g] He was born at Carlton-Rode, and was after of Cajus Coll. ordained Deacon Dec. 1642, by Biſhop Hall.

[h] Regr: Metyngham, inter Coll. P. L. N. fol. 106.

[i] Regr. Aleyn, fol. 10.

*On the North Side of the Chancel,*

Sculptura perennius eſto.

**CAROLUS HARBORD** Eques Auratus, Caroli Primi et Secundi, Regum Angliæ, Superviſor Generalis, Pater (ex Maria Uxore prudentiſſima) quatuor filiorum *ſc.* Philippi & Willielmi Harbord, Armigerorum, Caroli Harbord Equitis etiam aurati, (qui cum prædilecto ſuo prænobili Comite de Sandwich, in Navali Conflictu acerrimo contra Batavos, Anno 1672, magnanimiter occubuit) & Johannis Harbord Armig: & trium filiarum *ſc.* Annæ, Heſter, & Catherinæ.

Ætatis 84, An° 1679, expiravit.
Hæc ante obitum ſcripſit.
Favente Deo vivo, et mori ſpero,
Verus Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ Filius,
Subditus Regis fidelis,
et Servus Regni Veteranus,
Fidus Amicus, Pater liberalis,
Nulli, niſi malis Adverſarius,
Juſtitiæ, Commiſerationis, et Humilitatis,
Studioſus Amator,
Attamen minutiſſimarum Miſericordiarum,
Dei indigniſſimus.

Lay me in my Bed of Earth,
Whence my Body had it's Birth,
There to reſt untill it riſe,
To live again my Saviour's Prize,
The leaſt of all in Paradiſe.

*The following Inſcription is over the Door of a Vault, on the South Side of the Chancel, which was built for the Interment of* ROBERT NEDHAM, *Viſcount* Kilmurrey, *in which, the* HARBORDS *and* SHAWS *have been ſince interr'd. Arms are,* NEDHAM'S *Atchievment ſupported by 2 Roe-Bucks, with this Motto,* Nunc aut Nunquam. *On each Side* DRURY *and* COKAIN *impaled, underneath are the Arms of* HARBORD, *whoſe Hatchment impales,* Arg. *on a Pale* Gul. *3 Saltyrs of the Field.*

Memoriæ
Prænobilis Domini
ROBERTI NEDHAM
Vicecomitis de Kilmorrai,
Carolo Vicecomite (in utrumque Carolum Britanniarum Monarchas Temporibus
Monarchomachis, fideliſſimo) ac Brigetta Vicecomitiſſa ſuperſtite,
Gulielmi Drury Equitis aurati & Dominæ Mariæ filia
Prognati:
Eximia tam Virtute, quam Eruditione, Nobilitatem
Geminantis:
Proceritate, Venuſtate, Pulchritudine,
Oſtenti:
Amoris publici ferreo Sæculo,
Magnetis:
Ingenio præcoci maturæ Vitæ Spem
Fruſtrantis:
Anno Dom: MDCLXVIII° Ætatis xiii° Maij xxix°
Sole, Comite, et exemplo, ut alibi luceret,
Occidentis:
Anaſtaſin Paſchatis diem, qui Anno hujus
Obitus conſcio defuit, æternitate penſaturam
Præſtolantis:
Hoc Monumentum dicavit Avia
Quotidie Viſitatura.
Dum jacet Hic Tumulo, manet Hæc, tumulata Dolore.

*On a Black Marble,*

A Wife, a Friend, a Mother's Duſt,
Lyes here, that was both wiſe and juſt;
Whoſe Soul to Heaven was flown before,
Wing'd with the Prayers of the Poor.
Whoſe Sighs and Tears, do prove, this Age,
Hath few ſuch Ladys on her Stage.

Pronobilis Familiæ Baronis Van Alſt. in Com:
Flandriæ D. Maria, Ux: Caroli Harbord, Equit:
Aurat: Optima Mater, & Nutrix
Phil: & Guliel: Harbord, Armig:
Caroli Harbord Equit: Aurat:
Johannis Harbord, Gen:
Annæ
Heſteræ &
Catherinæ,
Pie vixit & Obijt apud Beſthorp,
5 Sept: 1666:
Anno Ætatis ſuæ 64.

*Samuel Dobſon* A. M. Vicar of this Church died 26 *April*, 1681, aged 35 Years.

*The following ARMS were to be ſeen in the Windows of this Church, but now ſome of them are loſt.*

Bush, *Arg.* on a Chev. *Az.* 3 Creſcents of the Field.
Pratt, *Arg.* on a Chev. *Sab.* 3 Maſcles *Or*, between 3 Ogreſſes, thereon 2 Martlets, and a Trefoil ſlipped *Arg.*
Ormond, *Or*, a Chief indented *Az.*
Clifton. Earl of *Arundel.*
Mowbray, Fitz-Walter, Clare,
*Arg.* 3 Pallets *Gul.* Ely Biſhoprick, and Mortimer, which now remains in the Chapel of the Annunciation which belongs to *Plaſſing-Hall* Manor, and is on the North Side, and Drury's Chapel is on the South, in which, Drury impales Kemp. The Steeple is ſquare and hath five Bells.

This Town was held by *Chetelbern*, of the Caſtle of *Bukenham* in the Confeſſor's Time, and was divided in the Conqueror's; but the *Soke* of the whole, ſtill belonged to that Caſtle, as a Member of *Shropham* Hundred, the Lord of which is Paramount, and hath the *Lete* and all ſuperior Juriſdiction at this Time. Half of this Town, and part of *Atleburgh*, belonged to * *Roger Bigot*, who held it of the Caſtle, to which it was afterwards re-join'd, by the Marriage of *Maud*, his Daughter, to *William de Albany*, Lord of the Caſtle; and this Part was then called *Plaſſey*'s, and afterwards *Plaſſet*, and *Plaſſing-Hall* Manor. The other Part in the Conqueror's Days, was given † to *Alan*, Earl of *Richmond*, of whom *Thurſtan* held it, and afterwards *Robert de Bautvent*, or *Bavent*, from whom it took the Name of *Bavent*'s-*Hall*.

## *Plaſſet*, or *Plaſſing-Hall MANOR*,

Belonging to the Caſtle as aforeſaid, paſſed as that did, with the Co-heireſs of *Albany*, to Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, who in 1286, had a Charter of Free-warren in his Demean Lands, at *Plaſſet* in *Beſthorp* and *Attleburgh*, in 1283, [k] he purchaſed three Meſſuages, 185 Acres of Land, and 20*s.* Yearly Rent in *Beſthorp*, of *Peter de Thelvetham*, and added it to his Manor, but in 1286, *Joice* his Widow recovered her Dower in it, againſt Sir *Robert*; afterwards it deſcended to the *Bernaks*, and in 1312, King *Edward* II. impleaded *William Bernake* for hindering him to preſent to two Parts of the Church of *Attleburgh*, who ſet forth his

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* Terra Rogeri Bigot, (fol. 127.) H. Scerepham. In BESETHORP i lib: hom: i dim. car. terre. i Vill: & vii bor. & vi acr: prati. ſemper i car. in dnio; tunc & poſt. i car. hom: modo ii Boves, Silv. viii. tunc. val. x Sol. mº xx. Soca in Bucham.

† Terre Alani Comitis, (fol. 68.) H. Scerepham. In BACONSTORP tenet Torſtinus dim. car. terre quam ten: Chetelbern lib: hom: T.R:E. ſemper iii bord. & ii acr. prati. Silv. iiii. Por. ſemper i car. & val. x Sol. Soca T.R.E. in Bucham.

[k] This was a Part which had been ſeperated from Bavent's Manor.

Title, that that Advowſon belonged to his Manor of *Plaſſet's*, &c. (as at large in *Attleburgh*) In 1345, *John de Bernak* died ſeized of it, and it was found to be Parcel of *Tateſhale* Barony, and was aſſigned to *Joan* his Widow, as part of her Dowry, whoſe Son *John de Bernak* died a Minor, and *William* his Brother inherited, and at his Death, *Maud* his Siſter and ſole Heir, carried it to Sir *Ralph de Cromwell*, Lord of *Tateſhall* her Husband, from whoſe Family, it went to the *Fitz-Williams*, and *Knevets* by Moieties, as Heirs to *Cromwell*; [l] and in 1516, one Moiety belonged to Sir *William Knevet*, and the other to *William Fitz-Williams* of *Sprotsburgh* in *Yorkſhire*, Eſq; as Deſcendents from the Aunts, and Heirs of *Ralph*, Lord *Cromwell* of *Tateſhale*; and what is remarkable, the Manor was return'd to be held of Sir *William Knevet* himſelf, as Heir of *Albany*, by another Deduction of his Pedigree, by the Yearly Service of a Pair of gilt Spurs, to be paid every *Midſummer* Day. [m] In 1517, *William Knevet*, a younger Son of the Family, held the whole Manor of Sir *Tho. Knevet*, and in 1562, it belonged to *William Cocket*, by purchaſe from *Creſſener*, and in 1596, to *Anthony Drury*, in which Family all the Manors in this Town were afterwards united. In 1497, *Maud Willoughby* was Lady, but it was only a Jointure: the Manor aſſumed it's Name from it's Situation, to which it exactly anſwers; the *Plaſhes*, or *Splaſhes*, (as we now call them) are ſwampy Places where the Water often ſtands, and according to this Etymology, I find, that in the Time of King *Edward* I. *William del Bernak* held 10*l.* Rent at *Plaſys*, and about that Time *Will de Plaſy*, who aſſumed his Name from the Manor, of which he was head Tenant, lived as Farmer on the Scite of it, and gave it the Name of *Plaſſy-Hall*.

## Bavent's *MANOR*,

Belonged to Sir *Robert de Bautvent* of *Beſethorp*, in the Time of King *Henry* III. who gave the Moiety of the Advowſon of the Rectory, to *Wymondham* Prior, as hath been obſerved, *Picot de Bavent* was his eldeſt Son and Heir, Sir *Tho. de Bavent* of *Beſthorp* was Lord after him, who divided it, by granting off that Part, which *Peter de Thelvetham* ſold to *Robert de Tateſhale*, he was ſucceeded by *Peter* his Son, who died in 1369, [n] leaving it to be divided between *Eleanor* and *Cecily*, his Daughters and Heireſſes, and ſoon after it came to *John Warner* of *Beſthorp*, Eſq; who had no Iſſue; for in the Pedigree of *Henry Warner*, Eſq; of *Wombill-Hall* in *Mildenhall*, *Suffolk*, it is thus recorded, "*Anno Domini*, 1374, *Thomas Whetenhale*, a younger Son of Sir *James Whetenhale* (of *Cheſhire*) Knt. being of great Acquaintance with one *John Warner*, Eſq; (of *Beſthorp*) in the County of *Norfolk*, who had no Iſſue of his own, nor any related to him of the Name; the ſaid *John Warner* bequeſted his Eſtate unto the ſaid *Thomas Whetenhale*, conditionally, that the ſaid *Thomas Whetenhale* would adopt himſelf, whereupon the ſaid *Thomas Whetenhale* came into *Norff.* and called himſelf *Warner*, who did bear for his Coat Armour, *viz. Vert*, a Croſs ingrailed *Arg.* as being *Whetenhale*'s Paternal Coat, and for the Name of *Warner*, adds the other Coat, *viz.* Quarterly, 1ſt, Party per Bend, indented *Arg.* & *Sab.* 2dly, a Fleur De-Lis *Or*, 3 as 2, 4 as 1, which hath together with the *Whetenhale*'s Arms, been impaled and quartered many Ages, by the *Warners* ſo adopted, and Sir *Robert Warner*, and Sir *Edward Warner*, two Brothers, finding upon Record, that certainly their Names were antiently *Whetenhale*, and that the Croſs ingrailed, &c. was their paternal Coat, reſolved to continue it according to their antient Bearing. This *Thomas* left it to *Henry Whetenhale*, alias *Warner* of *Beſthorp*, who married *Cicely*, Daughter of *William Spaney* or *Spain*, of the ſame, after whoſe Death it came to *Robert Warner* of *Beſthorp*, Eſq; who married *Margaret Barton* of *Beſthorp*, and died ſeized in 1488, leaving two Sons, *Oliver Whetenhale*, alias *Warner* their 2d Son was inſtituted Vicar in 1445, and *Henry Warner* their eldeſt Son, married *Mary*, Daughter of *John Bleverhaſſet* of *Southill* in *Bedfordſhire*, Siſter and Co-heir of *John Bleverhaſſet* her Brother, ſhe out-lived him, and re-married to *William Drury* of *Beſthorp*, who had the Manor during her Life, and before her Death it was releaſed to him and his Heirs, by *Robert Warner* of *Norwich* (from whom the *Wombill-Hall* Family are deſcended, he being Father of Sir *Robert Warner* of *Mildenhall*) and Sir *Edward Warner* of *Plumſtede*, Brother of the ſaid *Robert*, and ſo it became united to *Plaſſets*, in the *Drurys*.

## Page's *MANOR*,

Was Part of *Plaſſets*, granted off by Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, to *Henry Page* of *Beſthorp*, who was to hold it of him at one Fee, in 1338, he ſetled it by Fine on *John Page* of *Beſthorp*

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[l] Cole's Coll: Vol. 4. p. 75, & 92.

[m] The Deſcent of the Manor may be ſeen at large, under Bukenham, to this Time, from fol. 251, to fol. 258.

[n] Dug. Bar. Vol. 2. fol. 644.

*Beſthorp* his Son, and *Margaret* his Wife, who held it in 1345, and afterwards married to *Thomas Spayne*, on whom it was ſetled, for he held it after her Death; in *Edward* IV Time it belonged to the *Dentons*, and went with *Felice*, Daughter and Heir of *William Denton* of *Beſthorp*, to *Roger Drury* of *Hauſted* in *Suffolk*, who married her, and thus this Manor came to the *Drurys*.

## Brettenham's *or* Bridgeham's *MANOR*,

Was held by the *Curzuns*, or *Curſons*, of *Eaſt Carleton* and *Stanfeld*, of Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, at half a Fee, and in 1292, *Will. de Curſoun* had it, In 1335, *Margaret*, Wife of *John*, Son of the ſaid *William* died ſeized, it being then held of *Shropham* Hundred, and *Will. Curſon* was her Son and Heir, who before 1345, had parted with it to *Tho. de Hederſete*, who then held it, and ſold it the ſame Year to [o] *Peter*, Vicar of *Hocham*, and *John de Brettenham*, from whom it took it's preſent Name, which in time was corrupted into *Bridgham*'s. In 1401, their Heirs held it of the Lady *Cromwell*, in 1408, *Ralph Campayne*, or *Chaumpanne*, and *Beatrice* his Wife ſold it to *John*, Son of *Reginald Maundevile*, by the Name of *Curſons* Manor: In 1562 *Will. Cocket* of *Beſthorp*, Eſq; had it, and owned it to his Death in 1579, in which Year he was buried in this Church, *Oct.* 28, and the Manor went to the *Drurys*, and became united to the reſt.

There was a Part granted off very early from *Bavent*'s Manor, which was held at half a Fee, of the *Thorps*, as of *Aſhwell-Thorp* Manor, in 1328, *Walter de Norwich*, held it of Sir *John de Thorp*; in 1329, *Edmund de Baconſthorp* held his Manor in *Beſthorp* at half a Fee, of *Rob. de Thorp*, who had it as part of the Fees of *Roger Bygod*, Earl of *Norfolk*. This after came to *Will. Cocket*, Eſq; and being joined to *Bridgham*'s, went with that, to the *Drurys*, who became poſſeſſed of all the Manors, the Impropriation and Advowſon.

In 1267, *Baldwin de Melnes*, or *Melles*, had thoſe Lands which *Ebraud de Mellnes* his Anceſtor had, two Parts of the Tythes of which, he confirmed to the Monks of *Thetford*, according to his Anceſtor's Gift, but it was no Manor.

The whole being thus united in the *Drurys*, it will be proper to trace that Branch of the Family that were Lords here, having ſpoken of the Family in general under *Ridleſworth*, at fol. 185, [p] *Roger Drury* of *Hauſted* in *Suffolk*, had by *Felice*, or *Phillis*, Daughter and Heir of *William Denſton* of *Beſthorp* in *Norfolk*, *William Drury* his 2d Son, to whom he gave *Beſthorp*. He married *Margaret*, Daughter and ſole Heir of *William Briggs*, of *Whitwell* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *William Drury* of *Beſthorp*, who married *Urſula*, Daughter of *Rich. Coo*, by whom he had two Sons, *Charles* who died young, and *Francis* who ſucceeded his Brother, but died without Iſſue, leaving it to his Nephew *William Drury* of *Beſthorp*, Son of *Rob. Drury* his Brother, by *Eliz. Clifford* his Wife; he married for his 2d Wife *Dorothy*, Daughter of *William Brampton*, of *Letton* in *Norfolk*, who after re-married to *Will. Cocket* of *Ampton*, Eſq; and left *Anthony Drury* of *Beſthorp*, Eſq; their Son and Heir, who was High Sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1619, and married *Anne*, Daughter of *John Garniſh*, of *Kenton* in *Suffolk*, for his 2d Wife, *Anne Kemp* his firſt Wife being buried here in 1571, but *Charles* and *Francis* her two Sons, dying without Iſſue, it went at his Death in 1614, to *Anne* his 2d Wife for Life, who was buried here, *March* 31, 1634, by her Huſband, and it went to Sir *Anthony Drury* of *Beſthorp* his Son and Heir, who was Knighted in 1603; he married *Bridget*, Daughter of *John Spelman* of *Narburgh*, Eſq; by whom he had a numerous Iſſue, Sir *Anthony* was buried *Oct.* 16, 1638, and *Bridget* his Relict, the 28th of the ſame Month, leaving Sir *William Drury* of *Beſthorp*, his Son and Heir, who married *Mary*, Daughter of *William Cokayn* of *London*, Skinner, and was buried here *Nov.* 15, 1639, leaving one Son, *Anthony*, who was baptized *Feb.* 17, 1638, and was buried *Sept.* 15, 1640, leaving theſe and *Chauntecler*'s Manor to his two Siſters, his Co-heireſſes, *Bridget*, born *Jan.* 21, 1635, and *Anne*, baptized *July* 13, 1640, being born after her Father's Deceaſe, *Bridget* firſt married to *Charles Nedham*, Viſcount *Kilmurrey*, by whom ſhe had Iſſue, *Robert*, Lord Viſcount *Kilmurrey*, who was Lord of a Moiety, he died in 1668, aged 13 Years, and was buried here, Dame *Mary*, Relict of Sir *William Drury*, his Grandmother ſurviving him, 'till *June* 1688, when ſhe died, and was interred by him: *Anne* the other Daughter, married *Philip Harbord* of *Stanninghall*, and *Beſthorp*, Eſq; by whom he had a Son named

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[o] His Inſtitution did not occur in the Books, and ſo he is not among the Hocham Vicars. [p] The Pedigree of Drury of Beſthorp, Lib. 2. fol. 185, in the Office of Arms is copied by Mr. Le-Neve, and another Pedigree is in the Hands of Mrs. Shaw, beſides two others that I have compared, and find ſome ſmall, Differences from them all, by the Records, and Pariſh Regiſter which I have followed in this Account,

*William*, who died young, and was buried here *Sept.* 7, 1678, and on 12 *Jan.* following, his Mother was buried by him, and on 13 *Sept.* 1687, the ſaid *Philip* was buried here, and his Moiety deſcended to his three Daughters, of which *Sarah* his third Daughter died unmarried *Jan.* 31, 1689, and was buried here, leaving her Part to her two Siſters: *Anne*, married to *Robert Paſton*, 2d Son to *Robert*, Earl of *Yarmouth*, who ſold his moiety of the Moiety, to *Charles Shaw*, Eſq; 2d Son of Sir *John Shaw*, of *Eltham* in *Kent*, Bart. who had married *Elizabeth*, the other Siſter, ſo that he became ſole Lord of the *Harbord*'s Moiety, and of the other alſo, in right of his Mother, who after the Death of Viſcount *Kilmurrey*, married Sir *John Shaw* aforeſaid, for her ſecond Husband, ſo that he became ſole Lord. He died at *Beſthorp*, *April* 28, 1716 and was buried there, Leaving two Sons, and one Daughter, *Elizabeth* married to *King Gould*, Deputy Advocate of the Admiralty, who hath Iſſue two Sons, *Charles* and *Paſton*: *John Shaw* of *Beſthorp*, Eſq; Captain in the Guards, inherited, and died without Iſſue in 1722, and it deſcended to *Charles Shaw*, Eſq; of *Beſthorp*, his only Brother, who married *Frances*, Daughter of Mr. *Lightfoot* of *Hampſhire*, and died lately and is buried here, leaving *Elizabeth* his only Daughter, who is now a Minor, his ſole Heireſs.

The CUSTOM of all the Manors are, that the Fines are at the Will of the Lord, and the Eldeſt Son is Heir.

There are two Halls, or Manor-Houſes in this Pariſh, now diſtinguiſhed by the Names of the *Old Hall*, (or *Pliſſing-Hall*) and the *New Hall*, which is a good Building, erected by the *Drurys*, as their Arms on the outſide ſhew us, and is now the Seat of the *Shaws*. In the Windows, *&c.* are the Arms of *Drury*, with 1593, under them, the Time I ſuppoſe the Houſe was built, and DRURY, impaling the following Arms,

BRIGGS, *Gul.* 3 Bars Gemelle *Or*, a Canton *Sab.*
HETHE, *Arg.* 3 Pellets.
DENSTON, *Az.* 2 Lyons Paſſant Guardant, *Or.*
KEMP, SPELMAN, BRAMPTON, GARNEYS, and *Sab.* 3 Cinquefoils *Arg.*

*On the Chimney-Piece,*

DRURY impales COKAIN, *Arg.* 3 Cocks *Gul.* armed, and creſted, *Sab.*
DRURY and NEDHAM, *Arg.* a Bend engrailed *Az.* between 2 Buck's Heads caboſhed *Sab.*
DRURY and HARBORD, Quarterly *Gul.* & *Az.* 4 Lyons Rampant *Arg.*
SHAW and HARBORD.

[q] Sir JOHN SHAW of *Eltham* in *Kent*, married in 1675, to *Bridget*, Viſcounteſs *Kilmurrey*, Daughter to Sir *William Drury*, of *Beſthorp* in *Norfolk*, and was the 755*th* Baronet by Creation, and Bare for his Paternal Coat,

*Arg.* a Chev: between 3 Lozenges *Erm.* And for his Creſt, 7 Arrows *Gul.* headed and 1 feather'd *Or*, One Perpendicular, and 3 and 3 croſſing Saltyr Ways, all within the Slit of a Girdle, extended at Length *Az.* Buckle and Claſp *Or.*

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[q] From a MSS. Book of Atchievements, fol. 110, collected by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Rector of Bunwell.

⁂ From the Regiſter, 1589, Will. Harbourne, Eſq; and Eliz. Drury, married 16 Sept. 1596, Mr. John Buxton was buried May 15, and taken up again the 3d of June, and buried at Tibenham. 1599, Mr. Will. Pleaſaunce and Amy Drury, 29 June. 1606, Henry Rokewode of Weſton in Norfolk, Gent. and Mrs. Suſan Drury, 5 Jan. 1609, John Burman, Dr. of the Civil Law, and Dorothy Drury, 20 Dec. 1624, Mr Humphry Rant, and Mrs. Anne Drury, 3 Aug. 1625, Arthur Branthwayt, Eſq; and Mrs. Bridget Drury, 20 Feb. 1626, Henry, Son of Iſaac Bently, Clerk, bapt. 7 Feb. 1627, Anth. Branthwayt, Gent. buried. 1632, Will. Rivet of Bildeſton in Suff. Eſq; Widower and Eliz. Drury, Gent. 3 June. 1647, Mary Daughter of Francis Vernon, Eſq; and Eleanor his Wife bapt. 7 March. 1679, Sir Charles Harbord of Stanninghall, Knt. bur. 11 June. 1682, Henry, Son of Collonel Philip Harbord, buried 6 May. 1697, Harbord, Son of Charles Shaw, Eſq; buried 16 Sept: 1700, 30 Aug. Charles, Son of Charles Shaw, Eſq; baptized. 1703, Anne Shaw their Daughter buried. 1703, Charles Nedham, Eſq; buried 16 Aug. and Suſan his Daughter July 31.

# *ATLEBURGH.*

THIS Place without doubt, hath been very famous in early Times, as all Author's, that ſpeak of it, unanimouſly agree; If we may believe *John Brame*, a Monk of *Thetford*, whoſe [r] Hiſtory is Extant in *Bennet* College Library at *Cambridge*, It was ſometime, not only a City, but the Metropolis of all *Norfolk*, founded by *Atlinge*, then King of that Province, in order to oppoſe *Rond*, King of *Theodford*, and by him fortified with a Ditch, Wall, four Gates, and four Towers; and from this *Atlinge*, he would have it called *Atlinge's Burgh*, or *Atleburgh*, but as to that Part, of it's Towers, and Gates, I cannot be perſwaded, to credit it, there being no Appearance, or remains of any ſuch Walls, Gates, or Towers, as he ſpeaks of, in this Town, ſome Parts of which in all likelihood, would have remained, as well as thoſe of other Buildings, far older than theſe, it being unlikely that in the *Daniſh* Incurſions, they could have Time or Materials to rear them up. Mr. *Le-Neve* imagines that it was called *Ethelingburgh*, becauſe it might belong in the Time of the *Saxons*, to ſome eminent Nobleman of that Name, who was nearly related to the *Saxon* Kings, and had his Reſidence here, being induced to think thus, becauſe this Part belonged to the Crown, 'till the Conqueror's Time. But neither of theſe Etymologies ſeem right, and therefore if I may have Liberty of Conjecture, I think the preſent Name ſhews it's Signification, which it will be proper to obſerve, hath ſuffer'd but little Change, from the Time of the Confeſſor, to this Day, *Atleburc*, *Burg*, or *Burgh*, is the ſame, and it being certain that the Termination *Burgh*, or *Borough* (as we now pronounce it) always ſignifies a Caſtle, Fort, or ſuch like, as the learned *Spelman* in his [s] *Icenia* juſtly obſerves, we may conclude that it was called *At-le-Burgh*, or the Town at the Burgh, or Burgh-Town, from it's being ſituated by an antient Burgh or Fortification, and from its being larger, and of more repute at that Time, than its Neighbours: That this Burgh was a Fortification of Hills only, is plain, becauſe there are no other remains, and therefore moſt likely was made, at the Time when the *Danes* ravaged this Part of the Country, and ſo far the old Monk may be right, that when they got Poſſeſſion of *Thetford*, it's not unlikely the Inhabitants of the Country might aſſemble and fortify themſelves here, in Oppoſition to their Enemies, who had done the ſame there; and indeed I take it, that this Burgh, was the Head of the Hundred, 'till the Neighbouring Caſtle of *Bukenham* was built, after the Removal of the Chief of the Inhabitants from it, to the preſent Situation of the Town, which is far better than it's old one, at the Burgh And as a further Confirmation, the Burgh is not only now called *Burgh*, or *Burrough-Street*, but in *Domeſday*, THAT is called *Attelburc*, and the preſent Town is called the *Other Atleburc*, and that the firſt Caſtle at *Bukenham*, had it's Riſe upon the Dereliction of this Burgh is likely, becauſe the whole of this *Atleburgh*, at firſt was not a Manor held of the Caſtle, but an actual Part of the Caſtle-Manor, called the Part at the *Plaſhes*, afterwards *Plaſſets*, and had two Parts, or the whole of the Advowſon, belonging to *Plaſſet*'s Part, appendant to to it, that is one half to the Part of *Plaſſet*'s Manor, which contained great Part of *Beſthorp*, and the other Part as belonging to this, the other Part, or third Part, belonging to the Manor of the other *Atleburgh*, where the Church was built.

It ſeems the Removal at firſt, might be occaſioned by the lowneſs and moiſtneſs of the Situation, and if ſo, the aforeſaid Monk in his Tranſlation, might only miſtake the Name of the Place, for a Perſon, *viz. At-l'ing-Burgh*, or the *Burgh* at the (Ing) or *Watery-Place* (or *At Le Plats* or *Plaſhes*, as it was called by the *Norman*'s) for *Atling*'s-*Burgh*, or the *Burgh* of *Atling*; For he tells us, his Hiſtory, is only copied, from two Antient Books of the ſame ſort, one of which was in old *French* and the other in *Engliſh*, both of which he compared and made his Latin Tranſlation by; and indeed to do him Juſtice, tho' I am ſenſible, the Accounts of things in it, do ſeem at firſt entire Fables, yet upon Examination ſeverall of them, if not all, are in ſome Meaſure true, and the Hiſtories of the many Batles, in this Part of the Country, and eſpecially in *Giltcroſs*, *Grimſhoe*, This, and the adjacent Hundreds, might be the Excurſions of the *Danes*, from their great Rendezvous at *Thetford*, recorded by ſome Body, near hand at that time, and ſo preſerved in the Neighbourhood, and after-

[r] marked, I. x.

[s] Icenia. fo. 158. the Account in the Atlas fo. 350. is taken from this, which is properly inſerted in Gibſons Additional Notes to Cambden, fo. 597. from whence they copied it.

wards given to that Monaſtery, and indeed the many *Tumuli* in theſe Hundreds, ſhew us, that there were ſuch Excurſions, and it is plain, that this Hiſtory could not be of ſuch light Eſteem, as we think it, Becauſe then, the *Normans* after the Conqueſt, would not have thought it worth their While, to have tranſlated it into their Language, and though we meet with the Names of many *Kings*, as they are called, which were never heard of, but in this Book, I look upon it, that there might be ſuch Perſons, who were Heads and Leaders of thoſe Bands, and as ſuch, called *Kings* of thoſe Places, where theſe *Burghs*, or chief Rendezvouſes were, and that, becauſe their Names are pure *Saxon* or *Daniſh*; and what induces me to think, that the Monk was not the Inventor of theſe Accounts (as ſome would intimate) is, becauſe in the ſame Book, where he deſcends ſo low, as to treat of the Affairs of his own Monaſtery, juſt before, and in his own Time, he is a faithfull Hiſtorian, and is ſo far from giving us, any Fables of his own Invention, that he tells us, when ever he adds any thing, of the *Legend* Sort, where he had, what he recites, ſo that I muſt own, I am apt to think, he had two Copies of the Hiſtory, as he aſſerts, and that there is more of Reality in it, than at firſt Sight, we may imagine, for I find agreeable to the Aſſertion of it's being an antient City, [t] that "In the Year 841, *Edmund*, Son of *Alkmund* King of *Saxony*, was born at *Noremburg* in *Saxony*, of Queen *Siwara*, and ſoon after it happened, that *Offa*, King of the *Eaſt-Angles*, who had no Heir, paſſed thro' *Saxony* in his Journey to the *Holy Land*, where he went in Pilgrimage, to beſeech God, to give him an Heir, and Calling upon his Couzin *Alkmund*, he adopted *Edmund* his Son, his Heir, and then haſtened to *Jeruſalem*, where having performed his Vows, he return'd, but in his Return, at a place called St. *George*'s-*Arm*, he was taken violently Ill, upon which, he immediately ſent for his Council, appointed *Edmund* his Succeſſor, and ſent him his Ring, which he received from the Biſhop, when he was made King of the *Eaſt-Angles*; after he was dead, the *Angles*, went to the King of *Saxony*, and demanded *Edmund* his Son, and received him, as *Offa*'s Succeſſor, and haſtening Home, they landed at *Hunſtanton*, from whence they carried him, to the antient City called *Atleburg*, where he lived a whole Year, yielding himſelf up chiefly to Devotion, here he perfected what he had begun in *Saxony*, namely, to repeat all the *Pſalms* without a Book, and at the Years End, he went to *Suffolk &c.*" From whence it appears, that it was certainly then, a Place of great Repute, and might be afterwards re-fortified, upon the *Danes* Coming to theſe Parts; It is plain, that the Hills of the Fortification or *Burgh*, were very remarkable in *Henry* II. Time, for then, the Family that dwelt within them, took their Sirname from them, *William de Foſſato de Atleburg*, lived at that Time, and in 1285, *William* Son of [u] *William de Foſſato*, lived there, who with his Deſcendants, are called in old Engliſh, " *atte the Dyke*, (now *Dikes* or *Dix*) and all theſe things, being duly weighed and compared, I could not omit them, knowing how much the Account of *Atleburgh*, hath invalidated the reſt of his Hiſtory: And thus having given you my Thoughts, of the Original of this Place, I ſhall proceed to treat of the ſeveral Manors &c. which have been, or now are, in this Town.

## *Plaſſet*, Or, *Plaſſing-Hall* MANOR,

Belonged to † *Toradre* a *Dane*, in the Confeſſor's Time, and another Part, to *Turkill*, one of that Nation alſo; which ſhews us, that the *Danes* had got Poſſeſſion of this Place, and that it's Decay was owing to their Seizing it: After *Toradre*'s Expulſion or Death, it belonged to the Caſtle, and continued in the Crown, 'till the Conqueror gave it to *Roger Fitz-Renard*, at whoſe Death, it was re-joined to the Caſtle, to which it had belonged, almoſt ever ſince it's Foundation, which in all Appearance was Owing, to the *Danes* forcing them hence; Upon which, the Caſtle was firſt erected, in Order to oppoſe them, and accordingly, when they were forced to quit Poſſeſſion, the Whole was ſeized and added to the Caſtle, with which it was given to *William de Albany*, [x] and deſcended with the Co-heireſs of that Family, [y] to Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, and from him, to the *Bernaks*, as * *Plaſſets* in

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[t] From the Abbreviation of the Life of King Edmund, in Regiſter Curteys, fo. 202.

[u] In 1198, Ralf Son of Peter, ſold Land in Atleburgh, to William de Foſſato de Atleburgh. Fin: 10 R. 1. N° 247.

[x] See Old Bukenham, fo. 251.

[y] See Beſthorp. fo. 336.

* The Part in Beſthorp, and the Advowſon, was held by Maud, Daughter of Adam, who preſented in Richard I. Time, and by Iſolda de Ardernne, who preſented in King John's Time; But they had it only for Life.

† Terre Rogerij Filij Renardi. (fo. 281.)
H. de Screpham. ATLEBURC tenuit Toradre T. R. E. ii car: & iii acr: ſemper vi Vill: & v Bor: tunc i Ser: modo iii. xxiii acr: Prati. ſemper i car: in Dnio: & ii car: Homin Silva: lx Porc: & due Part: Mol· dim: Piſcar. tunc ii R unc: m° i ſemper i Vas Apum. tunc vi Porc: m° v & viii Oves & xxi Soc: lxxx ac. Terre & xiiac. Prati. Silva viii Porc. Tunc & poſt ii car: modo iii. Tunc & poſt valuit xl Sol: modo lx.

*Beſthorp* did, which was a Part of this Manor, to which one 3d Part of the Advowſon belonged, and another 3d Part to this, ſo that there were two 3d Parts belonging to *Plaſſets*, this, and *Beſthorp*, being reputed as one Manor, for in 1312, [z] King *Edward* II. ſummoned Sir *William de Bernak*, to ſhew Cauſe, why he hinder'd him preſenting to two parts of the Church of *Atleburgh*, which was void, and to which he ought to preſent, becauſe the Advowſon was Parcel of the Inheritance of *Hugh de Albany*, Earl of *Arundel*, at whoſe Death the King ſeized his Eſtate and Advowſons, becauſe he held of him in Chief, and died without Iſſue, [a] and his Inheritance was divided among his 4 Siſters, all which, (except *Cecily*) had their ſeveral parts, in Manors, Lands and Advowſons, aſſigned to them, as the Cuſtom was, but as neither the ſaid *Cecily*, nor her Heirs, had requeſted the King to grant out of his Hands, her Part of the Advowſons, therefore the Advowſon of two parts of this Church, which was not aſſigned to any of the other Parceners, remained in the Kings Hands, as belonging to the part of *Robert de Montealt*, Heir of the ſaid *Cecily*. To which *William* anſwer'd, and proved, that the Advowſon belonged to the Manor of *Plaſſet*'s, which was aſſigned to *Robert de Tateſhale*, who infeoſed him in the ſaid Manor, and that if it had not been ſo, it could not belong to the King, becauſe *Plaſſet*'s Manor is not held of the King in Chief; upon which Sir *William* recovered the Advowſon, and preſented accordingly. In 1285, Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, had View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, Freewarren, Gallows, and a *Thurſday* Market in *Atleburgh*, as belonging to *Plaſſinghall* in *Atleburgh* and *Beſthorp*, all which were convey'd by him to Sir *William Bernak* and his Heirs, who died ſeized in 1338, and *Alice* his Wife ſurvived him; ſhe infeoſed *Hugh Bernak* Clerk, in this and other Manors; (as you may ſee at fo. 254) *Hugh* died in 1340, and it went to *John Bernak*, and from him, (as you may ſee at fo. 337) 'till 1438, and then *Ralf* Lord *Cromwell*, who had two Turns in the Advowſon, (Sir *John Clifton* Knt. having the 3d, in right of *Margaret* his Mother) granted his Advowſon to Sir *John de Radcliff*, Knt. and *Thomas* his Son, and his Heirs, together with the Manor of *Plaſſet*'s in *Atleburgh*, (which was now ſeperated from *Plaſſet*'s in *Beſthorp*) and ſo it became join'd to *Mortimer*'s Manor, with which it now remains, the 3d Turn in the Advowſon of the two Parts, being join'd before 1516.

## BACCNSTHORP, CROWSHALL, *or* COPSY MANOR,

Belonged to * *Alfred* an *Engliſhman*, at the Conqueſt, who held it of *Bukenham* Caſtle, to which it was after join'd, by King *Henry* the Iſt's giving it to *William de Albany*, who added it to *Plaſſet*'s Manor, with which it continued, 'till the ſaid *William* infeoſed *Alured de Atleburc* in it, who was to hold this and other Eſtates of his Gift, by the Service of two Knights Fees; in 1251, *Jeffery Crawe* own'd it, from whoſe Family it took it's Name, and in 1323, it was ſetled on *John Oldman* for Life, by *Richard de Bernham*, and *Richard de Tudenham*, with remainder to *Walter* Son of [b] *Margaret* of *Atleburgh*; in 1337, [c] *Edmund de Baconſthorp*, and *Margaret* his Wife, ſetled this, and *Welbourne* Manor and Advowſon, on themſelves for Life, and their Heirs in Tail, and in 1347, this and *Caſter* by *Norwich*, was ſetled on *Thomas Moyne*, and *Margaret* his Wife and their Heirs, and in 1362, Sir *Thomas Moyne*, Knt. died ſeized of the Manor of *Caſtre*, the Manor and Advowſon of *Merkeſhale*, the Manor of *Crowſhall* in *Atleburgh*, and of *Little-Taynton* in *Glouceſterſhire*, leaving them to *Edmund* his Son and Heir, in 1393, the Manor of *Crowſhall* called *Copſy*, was ſetled by *Ralf Gedding*, on *Cecily* his Wife, *Richard Caus*, *Richard de Gegh* and *Benedict* of *Hocham*, who in the Fine is called *Benedict Coſyn* of *Hocham*, being Truſtees; in 1397, *William March* Knt. had it, and in 1400, *Thomas* and *John March*, Sons of Sir *Will: March* Knt. held *Crowſhall*, and a Tenement called *Kingeſhale* in *Atleburgh*; in 1457, Sir *John Clifton*, Knt. held the Manor of *Baconſthorp*, *Copſy*, or *Crowſhall*, and had Licence to aſſign it in *Mortmain*, if he pleaſed, but it ſeems he did not, for it fell ſoon after, into *Mortimer*'s Manor; It took it's Name of *Baconſthorp*, from it's antient Lord, and is now by Corruption called *Banſthorp*, which is a Hamlet, with a *Lete* belonging to it, where the Lord of the Hundred who keeps it, ſwears a Conſtable Yearly, whoſe Power extends to this Hamlet only.

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[z] Plita: de Banco. Trin: Ed. 2. Rot. 88. 119.

[a] See fo. 253.

* Terra ALFREDI fo: 289.

H. Scerepham in ATLEBURC. ii car: Terre pro man°: ſemper viii. Vill. & xvi. acr. Prati & ſemper ii. car: in Dnio. & i. car: Homin. Silv: xl. porc. & xx. ſoc dim: car: Terre vi. acr: prati ſemper iiii. car: & v. liberi Hoies. i. car: Terre & dim; & iii. Bor. & xii. acr: prati ſemper iii. car: ſilv: viii. porc: ſemper ii. Runc: & tunc vi. animal. modo viii. tunc xx. porc modo xxviii. tunc xx. oves modo xxxviii. ſemper xxvi cap: tunc val. lx ſol. poſt & modo iiii. lib: Soca de ill: quinque in Bucham.

[b] John Atleburgh Chaplain, was Owner of an Eſtate in St. Bartholomew's Pariſh in Beſtreet in Norwich.

[c] I take it to be the ſame Perſon with Edm. Bacon, Lord of Greſham Manor, at this Time.

Chaunticler's

## *Chaunticler*'s, commonly called *Chanceler*'s

In *Atleburgh*, was part of *Mortimer*'s Manor granted by *William de Mortimer*, to *William Ponyaunt*, who held it of him in 1296, at a Quarter of a Fee, and it extended into *Elingham* and *Beſthorp*; in 1359, *Thomas Chaunticler* of *Atleburgh* and *Katherine* his Wife owned it, this *Thomas*, built the North Chapel or Tranſept of the Church, for in his Will dated 1379, in which Year he died, [*d*] he order'd his Body to be buried in his own Chapel, which he had built, adjoining to the North Side of the Church of *Atleburgh*, leaving *Katherine* his Widow *Thomas de Brampton* and *Alice* his Wife (his Daughter and Heireſs, I ſuppoſe) Executors, to whom this Manor went after *Katherine*'s Death, for in 1481, *Thomas de Brampton* Eſq; died, and was buried in this Chapel, between his two Wives, *Alice*, and *Joan*, the laſt of which, died the Year before him, leaving *Robert Brampton* of *Atleburgh*, Gent. his Son and Heir, who died in *Oct*: 1500, [*e*] his Will being proved *Dec.* the 2d in that Year, leaving his Manors of *Waxham* and *Flegghall* in *Winterton*, to *Anne* his Wife, whom he joined in Executorſhip with *Henry Warner* Gent. of *Beſthorp*; *William Brampton* his Brother, ſeems to be truſted with the Care of his Sons and Daughters; in 1547, *William Brampton* Eſq; Son I ſuppoſe of the ſaid *Robert*, was Lord, and in 1561, *William Brampton* Eſq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife own'd the Manor of *Chanceler's*, in *Atleburgh* and *Beſthorp*, to the laſt of which, it was ſoon after join'd, and I ſuppoſe, hath continued ſo ever ſince.

In 1619, *Robert* Earl of *Suſſex*, was Lord of the Manors of BRIDGHAM's and CORIE's in *Atleburgh*, which in 1547, belonged to *Peter Moulde* and *Thomas Pooley*, and were now united to *Mortimers*; and this is all I meet with, in Relation to thoſe Manors.

## ATLEBURGH MORTIMER's,

Contain'd the third Part of *Atleburgh*, or all the *Other Atleburc*, or the whole of that part where the preſent Church and Town ſtands; and accordingly a third part of the Advowſon always belonged to it, and continues to this Day, a ſeparate Inſtitution. * In the Time of the Confeſſor, *Turkill* the *Dane* had Poſſeſſion of this *Atleburc*, which was valued at 40*s.* but was riſen to 3 *l.* in the Conqueror's Time, who gave it, as a Manor of that Value, to *Roger Fitz-Renard*, the whole of both the *Atleburghs*, or of the preſent Town, which includes both, was then about 4 Miles long, and 2 Miles broad, and paid to the *Dane-Geld*, 34*d. ob*: it came to the *Mortimers* very Early, if not in the Time of the Conqueror, with whom that Family came into *England*; there are two Towns in *France* of this Name, one in *Normandy*, the other in *Poictou*, both written *Mortimer*, but neither of them being by the *Sea* Side, *Monſieur de Valois* imagines them to be called *Mortimars*, and ſo ſhould be render'd in Latin, *De Mortuo Mariſco*, and not *De Mortuo Mari*, and indeed it might be antiently written, by Abbreviation, (which was uſual in thoſe Times) *De Mortuo Mar:* which anſwers either to *Mari* or *Mariſco*, tho' I think it is much the ſame, for I ſuppoſe, that *Mare*, ſignifies not only the *Sea*, but any large Stagnation of Waters, and that hence is derived our *Engliſh* Word *Mere*, *Meer*, or *Mare*, for a large Water, and thus the *Mare Mortuum*, which is a Lake in *Judea*, ſo called becauſe it never moves, might give Name to theſe Places, which tho' they were not ſituated by the *Sea*, yet ſtood near ſome ſuch ſtagnated Waters or Fenns; [*f*] Mr. *Dughdale* thinks, that *Robert de Mortimer* who lived in King *John*'s Time, was the firſt of the Family that was concerned in *Norfolk*, and the *Atlas* (fo. 340,) tells us, that they are deſcended of the Lords *Mortimer* of *Wigmore*, both which are Miſtakes, for the Arms of this Family and thoſe of *Wigmore* being always quite different, is a plain Argument to me, that they are of a different Extract, and might aſſume their Names from different Places; that this Family was of *French* Riſe, is evident from the very Arms, *viz. Or, Semi de Fleures De-Liz, Sab.* the very Arms of *France*, at that Time, only the Colours varied, and as to the other Point, the firſt of the Family that I meet with here was Sir *WILLIAM DE MORTUOMARI* or *Mortimer*, of *Atleburc* Knt. whoſe Effigies riding full ſpeed on Horſeback, with his Sword drawn in one Hand, and his Shield of Arms, as before, in his other, is appendant, to an Original Deed of his, in the *Cotton Library*, without Date, by which he granted to *John de Bernham* Chaplain, Son of *Henry de Eſtegate*, a Meſſuage in *Eſtgate* in *Bernham*, which is now called *Bernham Broom*.

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[*d*] Proba: Jul: 1. 1379.

[*e*] Regr. Cage.

[*f*] Dug. Bar. Val. 1. fo. 144.

* Terre Rogerij Filij Renardi. H. de Screpham. In Alio ATLEBURC. tenuit TURCHILLUS T. R. E. ii Carucat: terre. ſemp: vi Villan: & v Bord: xxiiii acr: prati Silv. lx porc: ſemper i. car. in dnio: & ii car: homin: & i car. poteſt eſſe. mº dim: mol: & dim Piſc: & xvii Soc: xlviii acr: terre. viii acr: prati. Silva xii porc. ſemp: iii car. tunc i. Runc. ſemper ii. Anim: tunc vi porc: mº iiii. tunc & poſt val. xl Sol. modo lx. Totum habet ii Leug. in Longo & i Leug. in Lato. Quicunque ibi teneat & xxxiiii. *d.* & i. Obulum de Gelto.

The next that I find here, was Sir *Robert Mortimer* Knt. who lived in the Time of King *Henry* II. In [g] *Somner*'s Antiquities of *Canterbury*, we read that in 1181, in a Proceſſion at *Chriſt*'s Church in *Canterbury*, Sir *Robert Mortimer*, who was under Excommunication for his Contumacy, becauſe he would not obey the Law, being queſtioned for a wrong done to the Church of *Canterbury*, in taking from the Manor of *Deepham* in this County, a certain Parcel of Land belonging to the Monks, intruded himſelf into the Company, Prior *Alan* eſpying him there, informed the Arch-Biſhop (who was then preſent) of it, and that, a ſecond Time, becauſe the Arch-Biſhop would have connived at it, but when the whole Company was come into the Church, Sir *Robert* with them, and *Maſs* begun, the *Prior* requires the Convent to ceaſe, who obey'd, and ſo the Excommunicate to his Shame, was by a ſtrong Hand thrown out of the Church, and then they proceeded in their Devotions.

He was ſucceeded by *William* his Son and Heir, and he by

Sir *Robert* his Son and Heir, who in the Year 1194, was forced to find Sureties to King *Richard* the firſt, becauſe he had preſumed to hold [h] a Turnament without Royal Licence, but upon *Roger Bygod* Earl of *Norfolk*, *Jeffry de Sat*, and *William* Earl *Warren* becoming Sureties for him, the King order'd the Sheriff to give him Seizin of his Lands again. In 1195, a Fine was levied to the ſaid Sir *Robert Mortimer* of *Atleburgh* and *John Le Strange*, of five Knights Fees, in *Huneſtantun* (or *Hunſtanton*,) *Totington*, *Ringeſtede* and *Snitertun*, all which *Robert* acknowleged to belong to *John* and his Heirs, who gave to Sir *Robert*, all his Land, which he had in *Totingtun*, with the Appurtenances, to be held of him, by Homage and the Service of a whole Knights Fee, except a 20*th* Part, Excepting alſo out of the Appurtenances, the Church of *Totington*, which the ſaid *John* gave in pure Alms, to the Church of St. *Mary* at *Caumpes* in *Suff.* with the Conſent of the ſaid *Robert*, who was to warrant to the ſaid *John* and his Heirs 4 Knights Fees in *Hunſtanton*, *Ringſtede* and *Snitterton*. [i] This Sir *Robert* and *William* his Son, were both againſt King *John* in his Barons Wars, [k] in the Year 1205, and in 1215, [l] Sir *Robert* being then alſo in Arms with the Rebellious Barons, forfeited his Lands in *Lincolnſhire*;

[m] In 1218, Sir *William de Mortimer* held one Knights Fee here, and in *Bernham*(*Broom*) *Little-Elingham* and *Tofts*, and half a Fee in *Stanford* and *Bukenham*, *(Parva)* and another half Fee in *Scoulton*, of the Earl *Warren*; in 1250, he had a Charter for Free-warren, in his Manors of *Atleburgh*, *Bernham*, and *Scoulton*, in *Norfolk*, and *Kingſton* and *Foxton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, he was ſucceeded by Sir *Robert de Mortimer*, his Son and Heir, who lived in the Year 1263, when [n] the Barons roſe againſt King *Henry* III. among whom Sir *Henry Haſtyngs* who was very active againſt the King, came and beſieged the Caſtle of *Bukenham*, becauſe Sir *Robert de Tateſhale* the 2d of that Name, who was Owner of it, held it, and declared openly for the King, and great Part of the Neighbouring Country, ſent Men and Arms, and what Aſiſtance they could to him, in Order to enable him to endure the Seige; but among others our [o] Sir *Robert de Mortimer*, ſent a Servant of his called *Leonine*, to the Caſtle during the Seige with ſome Private Information, to the beſieged, (as it ſhould ſeem) for the Seige being raiſed upon it, Sir *Henry* went to Sir *Robert*'s Manors in this County, and burnt the Houſes and waſted the Stocks found upon them; whither Sir *Rob.* himſelf was killed I don't know, but he died this very Year, for in the Year following

*William de Mortimer* his Son and Heir was in the Cuſtody of the Earl *Warren*, [p] who now was of the King's Side, ſo that he and his Goods were ſafe and protected by the Caſtle. Sir *William* being always attached, as well as his Father, to the Kings Side, was ſummoned by the King, to attend his Service among his Judges and Council; In 1282, he obtain'd a Charter for a Market at *Stanford* in this County upon *Tueſday* in every Week, and a Fair on *Witſon-Eve*, *Whit-Sunday*, and the Morrow following; in 1285, [p] he demanded againſt the Prior of *Shouldham*, the Advowſon of *Stanford* Church, and ſet forth his Pedigree, from *Robert de Mortimer* who was ſeized of that Advowſon in *Henry* II. Time, and preſented *Richard de Greneweſvill* thereto, *viz. Robert* aforeſaid had Iſſue, *William* his Son and Heir, who had *Robert* his Son and Heir, who had *William* his Son and Heir, who had Iſſue, *Robert*, who had Iſſue, this Sir *William* the Demandant; by which Record the truth of the Pedigree, is plainly proved, when it would have been difficult otherwiſe, there being ſo many Collateral Branches of this Noble Family, that had Eſtates here, and in diverſe parts of this County; In 1285, he had the King's Letters of Protection during his abſence beyond Sea, about the King's Buſineſs, and in the ſame Year, had Liberty of Free-warren, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, View of Frankpledge, and Weyf, allowed him in this Manor: [r] In 1293, King *Edward* going then into *Gaſcoign*, he had Command to fit himſelf with Horſe and Arms, (as the cheif Men in *England* then did) and to attend the King at *Portſmouth*, on *Sept.* 1 to aſſiſt him againſt the *French*, and in 1296, was ſummoned to Parliament, among the *Barons* of the Realm, in which Year, being again in *France*, with the Earl of *Lincoln*, to relieve *Bellagard*, at that Time beſieged by the Earl of *Arras*, he was taken Priſoner, and carried to *Paris*, where he died as it ſeems, being then called *William de Mortimer* of *Kingſtone*. [s] The Book of *Woodbridge* ſaith, that this Sir *William*, Lord of the Manor here, founded a Chapel of the *Holy Croſs*, and that he died *Tueſday November* the 12, 1297, and is buried in his own Chapel; all which is True, tho' Mr. *Weaver* ſeems to miſ-underſtand it; For the College here, which was afterwards founded by Sir *Robert Mortimer* his Grandſon, being dedicated to the *Holy Croſs*, made him doubt, which was the real Founder, when the Truth is, they were different Foundations; The Chapel of the *Holy Croſs* founded by Sir *William* for his own Interment is now ſtanding, and is called *Mortimer*'s Chapel, it being the South Tranſept or Chapel, oppoſite to *Chanticlere*'s which is on the North Side, and by Reaſon of the Officiating Prieſt's that daily ſerved in theſe Chapel's, before the Foundation of the College, this Church was in the Collegiate Form, and had Service performed in it, according to the Collegiate Manner: By his Will dated in 1295, it appears, that *Robert de Bauns*, Rector of *Scoulton*, *Jeffry Fitz-Walter*, Parſon of the 3d part of *Atleburgh*, and *Richard de Helmingham*, Parſon of *Bykereſton*, or *Bixton*, were his Executors. He held the Manors of *Bernham*, *Scoulton*, and *Atleburgh*, of the Earl *Warren* at 6 Fees, and had a Capital Manor-Houſe and 243 Acres of Land adjoining, a Wood of 469 Acres, a Wind-Mill and 43 *l.* Yearly Rents, beſides another Meſſuage and Lands held of Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, by the Payment of two Sparhawks a Year. [t] He died ſeized of *Kingſtone* in *Cambridgeſhire*, *Herleveſton* in *Lincolnſhire*, *Atleburgh*, *Scoulton*, and *Bernham*, in *Norfolk*, leaving

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[g] Somners Antiq: &c. Batleys Edition. p. 142.

[h] A Turnament, otherwiſe called Juſting, or Tilting, was a martial Exerciſe of armed Knights, encountering one another, with Spears or Lances, a Diverſion in Antient Times, much uſed, but now quite laid aſide; No one could hold any publick Turnament, without Royal Licence, at that Time, for Fear of any Conſpiracies that might be raiſed againſt the Government, under that Pretence.

[i] Claus. 17. Joh: M. 10.

[k] In 1205, Roger de Mortimer had 60 Acres of Land here.

[l] Dug. Bar. Tom. 1. fo. 154.

[m] Sir Robert de Mortimer was dead ſometime before 1230, (I ſuppoſe about 1217,) for in that Year his Widow who had been ſome Time married to William de Stutevile without the Kings Licence, had Pardon for ſo doing.

[n] Holinſhed. fo. 264. Vol: 2.

[o] Rot: de Rebellibus, 49. H. 3. In Turri Lond.

[p] Holinſhed Vol. 2. fo. 266

[q] Placita Jurat. et Aſſis: apud Norwic: Octab. Hilar. A°. 14. E. 1. Rot°. 2°. I find that Sir Will: after the Recovery ſetled the Advowſon on the Prior of Shouldham.

*Conſtantine* his Son and Heir then 16 Years old, whom the King ſeized as his Ward, but in 1298, *John* Earl *Warren*, ſued the King for his Wardſhip, which belonged to him, in right of the Manor of *Atleburgh*, which was held of him, and was unjuſtly ſeized by the Eſcheator, while the Earl was in the King's Service in *Scotland*, who as unjuſtly aſſigned, to [*Alice*] the Relict of the ſaid *William*, much more than her juſt Dower, upon which the Earl had his Ward, and took from *Alice*, thoſe Lands, which ſhe enjoy'd above her Dower, and the ſame Year the ſaid *Conſtantine*, [by the Earl his Guardian] ſued *Joan*, late Wife of *Gilbert Peche*, for committing Waſte in his Manor of *Kingſtone*, while ſhe had the Cuſtody of it; in 1305, he obtain'd a Charter for a Market and Fair to be kept at *Kingſton*, in 1307, he was one of the great Men, in the Retinue of *John de Warren*, Earl of *Surrey*, who was then with the King in *France*, at his Interveiw and Marriage with *Iſabel*, Daughter of *Philip*, King of *France*, in 1309, he held his Manors and Lands in *Atleburgh*, *Elingham*, and *Bernham Parva*, of the Earl *Warren* at one Fee, and in 1310, had a Charter for a Yearly Fair at his Manor of *Atleburgh*, and was in the *Scotch* Expedition, and again in 1313 and 1314, in which Years he had Licence to found a Chantry at his Manor of *Kingſton*, and to make a Caſtle of his Houſe at *Scoulton* in *Norfolk*, in 1315, he ſetled *Atleburgh*, on himſelf and *Sibil* his Wife for Life, *Henry de Spectiſhall*, Parſon of *Kingſton*, and *John de Bernham*, Parſon of *Bykereſton* being Truſtees, in 1329, upon the Death of *Thomas de Cailly*, the Cuſtody of *Bukenham* Caſtle was committed to him; he had two Wives, *Katherine*, and *Sibil*, who died the 9th of *Sept.* and he the 12th of *Nov.* following, in the Year 1334, and were buried in *Mortimer*'s Chapel, leaving

Sir *Conſtantine Mortimer*, Knt. his Son and Heir, who was of full Age, for the Year following *viz.* 1335, he was Steward of the Houſehold to *Elianor*, Counteſs of *Gueldres*, [the King's Siſter] and had an Allowance of 22 *l.* for the Charges of his Men and Horſes, in that Service, and in 1337, [u] he had a Charter for Freewarren, in all his Lordſhips and Lands in

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[r] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 144.

[s] Weaver fo. 808. 809.

[t] He left the Manor of Foxton to Maud and Caſſandra his Daughters for Life, who were ſued by Alice, their Mother-in-Law, for her Dower in that Manor, in 1298. But they were dead or had releaſed it before 1310, for then Sir Conſtantine Mortimer Lord of it, had a Grant for a Fair to be held Yearly at Foxton.

[u] In 1332, there was a John de Mortimer of Atleburgh, Knt. and Eleanor his Wife, who ſetled the Manor of Preſton in Suff. and Steleye, on Thomas of Ipſwich, Vicar of Preſton, and Nicholas de Hoo Chaplain, but whither it was ſold to Thomas, or ſetled only in Truſt I know not. This Sir John I take it, was Sir Conſtantine's Uncle, being a Younger Son of Sir William Mortimer, and Brother to Sir Conſtantine, Senior.

*Atleburgh*, *Beſthorp*, *Scoulton*, *Elingham Parva*, *Rocklond Tofte*, *Cateſtun*, *Tomeſton*, *Totington*, *Stanford*, *Bukenham Parva*, *Bekerſton*, and *Corſton* in *Norfolk*, *Kingſton* and *Foxton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, and *Herleveſton* in *Lincolnſhire*. In 1341, he was ſummoned to Parliament among the Barons, but never after, and was the ſame Year, in that Expedition made by the King into *France*, one of the Retinue to *Ralph* Lord *Stafford*, and ſo he was alſo in the Expedition in the Year 1344. In 1343, he releaſed to *Joan de Willugby* Lady of *Eresby*, his right in the ſixth part of the Manors of *Eggefeld*, *Walcote* and *Chatgrave*, by Deed dated at *Norwich*, to which the Seal of his Arms is appendant, with this Circumſcription,

SIGILLUM CONSTANTINI DE MORTI-MER.

In 1349, he had the King's Licence to travel to *Rome*, with one *Valet*, 2 Horſes, and 2 Servants, in 1351, an Invaſion being then threatned by the *French*, he was join'd in Commiſſion, with *John D'Engaine*, for arraying of all Men, that had able Bodies, and ſufficient Eſtates, in *Cambridge* and *Huntingdonſhires*, for the Defence of the Realm, he died in 1354, and leaving no Iſſue by *Agnes* his Wife,

Sir † *Rob. de Mortimer* his Brother, became ſole Heir, both to him, and Sir *Conſt.* his Father, he was Lord of *Great Elingham* (ſee fo. 328.) and had 2 Wives, *Margery Faſtolf* his firſt Wife, died in 1341, but *Margery* his ſecond Wife out-lived him, and was alive in 1388, this Sir *Robert* founded the College or Chantry of the *Holy Croſs* in *Atleburgh*, and was buried here in 1387, he had two Sons, *Conſtantine Mortimer* Eſq; his Youngeſt Son, was poſſeſſed of the Manors of *Great Elingham*, *Bernham*, *Bekerſton* and *Corſton* in *Norfolk*, and had Free-warren allowed him to them all in 1405, but

Sir *Tho. Mortimer* his Eldeſt Son, died before him, beyond Sea, leaving Iſſue by *Mary* his Wife, who died *May* 2, 1406, [*x*] ſhe was Daughter of *Nicholas Park* Eſq; own Mother to the Great Sir *John Faſtolf*, of *Caſter* by *Yarmouth* in *Norfolk*, for in his Will dated *Nov.* 3d 1459, he deſired his Subſtance to be diſpoſed of in the beſt Manner, for the Pleaſure of God and his Soul's Health, " and alſo for the Releef, Socour and Helpe of the Soules that I am " moſt oblyged to prey and do preye ſore, and for the Soules of *John Faſtolf* my Fadir, Dam " *Mary* (the Doghtir of *Nicholas Park*, Squyer) my Modir", &c. and it appears that ſhe was buried in the Chapel or Quire, belonging to the Chantry of the *Holy Croſs*, by Sir *Thomas Mortimer* her laſt Husband, for in the ſame Will I meet with theſe Clauſes, " *Item*, I wolle " & ordeyne that be the * Avys of myn Executours beforn named, that Proviſion & Ordenaunce be mad, that the Obyte & Anniverſarye may be Yerly kept in perpetuite with " *Placebo* & *Dirige* & *Meſſe*, be Note for the Sowle of Dam *Mary* my Modir & her * Auncecterys in the Chirche of *Attilburgh*, [*y*] and than on of the Monkes or Preſtys in the College " be me ordeynid, in the Mancyon of *Caſtre* forſeid, ſhal Synge ſpecyally in perpetuite for " the Soule of my Modir & of alle here Aunceteres & good Doers; *Item*, I wole that [*z*] in " Sembelable-wiſe, that a Marbul Ston of a convenient Meſure be ordeynid & layd [over] " Dam *Mary* my Modir, in the Chapell of the Chauntry foundid in the Pariſſch Chirche of " *Atilburgh*, with an Ymage of ** Laton, acordyng to her Degre, with a Scripture there abowten, of the Day & Yeer of ‖ here Obyte, with iiii Skochonys, wherof here iij Husbondes, " *Mortymer*, *Faſtolf*, & *Farwelle*, & the Ferthe of hir Aunceterys Armys", by which it appears that ſhe had 3 Husbands, firſt *Farwelle*, then *Faſtolf*, and laſtly *Mortimer*, and had Iſſue by the two laſt, if not by the firſt; by Sir *Thomas* ſhe had three Daughters Co-heirs to Sir *Robert* their Grandfather, *viz.*

*Elizabeth Mortimer* the Eldeſt, who married in her Grandfather's Life-time, to Sir *Ralph Bigot* of *Stockton*, and had her Portion aſſigned her on her Marriage, *viz.* part of this Manor, which was now made a ſeparate Manor, [*a*] *Berryhall* Manor in *Elingham*, *Ladies* Manor [*b*] in *Rockland*, &c. for which reaſon, ſhe had nothing more at her Grandfather's Death, ſhe had 3 Husbands, firſt Sir † *Ralph Bigot*, Knt. who died in 1406, ſecondly *Henry Pakenham*, and laſtly *Tho. Manning*, [*c*] to whom ſhe gave all her Eſtate, he afterwards re-married to a Daughter of Sir *Thomas Jenny*'s.

*Cecily*, the next Daughter, firſt married to Sir *John de Herling*, Knt. [*d*] and afterwards to

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† There was a third Brother, *viz.* Sir Thomas Mortimer of Atleburgh, who was dead before 1400, and died ſeized of a Part of Atleburgh which is called a Manor: And in 1403, Agnes Lady Bardolf, Widow of Sir Thomas Mortimer, made her Will, from him, I ſuppoſe deſcended Robert Mortimer, who was one of Sir John Carbonel's Feoffees in 1421. And made his Will in 1465, which was proved in 1469, in which Year he died.

[x] From Sir John Faſtolf's Will, by which I have corrected many Errors in this Pedigree, for all the Pedigrees I ever meet with of this Family contradicted one another.

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[y] Sir John founded a College in one Court of his Manſion-Houſe at Caſtre, and one of the Prieſts of that College, was obliged to Sing daily for his Mother's Soul, and to keep her Anniverſary at Caſtre, the ſame Day they did at Atleburgh.

[z] That is, Likewiſe, or in the ſame Manner, as he had before orderd his Father's Anniverſary and Graveſtone.

** Braſs. ‖ Her Death, with 4 Scutcheons &c.

[*a*] See fo. 329. [b] See fo. 326. † She had a Daughter Elizabeth by him, who married Will. Garneys of Kenton in Suff. whoſe Son Ralph died without Iſſue in 1446.

[c] See fo. 326. [*d*] See fo. 216. 217.

*John Ratcliff* of *Atleburgh*, Eſq; and

*Margery* the 3d Daughter, married Sir *John Fitz-Ralf* of *Great-Elingham*, Knt. And between theſe two, Sir *Robert Mortimer* their Grandfather, divided his Eſtate, for he ordered the Parſon of *Scoulton*, *Henry de Pakenham*, Senior, and his other Feoffees, [e] that they ſhould pay 350 Marks, to Sir *John Herling*, Knt. as the Marriage Portion of *Cecily* his Grand-Daughter, whom he had married, and 300 Marks to Sir *John Fitz-Ralf*, Knt. as the Portion of *Margery* his Grand-Daughter, and by his Will he further deſired, that all his Manors, Lands and Advowſons, ſhould be convey'd by his Truſtees to his 2 Sons-in-Law aforeſaid, on Condition that each of them, ſhould pay 1000 Marks to his Feoffees, for them to finiſh *Atleburgh* College with, and endow it according to his deſire, and accordingly, after his Death, Sir *John Herling*, and Sir *John Fitz-Ralph*, giving the Feoffees ſecurity for the Money, had the Inheritance divided between them in 1402, and ſetled by Fine; Sir *John de Herling* Knt. and *Cecily* his Wife, had the Manors of *Stanford* and *Atleburgh*, 4*l*. Rent in *Hocham*, [f] the Advowſon of *Great Elingham*, [g] the Moiety of the Advowſon of the Chantry at the Altar of the *Holy Croſs* in the Church of *Atleburgh*, the Manors of *Newenham* and *Foxton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, all which were ſetled on *Cecily* and her Heirs: The Manors of *Scoulton*, *Totington*, and *Great Elingham*, with the Advowſon of the 3d part of *Atleburgh*, and the Moiety of the Advowſon, of the Chantry at the Altar of the *Holy Croſs*, in the Church of *Atleburgh*, with 52 Meſſuages 380 Acres of Land, 4 of Meadow, and 76*s*. Rent, in *Scoulton*, *Tomeſton*, *Caſton*, *Rokeland-Tofts*, and *Little-Elingham*, the Manors of *Kingſton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, and *Mildenhale* in *Suffolk*, were ſetled on Sir *John Fitz-Ralf* for Life, and *Margery* his Wife, and her Heirs; [h] and thus the Eſtate of the Noble Family of the *Mortimers* was divided, and

In 1403, the Lady *Cecily de Herling* was found to hold this Manor at one Fee, of the Earl *Warren*. In 1411, ſhe was married to

JOHN RATCLIFF, Eſq; her ſecond Husband, and at her Death left it to him and his Heirs. This *John* was Son of *James Ratcliff*, Eſq; and was the firſt that advanced that Family to the Dignity and Honour that it afterwards poſſeſſed, being a brave Champion in War, even from his Youth, for which he was ſo much in the Favour of that victorious Prince, King *Henry* V. [i] that in the 1ſt Year of his Reign, he granted an Annuity of 40 Marks a Year, to him and *Cecily* his Wife, and the longeſt Liver of them, to be received by Half Yearly Payments, at *Eaſter* and *Michaelmas*, out of the Manor of *Tunſtede* in *Norfolk*, which belonged to the King's Honour, or Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, upon ſpecial Truſt and Condition, that the ſaid *John* ſhould not be retain'd, or ſerve any one in War, but himſelf only, during his Life; and as a further Mark of Favour, another Grant paſſed the ſame Day, to him only, during his Life, of another Annuity, of 25 Marks a Year, iſſuing out of all the Lands and Demeans of that Dutchy in *Norfolk*, to enable him the better to perform his Service, both which Annuities were conſtantly paid him by the Receiver of the Dutchy; and from this time he conſtantly attended the King in all his Wars. He was a 'Squire only, at the Battle of *Shrewsbury*, and was Knighted by King *Henry* V. upon his [k] Landing at (*Quies de Caux*) commonly called *Kidcaux*, where the *Seine* quietly runs into the Sea, and the next Day went with his Maſter to the Town of *Harflue*, which ſtands on that River, and beſieged it on all Sides, and was at it's Surrender; after which, the King ordained the Duke of *Exeter*, his Uncle, Captain and Governor of that Town, who eſtabliſhed Sir *John Faſtolf* his Lieutenant there, with 1500 Men, (or as ſome ſay) 2036 Knights, of which the Baron of *Carew*, and Sir *Hugh Lutterell*, were his two Counſellors. In 1415, he was in the Battle of *Agincourt*, in that part which was commanded by the Duke of *Exeter*, where he behaved ſo gallantly, that he was ſoon after made the King's Receiver, in his City and Dominion of *Vernevil* in *Normandy*, and when the King returned into *England*, he went with the Duke, and ſtay'd with him and Sir *John Faſtolf* at *Harflue*, from whence they ſoon after made a great Inrode with 3000 *Engliſhmen* into *Normandy*, almoſt to the City of *Roan*, and got abundance of Riches, and Priſoners; but as they returned, the new made Conſtable of *France*, hoping to win Honour in his firſt Enterprize, having with him about 5000 Horſemen, encountred them, and a ſore Conflict enſued, in which the Duke loſt 300 of his Footmen, and was forced to retire into an Orchard, which was ſtrongly fenced with Thorns, ſo that the *Engliſhmen* kept them off, and ſtayed there all Night, and went towards *Harflue* in the Morning, which the

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[e] Mr. Le-Neve quotes an old Paper Roll among the Evidences of Sir Roger Potts, at Mannington, A° 1707. in which Year he extracted (what he thought worth while) out of the Evidences of that Family.

[f] Which ſhe gave to the College here, See fol. 329.

[g] This was the Moiety of the Advowſon of the College.

[h] Fines H. 4. divers: Com: Lig. 1. N° 64, 65.

[i] E. Rotulo Compotus Ducatus Lancaſtrie in Com. Norff. Suff. Cant: &c. penes me.

[k] Holinſhed, vol. 2. fol. 549.

*French* being advertiſ'd of, follow'd and overtook them on the Sands near *Chiefe de Caux*, (or *Quies de Cauz*) and there attacked them, but in the End were quite diſcomforted, and many of them ſlain by the *Engliſh*, who came ſafe to *Harflue*, to the Conſtable's Diſgrace; this was called by ſome the Battle of *Kidcaux*, and by others, the Battle of *Vallemont*. Soon after this, the Conſtable (to retrieve his loſt Honour) beſieges them in *Harflue*, but by the valiant Behaviour of the Duke, Sir *John Faſtolf*, our Sir *John Ratcliff*, and others, the Town was manfully defended, 'till the King's Navy, under the Command of the Duke of *Bedford*, came to their Aſſiſtance, and meeting with the *French* Navy, at the Mouth of the *Seine*, engaged and vanquiſhed it, ſunk 500 Ships, went up the River and refreſhed the Town with Victuals and Money; the Conſtable hearing the Navy was vanquiſhed, raiſed his Siege and returned to *Paris*, with leſs Glory than he expected. In the Year 1417, he was at the taking of the Caſtle of *Tonque*, the City of *Caen*, the Caſtle of *Courſie*, the City of *Sees*, the Town of *Faleis*, and at the great [*l*] Siege of the City of *Roan*, being then in the King's Troop, which joined with my Lord of *Gloceſter*'s, laid before St. *Hillary*'s Gate, the reſt of the Generals encompaſſing the whole Town, which had then (according to Hiſtorians) 21,000 Souls in it, and ſuch reſolute Commanders and Governors among them, as ſwore to each other, never to yield the City, as long as they could hold Sword in Hand, upon which enſued one of the greateſt Sieges, that the Hiſtory of that Age furniſhes us with, which is largely recited in [*m*] *Holinſhed*'s Hiſtory, together with the miſerable Famine in the City, during the latter Part of the Siege, "If "(ſays he) I ſhould rehearſe how deerlie Dogs, Rats, Miſe, and Cats, were ſold within the Town, and how greedilie they were by the poore People eaten and devoured, "&c. the Reader might lament their extreme Miſeries", which Paſſage I cannot but obſerve, to ſhew among other examples, the great Fidelity of this Hiſtorian, for in the old Roll before-mentioned, is this Paſſage, "Furthyrmor, as towchyng to the derth of "Vytayles withyn thys forſeyd Cytee, one Buſchell of Whete was worth v. Scutys, one "Lofe, j. Frank, one Dog, j. Frank, one Kat, ij*s. ſterl.* j. Rat, vj*d. ſterl.* and as towchyng all other Vitailes, it was ſpendit er that we com in to the Cytee". It is plain that Sir *John Ratcliff*, and Sir *John Faſtolf*, had done eminent Services in this Seige, for immediatly after, the Latter [*n*] was made Governour, or Captain of *Conde Noreau* and the former, of the Caſtle of *Fronſak* in *Aquitain*, and had 1000 Marks *per Annum*, allowed him for the Guard thereof; He was elected Knight of the Garter, by his Royal Maſter, in 1420, [*o*] and died before St. *George*'s Feaſt in that Year, (for then, his Sword, Helmet, &c. were offered) and was inter'd in the Choir of this Church, leaving

Sir *John Ratcliff*, Knt. his Son and Heir, who inherited his Father's Courage as well as Eſtate, being well known to the King, and having conſtantly attended the Wars with his Father, was upon his Death made Governour of *Fronſak* Caſtle, and of the Caſtle of *Burdeaux* in *Gaſcoign*, in which Poſts he behaved himſelf ſo well, that King *Henry* VI. in the firſt Year of his Reign, retain'd him to ſerve him, as Seneſchal, or Steward of the Dutchy of *Acquitain*, and aſſigned him 4 Marks a Day for his own Salary, and 20 Marks a-piece *per Ann.* for his 200 Archers. In 1425, he was nominated one of the Knights Companions of the Order of the Garter, at St. *George*'s Feaſt at *Windſor*, in the 4th Year of the King's Reign, by *John*, Duke of *Bedford*, Regent of *France*, the Lieutenant, and the Companions, Sir *John Faſtolf* (whom the Lieutenant had firſt nominated) and he, having equal Votes, Sir *John Ratcliff* was now choſen, as named by the Regent, Sir *John Faſtolf* being elected at St. *George*'s Feaſt the next Year; ſoon after this, he was again retained to ſerve the King in the *French* Wars, with 100 Men at Arms (of which Number he himſelf was to be one) four other, Knights, the reſt 'Squires, beſides his 200 Archers. In 1432, upon humble Remonſtrance, that there was due to him in Arrear, for thoſe and other Services, no leſs than 7029*l.* he had divers Lands, Rents, &c. in *Wales*, aſſigned him for Payment of it; in the 13*th* of *Henry* VI. he was ſent to *Arras*, to treat with the Dolphin of *France*, and the Year following was Lieutenant of *Calais*, when the Duke of *Burgundy* laid Siege to that Garriſon for three Weeks, but he lived not long after, for having exerciſed himſelf in Arms 28 Years, he died in the 16*th* Year of this King's Reign, and was buried by his Anceſtor's in the Choir of this Church, leaving *Thomas Ratcliff*, and *Robert Lathum*, his Executors, who in the 19*th* of the King's Reign, had a Grant of all the Revenues of *Bridge-*

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[*l*] From an old Roll in my Collections, of all the Names of the Towns, Caſtels, Cities, and Abbies, that King Henry V. got in his ſecond Voyage, into France in one Year, (viz. 1419, A° Reg. 6.) containing the Account of the Siege of Roan. &c. which was written (by Sir John Faſtolf's Chaplain, as I take it) and ends thus. "Urbis Rotomagi Wulſtano Captio claret,
"Quam Rex Henricus Quintus Sexto capit Anno.

(*m*) Vol. 2. fol. 566.

(*n*) Hall's Chron: H. 5. fol. 26. 2.

(*o*) Mr. Le-Neve (whom I have followed in this Account) diſagrees from Mr. Dugdale and others, (whom I have followed at fol. 7.) it ſeeming by him, that Sir John, who was firſt Lord Fitz-Walter, was Grandſon of that Sir John, that married Cecily Herling.

*water*, and other Ports, to diſcharge a Debt of 7015 *l.* due from the King, for Sir *John*'s Services, as Seneſchal of *Acquitain*, and Conſtable of the Caſtle of *Fronſak*; ſome ſay he died in the 19*th* of *Henry* VI. but whether in the 16*th* or 19*th*, all agree, that he died ſeized of *Atleburgh-Mortimers*, *Newnham*, and *Foxton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, &c. In 1452, *Katherine* his Widow was buried here, ſhe was Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *Edward Burnell*, Knt. and Wife of Sir *John Ferrers*, Knt. and after of Sir *John Ratcliff*; ſhe left *Billingford* Manor and Advowſon, held of the King as of the Honour of *Hatfield-Peverell*, by the Rent of 6 *s.* 6 *d. per Ann.* and not in Capite, to

JOHN RATCLIFF, Eſq; their Son and Heir, who according to Mr. *Le-Neve*, married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heireſs of *Walter*, Lord *Fitz-Walter*; in 1440, he obtained a Pardon of Intruſion, for entering his Lands without Licence, in 1444, *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heir of *Walter*, Lord *Fitz-Walter*, then married to *John Ratcliff*, Eſq; proved her Age, he was killed at *Ferrybridge* (as you may ſee at fol. 7,) in 1460, being then Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and left

JOHN RATCLIFF, Eſq; his Son and Heir, nine Years old, whoſe Wardſhip the King granted to [*p*] *Elizabeth* his Mother, who then dwelt at *Atleburgh*, and the ſame Year an Inquiſition was taken after his Death, upon the Oaths of *Robert Morley*, and *Thomas Brampton*, Eſqrs. who affirmed, that *John Ratcliff*, the Father of this *John*, at his Death, held *Southmere*, *Atleburgh*, *Dockyng*, *Hemenhale*, *Thyrning*, and *Ryſton* Manors, and that he died *March* 28, 1460, having been 24 Years married to *Elizabeth Fitz-Walter*, whoſe Son

JOHN, in 1485, the 1ſt of King *Henry* VII. was ſummoned to Parliament as Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and was joined in Commiſſion with Sir *Reginald Bray*, Knt. for exerciſing the Office of Chief Juſtice of all the Foreſts beyond *Trent*, being at that time Steward of the King's Houſhold, and had this Year a ſpecial Livery of all his Lands, in 1486, he was aſſociated with *Jaſper*, Duke of *Bedford*, and others, to exerciſe the Office of High Steward of *England*, at the Queen's Coronation, but in 1493, he, Sir *Thomas Thwayts*, [*q*] Sir *Robert Ratcliff*, and Sir *Simon Mundeford*, were attainted of Treaſon, for which, the two laſt were beheaded, and the Lord *Fitz-Walter* [*r*] being pardoned as to Life, was ſent to *Calais*, there to be kept in Hold, [*s*] but endeavouring to eſcape from thence he was beheaded, and ſo forfeited his Eſtate to the Crown, but yet

ROBERT his Son and Heir found much favour, for in 1505, *Nov.* 3, he was reſtored to his Honour, by Letters Patent of that Date, and ſoon after there were five ſeveral Fines levied, by which the Eſtate was conveyed to *Richard Biſhop* of *Wincheſter*, Sir *Tho. Lovell*, *James Hobart*, Knt. and other Truſtees, who ſetled the whole on the ſaid *Robert* and his Heirs, except the Manors of *Southmere*, *Dockyng*, *Billingford*, *Eaſt Ryſton*, &c. in *Norfolk*, which were ſetled on *Margaret* his Mother for Life, Remainder to him and his Heirs; he was made Knight of the *Bath*, at the Coronation of King *Henry* VIII. having obtained an Act of Parliament, to revoke his Father's Attainder, after which, he became one of the moſt remarkable Men of that Age; in 1512, he attended the King in his Expedition to *Therovene* and *Tournay*, in 1522, he led the Van of the King's Army, ſent into *France*, under the Command of the Earl of *Surrey*, in which and other Employments, he merited ſo well, that he was made Viſcount *Fitz-Walter*, and afterwards Earl of *Suſſex*; (as you may ſee at fol. 7.) He was one of the Peers that preſented the Articles to the King, againſt Cardinal *Wolſey*, one of thoſe Nobles that repreſented in their Declaration, ſent to Pope *Clement* VII. that unleſs he complied and permitted the King to be divorced from Queen *Catherine*, his Supremacy would not be long acknowledged in *England*: This Earl obtained a ſpecial Patent to himſelf and his Heirs, to exerciſe the Office of *Sewer*, at Dinner-Time, at the Coronation of all the future Kings and Queens of this Realm, with the Fee of 20 *l. per Ann.* for that Service, payable out of the *Exchequer*, and was afterwards made Lord High Chamberlain of *England* for Life. In 1541, he obtained a Grant of the Scite of the Abby of *Clive* in *Somerſetſhire*, with the Revenues belonging to it, and alſo of the College or Chantry of *Atleburgh* in *Norfolk*, with all it's Revenues, and the Year following he died at *Chelſey*, and was buried in St. *Lawrence Poultney* Church in *London*, but was ſome Years after, removed and buried at *Boreham*, by his Son and Grandſon. He was ſucceeded by

HENRY RATCLIFF, Earl of *Suſſex*, Viſcount *Fitz-Walter*, Lord *Egremond* and *Burnell*, his Son and [*t*] Heir by his firſt Wife, who was made Knight of the *Bath* at the Coronation of Queen *Anne Bullen*, and the firſt of *Edward* VI. had the Command of 1600 Demi-Launces, in the Expedition then made into *Scotland*, in which Service being unhorſed, he narrowly eſcaped with his Life; he was in ſo much Favour at that Time, that in the Act for diſſolving the Chanteries, Colleges, Free Chapels, &c. which was paſſed this Year, he had this Clauſe inſerted therein, [u] "Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the Au-"thoritie aforeſaid, that this Act, ne anie thing therein contained, ſhall extend to the "College or Chanterie of Attilbourgh, in the Countie of Norfolke, which the ſaid "late King Henrie the Eight, gave to Robert, late Erle of Suſſex, & to his Heires, "but that Henrie, now Erle of Suſſex, Sonne and Heire to the ſaid late Erle, his "Heires and Aſſignes, ſhall and maie by Authoritie of this Act, have and inioy the "ſaid College and Chanterie, and all Manors, Lands, Tenements, Advouſons, "Tithes, Penſions, Portions, and other Hereditaments thereto belonging or apper-"taining, anie thing in this Act to the Contrarie in anie wiſe notwithſtanding." Upon the Death of *Edward* VI. he was the firſt that appeared on the Behalf of Queen *Mary*, for which reaſon, ſhe immediately made him Warden, and Chief Juſtice of all the Foreſts, South of *Trent*, he was alſo Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter; [x] by his Teſtament dated *July* 27, A° 1555, he bequeathed his Body to be buried in the Pariſh Church of *Atleburgh*, appointing a Tomb to be there erected over his Grave, notwithſtanding which, I believe he was not buried here, for dying at Sir *Henry Sidney*'s Houſe in *Chanon-Row*, *Weſtminſter*, in 1556, he was buried by his Father and Mother, in the North Iſle of the Church of St. *Lawrence Poultney* in *London*, and with them removed and buried by *Thomas* his Son, at *Boreham* in *Eſſex*, the ſaid *Thomas* deſiring in his Will, that it might be ſo.

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[*p*] She after married to Sir John Dynham.

[*q*] I take it, 'twas this Sir Robert Ratcliff, that made his Will in 1496, and ordered to be buried on the South [Part] of the Chapel of Hunſtanton, &c. as at large in Hunſtanton.

[*r*] Holinſhed, fol. 777.

[*s*] See fol. 7.

[*t*] Ibid.

Thomas Earl of *Suſſex*, his Son and Heir, by the Lady *Howard*, inherited; He was ſent (during his Father's Life-time) into *Germany* by Queen *Mary*, to the Emperor *Charles* V. to treat of a Marriage between that Queen, and Prince *Philip*, the Emperor's Eldeſt Son, and afterwards into *Spain*, to *Philip* himſelf, for ratifying thereof, and the next Year, was by them made Lord Deputy of *Ireland*, and at his Father's Death, Chief Juſtice of all the Foreſts South of *Trent*, afterwards Knight of the Garter, and Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Penſioners, and on that Queen's Death, was made Deputy of *Ireland* by Queen *Elizabeth*, after that, was ſent to *Vienna* to the Emperor *Maximilian*, with the Order of the Garter, and after that, to the ſaid Emperor, to treat of a Marriage between Queen *Elizabeth*, and *Charles* Duke of *Auſtria*, after that, employed againſt the *Scots*, which Service he performed with much Bravery and Succeſs, and at his Return was ſworn one of the Privy-Council: He died in 1583, [y] and ordered his Executors to build a Chapel of Brick, on the South Side of *Boreham* Chancel in *Eſſex*, and to erect a Tomb of White Alabaſter, and other Stones, and to remove the Bodies of his Grandfather, Grandmother, Father, and Mother, and lay them by his own Corps; he gave to the Lady *Frances* his Widow, all his Jewels, Habilaments, Chains, Buttons, Ornaments, with, or without precious Stones, except the Five Stones, two great Table Diamonds, one great Table Rubie, one great pointed Diamond, and a great Bulloſe, which were given him on a Sword, by *Philip*, K. of *Spain*, all which, Sir *Henry Ratcliff*, Knt. his Brother and Heir, was to have for Life, and afterwards were to go from Heir to Heir, as the Heir comes: He gave 4000 *oz.* gilt Plate, and 2000 *oz.* white Plate to his Widow, and all the Coaches, Horſes, and Furniture, which ſhe and her Women uſed to ride in, beſides their riding Horſes, and Six Geldings. It appears that he uſed to live ſometimes at his Manſion-Houſe of *Bermondeſey* in *Southwark*, ſometimes at his Noble Seat of *Newhall*, in *Boreham* Pariſh in *Eſſex*, and ſometimes at *Wodeham-Walter*; he divided his Linnen into three Parts, one to his Lady, another to his Heir, a third to his Executors, and ordered them that according to his Feoffment, his Lady ſhould enjoy the Manors of *Newhall* and *Oldhall* in *Boreham*, and many more Manors in *Eſſex*, with *Atleburgh*, *Hempnal*, and *Diſs* in *Norfolk*, during her Life, and afterwards by a Codicil dated 21 of *May* following, he confirm'd ſeveral Bargains made during his Sickneſs, of divers Underwoods, Wood, Timber Trees, &c. ſold in his Manor of *Atleburgh* in *Norfolk*, and commanded they ſhould keep Houſe at *Bermondeſey*, 20 Days after his Burial, about which they ſhould not expend above 1500*l.* but yet I find that they exceeded that Sum, as the following Account informs me.

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[u] Statutes at large, Lond. 1587, Edw. 6. fol. 33.

[x] Dug. Bar. vol. 2. fol. 286.

[y] His Will is dated Apr. 1. 1583.

"A brief Declaration of the Charges, as well of opening and embalming the Body of *Thomas*, Earl of *Suſſex*, and the whole Funeral Charges of the ſaid late Earl, as of Expences of Houſe-keeping at *Bermundſey*, the *9th* of *June* 1583, in which Day the ſaid Earl died, and ending the *29th* of *July* following, in which Day the ſaid Houſe-keeping was diſſolved.

| | *l.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Funeral Charges ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— | 1629 | 05 | 00 *ob:* |
| The Body buried at *Boreham*, the Bowels in the Choir or Chancel of *Bermondeſey*. | | | |
| Expences of Houſe-keeping ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— | 159 | 08 | 02 |
| The Inventories at *Newhall*, and *Wodeham-Walter* ——— | 1891 | 05 | 08 |
| The Inventory at *Bermundeſey* ——— ——— ——— ——— | 1585 | 00 | 00 |
| Jewels given to Lady *Frances* the Widow ——— ——— ——— | 3169 | 00 | 00 |
| Inventory of the Linnen ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— | 304 | 12 | 00 |
| Jewels for the Executors ——— ——— ——— ——— | 671 | 17 | 00 |
| Ready Money ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— | 427 | 00 | 00 |
| Inventory of the Plate 19024 Ounces. | | | |

And by this Account it further appears in Relation to his *Norfolk* Eſtates, that Sir *Henry Woodhouſe* farmed his Manors of *Burnells* and *Thirning*, that Sir *Robert Jermyn* farmed the Rectory of *Sturſton*, and that *Peter Elwyn*, was his Chief Steward and Bayliff, of the Manors of *Thirning*, *Sidiſtrond*, *Atleburgh*, and *Wood-Sales* in *Atleburgh*, *Thirning*, and *Hempnal*. The Tomb ſet up in *Boreham* Church coſt 292*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* after his Death

FRANCES his Widow, had this Manor for Life; ſhe was a very Religious, Liberal, and Charitable Lady, by her Will dated in 1588, ſhe ordered her Executors, to purchaſe a perpetual Annuity of 20*l.* and ſetle it on a learned and godly Preacher, to read two Divinity Lectures every Week, in the Collegiate Church at *Weſtminſter*, where ſhe was buried, in St. *Paul*'s Chapel, *April* 15, 1589, as her Inſcription ſhews us; She it was that eſtabliſhed the laſt College, that was ever founded in the Univerſity of *Cambridge*, for ſhe ordered her Executors to beſtow the Sum of 5000*l.* over, and beſides all her Goods unbequeathed, for the erecting of a new College in that Univerſity, to be called, the Lady *Frances-Sidney Suſſex* College, and purchaſing Lands to be annexed to it, to maintain a Maſter, 10 Fellows, and 20 Schollars, which Foundation is now called *Sidney-College*: It ſeems as if ſhe had in her Life-time purchaſed the Scite of it, and fitted up ſome Part, for in the Account of the Charge of the Performance of her Will, delivered in *July* 1589, is this, "*Item*, The College to be erected or inlarged at *Cambridge*, v. m. *l.*" in which Account it appears, that her Funeral coſt 1368*l.* her Tomb 200*l.* her Benevolence to the Poor, to Preachers and Priſoners 100*l.* her perpetual Lecture 200*l.* the Surgeon for ſearing her Corps 20*l.* and her Executors were chargeable with 10,996*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* to perform all her Legacies, of which, they received in ready Money by her, 3997*l.* by 4614 *oz.* of Plate, 1220*l.* by 4868 *oz.* of White or ungilt Plate, 1164*l.* by Jewels 2652*l.* &c. at her Death the Manor went to

HENRY Earl of *Suſſex*, Brother of *Thomas*, Earl of *Suſſex*, late Husband of the ſaid *Frances*, who was Knight of the Garter, and Captain or Governour of the Town and Iſle of *Portſmouth*, he died in 1593, and was buried by the Lady *Honora* his Wife, and his other Anceſtors, at *Boreham* aforeſaid, leaving

ROBERT, Earl of *Suſſex* his Son and Heir, who in the 37 of *Elizabeth*, was ſent into *Scotland* by the Queen, to ſtand in her ſtead, as a Godfather, at the Chriſtening of Prince *Henry*; in the 39*th* of that Queen he was in the Voyage with *Robert* Earl of *Suſſex*, to *Cadiz*, and in 1621, was inſtalled Knight of the Garter, and often reſided here, he had two Sons and two Daughters, which all died in his Life-time, without Iſſue; *Henry Ratcliff*, Lord *Fitz-Walter*, his Eldeſt Son, married *Jane* Daughter of Sir *Michael Stanhope*, Knt. but died a young Man. In the Regiſter of this Pariſh, I find theſe odd Verſes (compoſed by *John Forbie* then Rector) upon his Death, and upon the Reſemblance of the Star, which he gave for his Conuſance, *viz.*

Where is the *Starr*, the Hope of *Suſſex* Name?
HENRY FITZ-WALTER's, that bright ſhining Beame?
What men't you Fates, ſo ſone his Life t'aſſault?
Was there in him, ſuch noted heinous Fault?
Death is the Debt, that every one muſt pay,
To blame you are, that tooke him now away,
He was the Hope to raiſe up Noble Blood,
Which long had been, & might yet long have ſtood,

In him is cut off all that Noble Fame,
Which hundred Years hath houlden in that Name,
This is our Joy, that Joies he doth poſſeſſe,
And is a *Starr* now fix'd in Heav'nly Bleſſe.

*And theſe following, by* EDWARD BARTHLETT, *Gent.*

In Heaven new fixt, I lately ſaw a *Starr*
That ſhin'd in Earth, but now excelleth farr,
All Heavenly *Starres*, ſave them without compare
That in the Heavens, amongſt them, placed are.
This *Starr* in Earth, did with ſuch Beauty ſhine,
Which was the Cauſe that it ſo ſoon did clime,
Up to the Heavens to God, who for it ſent,
To increaſe and beautify the Firmament.
Death brought the News, with him, who can prevaile?
And vaine are Tears, for whoſe great loſſe we waile;
His Death our loſſe it is, our loſſe his Gaine,
In winning Heaven, through looſing mortal Paine,
But by his Death, dyes Noble *Suſſex* Race,
Which none can helpe, but God by his good Grace.

And in the ſaid Regiſter, it is thus enter'd, *Robert Ratcliff* our Lord, the Honourable Earl of *Suſſex*, Knight of the Garter, died at *London* in *Sept.* and his Lady the Counteſs, died not long before, in the Year 1629, he left

Sir Alexander Ratcliff, Knight of the Noble Order of the *Bath*, his adopted Heir unto this Manor, who was deſcended from Sir *Alexander Ratcliff* of *Ordſall*, Knt. Grandſon to *Robert Ratcliff*, the 1st Earl of *Suſſex* of that Name, which *Alexander* died in 1548, leaving by *Alice* Daughter of Sir *John Booth* one Son, *viz.* Sir *William Ratcliff* of *Ordſall*, Knt, who married *Margaret* Daughter of Sir *Edmund Trafford*, by whom he had Sir *John Ratcliff* of *Ordſall*, Knt. who was killed in the Engagment againſt the *French* at the Iſle of *Rhee Oct.* 29 1627, leaving by *Anne*, Daughter of *Thomas Aſhow*, our Sir *Alexander Ratcliff*, who was made Knight of the *Bath* at the Coronation of King *Charles* I. and married *Jane* the Natural Daughter of *Robert* Earl of *Suſſex*, ſhe out-lived him, and after married Dr. *Lewis*; he left it at his Death to

John Ratcliff Eſq; his Eldeſt Son, who ſold it to

Sir Francis Bickley about 1657, who was buried in a Vault of his own making, in *Mortimer*'s Chapel, in the Year 1670, leaving

Sir Francis Bickley, Baronet his Son and Heir, whoſe Son

Sir Francis, had * three Wives, by *Debora* Daughter of Sir *Cornelius Vermuyden* Knt. he had Sir Francis Bickley, Bart. now living, who ſold the Eſtate to

Sir James Ash's Mother, who left it in Truſt to Mrs. *Mary Windham*, for the uſe of Sir *James Aſh*'s Male Iſſue, but that failing, it came to Joseph-Windham Ash, Eſq; who is now Lord and ſole Patron; The Advowſon of the 3d Part being purchaſed by Mrs. *Windham*, of Sir *Algernoon Potts*. The Stile of the Court is, *Atleburgh-Hall* with it's Members; The Fines are at the Lords Will, and the Eldeſt Son is Heir.

## The † *Ware-Pound*, or *Frowick-Court*,

Is the ſuperior Court, all the other Manors being held of it, it is always kept on *Whitſunday* very Early in the Morning, by a Tree, which was on a Hill in the Street, (but is now cut down) and is commonly called, *The Scolding-Court*, it being obliged to be over and done with, before Sun riſe, according to Cuſtom, or elſe the whole Rents of the Court are forfeited for that Year; in the 38 of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Robert* Earl of *Suſſex* paid 16*d.* for the Manors in this Town, held of this Court, and 2*d.* for the College Lands, which are held of it alſo, as are ſeveral of the Capital Meſſuages, by the Rents of Pence, and Half-Pence only, the whole being Freehold, and the Rents amounting in all to 2*s.* 2*d. ob:*

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* His ſecond Wife was Mary, Daughter of Sir Humphry Winch, by whom he had three Sons now living, Capt. John Bickley, the Rev. Mr. Humphry Bickley: now Rector of the two Parts of Atleburgh, both ſingle, and Mr. Joſeph Bickley who is ſetled in Virginia, married and hath Iſſue, his third Wife was Widow of Pointer, by whom he had no Iſſue.

† The Originals whence the following Accounts are extracted, are all in my own Hands.

This always belonged to the Hundred of *Shropham* as it now does, together with the *Letes* of the whole Town, it's Hamlets, and whatever belong to the Manors of this Town lying in *Beſthorp*, for all which the annual *Lete Fees*, join'd together, are 6 *s.* 4 *d. ob:* a Year. The Lord of the Hundred hath alſo a Hundred Court belonging to this Town, to be kept every three Weeks, with full Power to end and determine all Suits, and Pleas of Debt, not exceeding 40 *s.* in which any Reſident in this Town are concerned, and Power to levy, in as ample a Manner, as the County Court: To him belongs alſo the Market, which is held on *Thurſday*, and was formerly remarkable for the Number of fat Bullocks and Sheep, which uſed to be expoſed and ſold here every other Market Day, but now this is wholly loſt, and the Market itſelf is very near it; there are three Fairs kept every Year, the firſt on *Maundy Thurſday*, but by what Authority, or to whom it belongs, I know not, the ſecond on *Aſcention-Day*, this belongs to *Mortimer*'s Manor, being granted in 1310, to Sir *Conſtantine Mortimer*, the third belongs to the Lord of the Hundred, with which it was given to the *Albanys*, and is kept according to it's Inſtitution, on the 15 Day of *Auguſt*, it being the Day of the Dedication of the Church, and of the Holding their Great Gild, both which were dedicated to the Honour of the *Aſſumption of the Bleſſed Virgin Mary*, which is commemorated on that Day. In 1656, *Robert Wilton* of *Wilby*, Eſq; (Lord of the Hundred) lett unto *Francis Bickley* (Lord of the Manor) for 21 Years, at the Rent of 10 *s.* a Year, "A Weekley, free and open Markett in the Towne of *Attleburgh*, on *Thorſday* in every "Weeke, and alſoe one Faire Yearly, & every Yeare to be holden there, upon the 15*th* "Day of *Aug:* and alſo free Liberty of Picage, & Stallage, in and upon the waſt Grounds, "in the Street called the *Town-ſtreet*, in *Attleburgh*, from the Signe of the *Angell*, to the "Signe of the *Starre*, on the one Side of the Street, and from the Signe of the *Griffin*, to "the turning of the Wall of the Church-Yard, over-againſt the Signe of the *Starre*, on the "other Side of the Street, and for the ſetting up of Penns & Stalls, & for the buyeing, ſelling, & vending of all manner of Proviſion for Food, and for ſale of any other Commodities whatſoever, &c. and alſo all Benefitts, Profitts, &c. coming or acrueing by the "ſaid Marketts and Faires, and of the Stalls, Penns, Standings, and Places there; and alſo "free Liberty of uſing the Pound, erected upon the waſt Ground in *Attleburgh* aforeſaid." The Lord of the Hundred hath all Felon's Goods forfeited, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, a Tumbrell, or Ducking-ſtool (which is but lately decayed) Weyf, and Strey, Free-warren, Liberty of the Game, Fugitives Goods, and all Forfeitures, beſides other Priviledges, all which were confirmed in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, when the Hundred was in her own Hands, as appears by an Inquiſition, taken before *Henry Blake*, Gent. the Queen's Steward of her Liberty, and Hundred of *Shropham*, in a General Hundred Court held at *Ketelbrigge*, upon the Oaths of *Richard Cook*, and many others, who ſwore that the Queen, in Right of her Liberty and Hundred of *Shropham*, and alſo her Farmers and Bailiffs of the ſame, have, and immemorially have had, the ſuperior Juriſdiction over all the Commons, Waſtes, Heaths, and Marſhes, together with the Liberty of Driving them, and taking all Strays found thereon, in the Towns of *Atleburgh*, *Beſthorp*, *Harpham*, *Wilby*, *Snitterton*, *Illington*, *Larling*, *Shropham-Parva*, *Breckles*, *Rockland*, *Ellingham-Magna*, *Rowdham*, *Brettenham*, *Kilverſton*, &c. and alſo all Out-laws, Fugitives, and Felons Goods, and other Forfeitures; and alſo a Court-Lete in each Town, with full Power to compel all Reſidents to Suit and Service to it, once in a Year, and to preſent and puniſh all Offences, puniſhable in a Lete, as well touching the ſaid Commons, Waſtes, Heaths, and Marſhes, as other Things, and to puniſh all falſe Commoners and Surchargers of the Commons; all which Liberties relating to theſe Towns, were returned by the Queen's Mandate, upon Inquiſition as aforeſaid, becauſe the Lords of theſe Manors began within 20 Years laſt paſt, to claim and uſurp within their ſeveral Manors, the Liberty of Gaming, and puniſhing falſe Commoners, and Surchargers, and other Liberties, upon which the Queen brought Actions againſt the Earl of *Suſſex*, then Lord of *Mortimer*'s in *Atleburgh*, *Tho. Green*, Gent. Lord of *Harpham*, *Ralph Chaumberleyn*, Knt. Lord of *Moynes*, and *Kirkhall* in *Rockland*, the Heirs of *Anthony Gurnay*, Eſq; Lord of *Elingham*, the Lord of *Snitterton*, *Robert Allington*, Lord of *Larling-Ford*, the Lord of *Bretenham*, &c. but they acknowledged her Liberties, and obtain'd their Diſcharge.

## The *Great Rectory* MANOR,

Belongs to the Rector of the Greater Part, or the two Parts of *Atleburgh*, and the Rector thereof now is, and his Predeceſſors always were Lords of it, the preſent Rectory-Houſe which joins to the South Side of the Church-Yard, is the Scite of it, and it hath 10 Acres of Glebe Land, the only remaining Part of it's antient Demeans, the reſt being now held by Copy of Court-Roll. The Cuſtoms are, that the Eldeſt Son is Heir, the Houſes are at the Lord's Will, but the Land is a ſet Fine of 2 *s.* an Acre.

## *The Little-Rectory* MANOR,

Belongs to the Rector of the leſſer or third Part of *Atleburgh*, and the preſent Rector now is, and his Predeceſſors always were Lords of it, the Scite of it is now down, the Cloſe in which it ſtood, contains 3 Acres, and is all that remain of it's antient Demeans, the Cuſtoms are the ſame, as the great Rectory Manor.

And now having given my Readers an Account of the ſeveral Manors, I ſhall proceed to

## *The* CHURCH,

Which is dedicated in Honour of the *Aſſumption of the Bleſſed Virgin*, tho' there is no Part of that Church which was firſt built here, now ſtanding, but the Tower only, and that not ſo high as it was Originally, the antique Gothic Arches, which are to be ſeen in the Bell-Chamber ſhew us it's Antiquity, and that the Bells were never deſigned to be hung there, it ſeems to me, that it was firſt reduced to the Collegiate Form, when the Chapels were founded, and the old Chancel of the Pariſh Church taken down, and it's Nave converted into a Quire, *Mortimer*'s Chapel on the South Side, and *Chanticlere*'s on the North, making two handſome Tranſepts, and at the Foundation of the College, it is apparent, that the preſent Pariſh Church *viz.* the Nave two Iſles and North Porch, was begun to be built, and was not finiſhed till ſome time after; who was the Founder of the firſt Church we know not, but the firſt Alteration that was made in it, was by Sir *William de Mortimer*, who founded the South Chapel, for his own Interment, and 'tis highly probable, made the Nave of the old Church into a Quire, and new toped the Steeple, becauſe after his Foundation, Service was performed after the Collegiate Manner, this was finiſhed before 1297, in which Year he died. The North Chapel, was founded afterwards, by *Thomas Chaunticler* who was buried in it in 1379, and when the College was founded, the Pariſh were entirely excluded from the old Pariſh Church, and that was appropriated for a Quire, for the uſe of the College only, and in Recompence thereof the Founders of the College, their Friends, and other Pious Benefactors, built the Nave and two Iſles, for the uſe of the Pariſh only, and ſo the Quire, becauſe it belonged to the College only, was given with it by King *Henry* VIII. to *Robert*, Earl of *Suſſex*, who was then Lord, who being of a covetous Diſpoſition, was ſo far from ſparing the Building, that (as the Pariſh Regiſter informs me) he not only pull'd down, and ſpoil'd the Chancel, but alſo pull'd up many fair Marble Grave-Stones of his Anceſtors, with Monuments of Braſs upon them, and other fair good Pavement, and carried them and laid them for Floors, in his Hall, Kitchen, and Larder-Houſe, where they where lying, when the Account was inſerted in the Regiſter, and beſides this he got 14 Croſſes and as much Town Plate, as was then worth above 100*l.* from the Church, and by this means the Chancel was reduced to Ruins, as we now ſee it.

The Rectories of this Church are in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry and *Rockland* Deanry, the two Parts, or the Greater Part, is valued in the King's Books at, 19*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* and pays Firſt Fruits, and 1*l.* 18*s.* 10*d. ob:* Yearly Tenths. The Leſſer Part, or the third Part, was valued at 8*l.* 2*s* 6*d.* but being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 42*l.* 5*s.* only, it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths.

The Greater Part or the two Parts annexed, otherwiſe called *Hamon's Portion*, from *Hamon de Warren*, who was Rector of it at it's Taxation, when *Norwich Domeſday-Book* was compiled, had Sir *Robert de Tateſhale* for it's Patron, the Rector had a Houſe and 27 Acres of Glebe, and *William de Mortimer* was Patron of the 3d Part, and it's Rector had a Houſe alſo, and 27 Acres Glebe, the Greater Part pay'd 18*d.* Synodals, and the Leſſer 1*s.* beſides their Procurations to the Archdeacon; In 1603, there were 440 Communicants, and now there are about 600 Inhabitants, it paid 7*l.* to the old Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 1999*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to the Land-Tax. The Gild of the *Aſſumption*, and that of the *Holy Croſs*, were the only Gilds here.

## RECTORS *of the Greater Part.*

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| In K. *Richard* I. Time. | *Walter Perſun*, Clerk. | MAUD Daughter of *Adam.* |
| In K. *John*'s Time. | *Lawrence de Sco: Albano*, or (of St. *Alban's*) | ISOLDA DE ARDERNE. |
| In K. *Henry* III. Time the four following Perſons were Rectors, *viz.* | *Godfrey Giffard.* | HUGH DE ALBANY. |
| | *Peter Giffard*, Clerk. | HUGH DE ALBANY. |
| | Maſter *William de Shirewood.* | ISABELL, Widow of *Hugh de Albany*, in right of *Plaſſet*'s Manor, which ſhe holds in Dower. |
| | *Hamon de Warren*, on *Shirewood*'s Death. | The ſame ISABELL, who holds it in Dower, remainder to Sir *Robert de Tateſhale.* |

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| 1314, 13 Kal: *Aug.* | The Biſhop by Lapſe collated *William*, Son of *Simon de Hederſete*, Accolite, to the two Parts of *Atleburgh*, and diſpenſed with his want of Age; (this was during the Conteſt between the King, and Sir *William Bernak.*) |
| 1323, 13 Kal: *May*, | *Gregory de Hederſete*, Clerk. Sir WILL. BERNAK, Knt. |
| 1324, 16 Kal: *Dec.* | *William de Hederſete*, Subdeacon, was inſtituted at the Reſignation of *Gregory de Hederſete*, who was inſtituted again, as Proxy for *William*, who being but 22 Years old, was diſpenſed with by the Biſhop, who had Licence from the Pope, to diſpenſe with the Age of any four Clerks, that he pleaſed (of which this was the laſt) ſo that they were 22 turn'd; the Words in the Diſpenſation to this *William* are theſe, "Attendentes tue "Probitatis Merita, ac alia Virtutum Dona, quibus pollere di-"noſceris, in tantum quod Fructum in Eccleſiâ Dei afferre po-"teris in futurum, &c. *Ditto.* |
| 1358, 25 *February*, | *Richard de Burton*, Prieſt. Sir ADAM CLIFTON,, Knt. for this Turn. |
| 1369, 29 *May*, | *John Stampet*, at the Reſignation of *Richard Gerland* of *Burton.* The KING, as Guardian of the Heirs of Sir *Conſtantine Clifton*, Knt. deceaſed. |
| 1404, 24 *July*, | Sir *Peter Leverych* of *Gerboldeſham*, Prieſt. MARGARET CLIFTON for this Turn. |
| 1438, 10 *April*, | RALPH, Lord CRUMWELL, Knt. was Patron of two Turns of the two united Parts, and Sir JOHN CLIFTON, Knt. in Right of *Margaret* his Mother, (who preſented *Leverych*) had the third Turn, and now, the Lord *Crumwell* granted his Advowſon in the two Turns, to JOHN DE RATCLYFF, Knt. and THOMAS his Son, and his Heirs for ever. |
| 1441, 12 *Decem.* | Maſter *William Ruſſell*, B. D. was inſtituted into the two Parts of the Church of *Atleburgh*, commonly called *Hamon*'s Portion, at *Leverych*'s Death. THO. DE RATCLYF, of *Landwade* in *Cambridgeſhire*, Son of *John Ratclyf*, Knt. deceaſed. |
| 1456, 2 *Auguſt*, | Maſter *Tho. Fairclowe*, S. T. P. on *Ruſſell*'s Death. Lady ALICE OGARD. |
| 1470, 30 *April*, | *John Hyhoo*, on *Fairclow*'s Death. Sir WILLIAM HASTYNG, Knt Lord HASTYNG, Sir JOHN SAYE, Knt. and JOHN GRENE. |
| | *Edward Bothe.* |
| 1516, 24 *October*, | *George Polley*, or *Pooley* on *Boothe*'s Death. Lady MARGARET FITZ-WALTER. |
| 1540, 15 *December*, | Maſter *John Williamſon*, Clerk. on *Pooley*'s Death. ROBERT, Earl of *Suſſex*. In 1544, it was united to the third Part, ſo that he was Rector of both. He had been Maſter of the College. |
| 1565, 28 *April*, | *William King*, M. A. THOMAS, Earl of *Suſſex*. |
| | *Henry Baide* (or *Barde*) S. T. P. He had the other Part. |
| 1581, 8 *March*, | *John Rawlyns*, on *Baide*'s Reſignation. The EARL of *Suſſex*, united the ſame Day to the Leſſer Part. |
| 1614, 30 *Nov.* | *John Forbie*, S. T. B. RICHARD HUNT, S. T. B. he had the 3d Part. |
| 1638, 29 *Decem.* | *Henry Nerford*, S. T. B. THO. PETTUS, Eſq; he had the 3d Part. |
| 1683, 31 *Jan.* | *Richard Bickley*, A. M. FRANCIS BICKLEY, Bart. united to the 3d Part. |
| 1708, 22 *Decem.* | The Rev. Mr. *Humphry Bickley*, the preſent Rector, on *Rich. Bickley*'s Death. Sir FRANCES BICKLEY, Bart. |

## RECTORS *of the Leſſer or third Part, commonly called* Weſtker.

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| 1295, | *Jeffery*, Son of *Walter de Hengham.* |
| 1306, Prid: Kal: *June*, | *John Le-Courzun* of *Carleton.* Sir JOHN DE THORP, and ALICE his Wife. |
| 1320, 5 Non: *May*, | *Oliver de Mounpynſon*, Prieſt, on *Curzoun*'s Reſignation, who changed this for *Taterſet St. Andrew.* *Ditto.* |

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| 1349, 27 *July*, | *Robert Taylour* of *Atleburgh* Prieſt. Sir CONST. MORTIMER, Knt. |
| 1374, 3 *Jun.* | *Simon Howiſſone* of *Skulton* Prieſt, to the Rectory of the third Part of *Atleburgh*, commonly called *Weſtker*. Sir ROBERT DE MORTIMER. |
| 1381, 30 *Decem.* | *John Warbald* of *Scoulton* Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1393, 5 *Feb.* | *John Goodrich* of *Atleburgh* Prieſt, MARGARET Relict of Sir ROBERT MORTIMER Knt. |
| 1424, 19 *May*, | *Thomas Cove*, on *Goderich*'s Reſignation, JOHN FITZ-RAUFF Eſq; |
| 1446, 30 *Nov.* | *Henry Sythyng*, on *Cove*'s Death, to *Weſtker*, WILLIAM WARNAR Eſq. |
| 1451, 14 *Jan.* | *Thomas Algar*, on *Sythyng*'s Reſignation, *Ditto.* |
| 1452, 30 *Oct.* | *Walter Pamyn*, JOHN CONYERS Eſq; |
| 1476, 17 *March*, | *John Radclyff*, on *Pamyn*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1524, 30 *June*, | *Richard Claydon*, on *Radclyff*'s Death. Lapſe, he was Brother to JOHN CLAYDON Maſter of the College. |
| | *Alan Whitlarke.* Mr. ROBERT FEN, and JOHN SOTHERTON, for this Turn, by Grant of ANTHONY GURNAY, Eſq. |
| 1536, 26 *Nov.* | *Stephen Prewet*, [or *Prowet*] on *Whitlarke*'s Death. *Ditto.* |
| 1544, 19 *March*, | Maſter *John Williamſon*, on *Prewet*'s Reſignation. JAMES UNDERWODE, for this Turn, by Grant of ANTHONY GURNAY, Eſq; true Patron. He had the other Parts. |
| | *Gilbert Berkeley*, S.T.P. Biſhop of *Bath* and *Wells*; whether he had the other Parts I can't find, nor yet his Inſtitution to this, * He was born in *Norfolk*, † conſecrated at *Lambeth* 24 *March*, 1559, had the Temporalities reſtored *July* 10, 1560, died *Nov.* 2, 1581, and is buried at *Wells*, I ſuppoſe he held this 'till 65 in *Commendam*. |
| 1565, 22 *Aug.* | *William King*, A. M. Rector of the Rectory of the two Parts, was inſtituted into the third Part, at the Preſentation of CHRISTOPHER HEYDON, Knt. in Right of *Anthony Gurnay*, Eſq; the Vacancy happening by the laſt Incumbent's Promotion to the Biſhoprick of *Bath* and *Wells*. |
| | *Henry Baide* [or *Barde*] S. T. P. |
| 1581, 8 *March*, | *John Rawlyns*, on *Baide*'s Reſignation. HENRY GURNAY, Eſq: united to the other Part. |
| 1614, 21 *Dec.* | *Henry Womack*, A. M. *Ditto.* united to *Great-Elingham*, where he died in 1628, he was ordained 5 *Dec.* 1589, and |
| | *John Forbie* Rector of the two Parts ſucceeded, who died in 1638. |
| 1639, 27 *June*, | *Henry Nerford*, Rector of the Greater Part, on *Forby*'s Death. EDW. GURNAY, Eſq; |
| 1683, 31 *Jan.* | *Richard Bickley*, A. M. on *Nerford*'s Death. FRANCIS BICKLEY, Bart. united at the ſame Time to the Greater Part. |
| 1709, 29 *April*, | *Tho. Bond*, on *Bickley*'s Death. ROGER POTTS, Bart. perpetual Patron. united to *Elingham-Parva*. |
| | The Rev. Mr. *Evan Bowen* the preſent Rector, was preſented by Mrs. WINDHAM, after the Advowſon was purchaſed of the *Potts*'s, and now holds it united to *Taſeburgh*. |

After the Diviſion of the *Mortimer*'s Eſtate, this Advowſon was allotted to *John Fitz-Ralf*, as part of the Inheritance of *Margery Mortimer* his Wife, and from that Time it paſſed with the Manor of *Elingham-Hall*, as you may ſee at fol. 328, from *Fitz-Ralph* to *Conyers*, from them to the *Warnars*, ſo to the *Gurnays*, and *Davys*, and after to the *Potts*'s, who ſold it to Mrs. *Windham*, who holds it with the other Manors and Advowſon.

The Tower which ſtands in the midſt of the Church, according to the Collegiate Form, is ſquare, and hath in it, a Clock and Six Bells, the 1ſt, 2d, and 5th, have no Inſcriptions, on the 3d is this,

It ioyeth me much, to goe to Gods Church. 1617.

CHURCH, STEDE, BEANE,
SPORLE, RAINOLS, GIL, GREENE. } Theſe were at the Charge of Caſting it.

On the 4th,

Do not there ſlack the, to Repent the. 1617.

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* Godw: de Præſ: 444.

† Le-Neve's Faſti, fol. 34.

| *Havercroft.* | *Burgh.* | |
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| PILGRIM. | CHAMBERLAINE. | Theſe were Contributors, the firſt Parcel lived in *Havercroft-ſtreet*, and the next in *Burgh-ſtreet*. |
| THAINE. | OSBORNE. | |
| NOBBES. | THAINE. | |
| STALMAN. | HAWE. | |

On the *6th*,———— J wiſh to die, to live heavenly. 1617.

WILLIAM BEALE,
JOHN ALLEN, } Church-Wardens. { *N. B.* They have three Church-Wardens Annually choſen at this Time.
JOHN STRANG,

| | *Baconſthorp.* | *Weſtkar.* |
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| Robert Earle of Suſſex, | EDW. BARTHELOT, | DOWE, |
| Henry Loꝛd Fitz-Walter, | ANDERSON, | HILL, |
| Philip Knevet Baronet. | ALEX. BEALE, | HASTINGES. |
| Anthony Dꝛury, Knt. | VENTURS, | WEBSTER, |
| Jhon Foꝛbie, Rectoꝛ. | BURMAN, | LAITE. |
| | THO. GREEN, | |
| | JOHN HALMAN, | |

Theſe were all Contributors, the ſecond Parcel lived in *Banſthorp* Hamlet, and the laſt in *Weſtcar-ſtreet*; the Nave, two Iſles, North Porch, South, and North Chapels are now ſtanding, and are all covered with Lead, the Chancel, or Quire, and a South Iſle which join'd to it, are in Ruins.

Perſons of Note buried in the Quire were, Sir *Robert de Mortimer*, Knt. the Founder of the College, who was buried in the Middle, before the High Altar, in the Year, 1387, cloſe by the Grave of *Margery Faſtolf*, his firſt Wife. Sir *Thomas Mortimer*, Knt. and Dame *Mary* his Wife, of whom (ſee fol. 346) obijt *May* 2, 1406. Sir *John Ratcliff*, Knt. Elect of the Garter, in 1420. Sir *John Ratcliff*, Knight of the Garter, his Son and Heir. *Katherine* his Widow was buried by him in 1452. *Roger Ratcliff*, Brother of the laſt Sir *John*, and *Philippa* his Wife, ſome Time after him, for whom was this Inſcription on a Braſs Plate,

> Hic iacet Rogerus Ratcliff, Aꝛmiger, et Philipa Uxoꝛ eius, qui quidem Rogerus obiit xiii° die Decembꝛis Anno Dni. m° cccc° lxvii° quoꝛum Animabus pꝛopicietur Deus.

*John Hyhoo* Rector, in 1478. *John Forby*, Rector in 1638.

*Mortimer*'s Chapel, which is on the South Side, belongs to *Mortimer*'s Manor, and was founded by Sir *William de Mortimer* of *Kingſton*, Knt. (as you may ſee at fol. 345) and by him dedicated to the Honour of the *Holy Croſs*, and afterwards re-dedicated to St. *Mary*, as ſeveral Wills ſhew me; he died *Nov.* 12, 1297, and was buried in the Middle of it, before the Altar there, at which he founded a daily Maſs, for his own and Anceſtors Souls, and ſetled a competent Salary on the officiating Prieſt. In this Chapel are buried,

Sir *Conſtantine Mortimer*, Knt. in 1334, by *Catherine* his firſt, and *Sibil* his laſt Wife, who died in the ſame Year. Sir *Conſtantine Mortimer* in 1354, and *Agnes* his Wife; and *Henry Ingloſe*, Eſq; for whom there was this Inſcription under his Arms,

> Oꝛate pꝛo anima Henrici Inglose Aꝛmigeri, qui obiit xvi° die Septembꝛis Anno Domini m°ccccc°xvii° cuius anime pꝛopitietur Deus.

*Chanticler*'s or *Chanceler*'s Chapel, which is on the North Side, belongs to *Chanceler*'s Manor, and was founded by *Thomas Chaunticler*, who was buried before the Altar in it, in 1379, and had a Prieſt daily Singing at that Altar, for his own, Wife's, and their Friends Souls.

BURIALS in this Chapel are, *Katherine*, Wife of the ſaid *Tho. Chaunticler*, *Alice* their Daughter and Heireſs, with *Thomas de Brampton* her Husband, and *Joan* his ſecond Wife: There was a Stone, having his Picture in coſtly Armour, with this Inſcription,

> Hic iacet Thomas Bꝛampton Aꝛmiger, qui obiit : : : : : : : : : : :
> m°cccc°lxxxi° et Johanna Uxoꝛ eius : : : : : : : m°cccc°lxxx° : : : : : : :

*William Brampton* of *Atleburgh* in 1503. *Edmund Berney* of *Atleburgh* in 1495. *Elizabeth* Wife of *Tho. Garret*, Eſq; *Alice Warner*, and *Robert Whetnal*, alias *Warner*, for whom there was a Braſs thus inſcrib'd,

> Oꝛate pꝛo Anima Robeꝛti Waꝛner Generoſi, qui obiit xx° die menſis Novembꝛis A° Dni: m°cccc°lxxx° cuius anime pꝛopitietur Deus.

And alſo theſe,

Hic iacet Margareta Warner Uxor Roberti Warner Generoſi, que obiit xii° die menſis Decembris A° Dni: m°ccccc°v° cuius anime propitietur Deus.

Orate pro Anima Henrici Warner Armigeri, nuper defuncti, qui obiit xxiii° Aprilis m°ccccc°xix cuius anime propitietur Deus.

Robertus Warner Armiger, obiit 7mo Oct: Anno Dni: 1575°

On this Stone are *Warner*'s ARMS, Quartered with *Whetnall*, (ſee fol. 337.) the Creſt is a Plume of Feathers.

There was another Graveſtone robbed of all it's Braſſes, but one Coat, *viz.* on a Chev: 3 Annulets.

The preſent Nave and Iſles were begun by Sir *Robert Mortimer*, Founder of the College, about 1378, and continued by his Grandaughters, and their Huſbands, and a great Number of other Benefactors, as their Arms and Effigies in the Windows ſhew us, i being not perfectly finiſhed 'till after 1405: The Chief of the Contributors were, Sir *Robert Mortimer*, aforeſaid, *John Arderne*, who was buried in the Church in 1479; *Tho. Brampton*, Eſq; and ſeveral of that Family, many of the different Branches of the *Mortimer* Family; the Biſhop of *Norwich*; *William* at the *Broc*, Chaplain, and divers more, particularly the Lady *Cecily Herling*, Sir *John Fitz-Ralph*, and others.

The following ARMS were in the Windows, ſeveral of which now remain, the reſt being loſt, *viz.*

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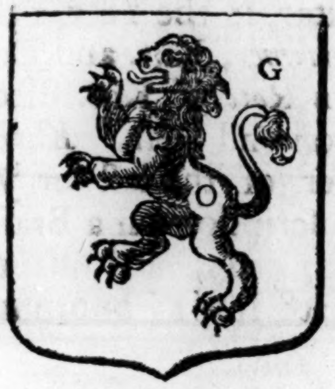

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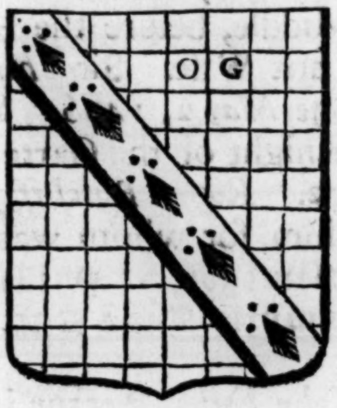

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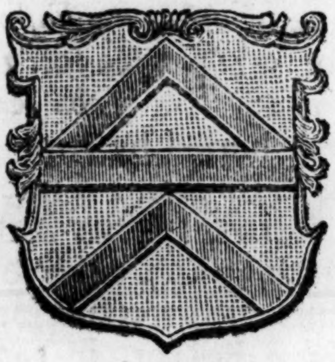

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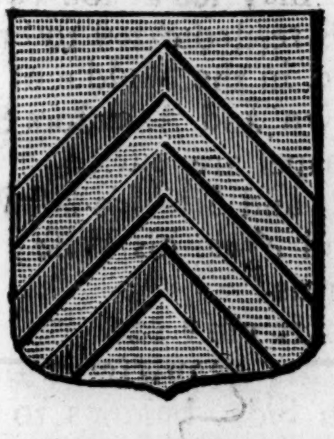

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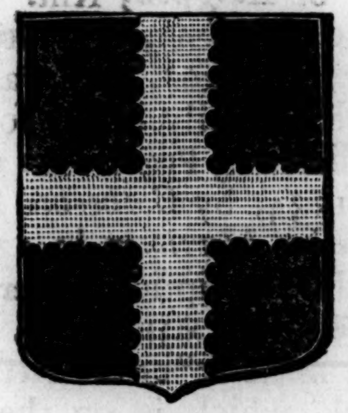

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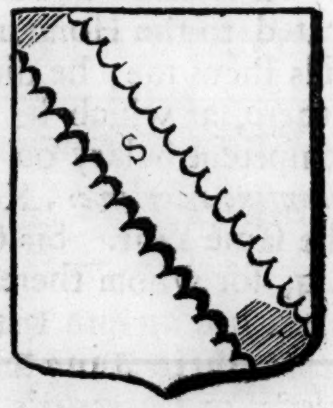

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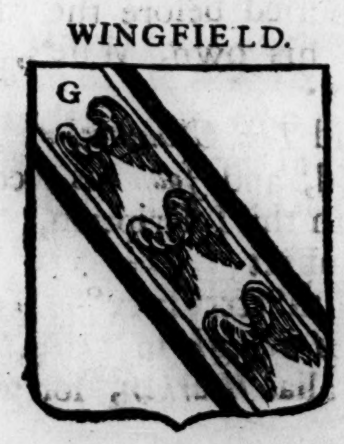

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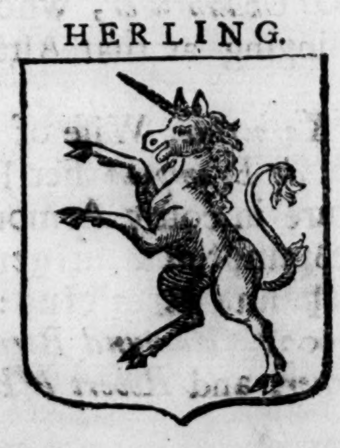

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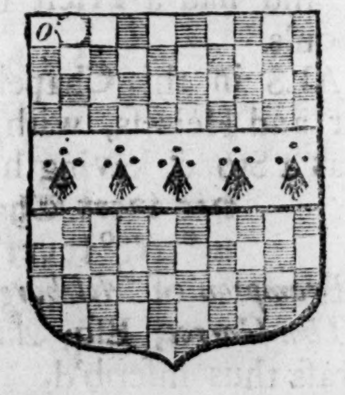

And theſe, *viz.* HETHERSET, *Az.* a Lyon Rampant *Or.* KERDESTON, *Arg.* a Saltyr ingrailed *Gul.* DENTON. BRAMPTON. MOULTON, 3 Barrulets in a Bordure *Gul.* BACON of *Baconſthorp*, *Az.* 3 Boars Paſſant *Or.* NORWICH. BOUTETORT. The Biſhoprick of *Norwich*. BREWSE, *Gul.* a Croſs Moline *Arg.* MORTIMER, *Or*, Semi de Fleur de Lis, *Sab.* The ſame with a Bordure *Gul.* The ſame with a Bordure ingrail'd *Gul.* The ſame with a Bendlet Gobonne, *Arg.* & *Gul.* The ſame with a Label *Gul.* MORTIMER of *Riccard's* Caſtle, Barry of 6, *Or* & *Vert*, Fleury de Lis counter-changed. The ſame with Barry of 4 only. *Az.* a Croſs voided *Or*. *Az.* a Chev: between 3 Boars Heads *Or*, impales BREWSE. Earl of *Suſſex* Quartering BOHUN, Earl of *Northampton*. *Az.* a Bar Gobonne *Gul.* & *Vert*, between 3 Owles *Arg.* armed *Or*. *Arg.* a Lyon Rampant *Sab.* armed *Or*, on his Shoulder a Martlet *Or*. *Gul.* a Feſs and 3 Plates in Chief *Arg.* *Or*, a Saltyr ingrailed *Sab.* Over the Porch Door are the Arms of RATCLIFF, Quartering MORTIMER, and RATCLIFF impaling, Chequy a Chief Fleury de Lis, cut in Stone. In one of the Windows was an Effigies of one of the *Norwich* Family, kneeling in his Coat Armour, with his Wife, and under them his Arms, impaling *Sab.* a Lyon Rampant *Erm:* and another Coat of MORTIMER, impaling NORWICH. In a North Iſle Window, is the Effigies of a Prieſt in a Blew Veſtment, kneeling on a broken Label, under him lies a Man in Winding-Clothes, at full length, to intimate that *William at the Brook*, Chaplain, whoſe Effigies it is, was a Benefactor to the Church, glazed that Window, and was there interred; under him is this broken Inſcription,

[*Orate*] PRO: ANIMA: WILLI: AT: YE: BROC: CAPELLANI: QUI: HANC: [*fenes*]
TRAM: CONSTRUXIT.

In 1508, *John Alyſaunder* of *Attilburgh* was buried in the Church, from † whoſe Will I copied theſe *Items*. "I bequethe to the makyng of a new Roof of the Abbey Church in " *Old-Bokenham*, iiii. Mark. Alſo I Wyll that vi. Acrs of Land of myne, called *Lamppiſgate*, with the Profights thereof cumynge Yerly, I Wyll that *Obyte* be kepte every Yer " Yerly, in the Church of *Attilburgh* for me and my Frends for evermore, and I Wyll " that myn Executors make this ſure with the beſt Councell they can gett."

The Organ or old Rood Loft is ſtanding, on which are painted the Arms of all the Biſhopricks.

In *Mortimer's* Chapel againſt the Eaſt Wall is a Mural Monument much defaced, which was erected for JOHN RAWLYNS, Rector of all the Parts, of this Church, whoſe Arms with thoſe of his Wife, are on it, *viz.*

RAWLYNS *Arg.* 3 Leopards Faces *Sab.* impaling 3 Greyhounds current regardant *Sab.*

Fui Johannes Rawlyns, Noꝛthamptonienſis,
Villa ibidem Paſtoniæ oꝛiundus, Spaldaniæ in Com: Lyncoln:
Educatus, Moultoniæ pꝛope ibidem edoctus, Coll: Divi Johis:
in Cantab: Alumnus, huius Eccleſiæ utriuſque Rectoꝛiæ per 33 Annos
Rectoꝛ, doctus, pius, pacatus, hic ſepultus Maii 11 An^o^ Dni: 1614, Etat: 67.
Coelum mihi iam Domicilium.
Unicam Uxoꝛem habuit, nomine Mariam, charam, pꝛudentem, frugi, fidelem, hic
Juxta eum ſepultam, reliquit Filios 4. Filias 2. bene educatos.
Si quæris Lectoꝛ, Lapidi quæ Cauſa loquendi,
Ingenii Ingentes hic tumulantur Opes,
Rawlyngi Laudes vivi, viva oꝛa Laudabant,
Nec Vitam functi, ſaxa tacere queunt.
Amoꝛis ergo inſcripſit, Joh: [annes] Foꝛ: [bie] Rectoꝛ ſuccedens.
1620.

On the Screens, :::::::::: Maꝛtyn et pꝛo Iſabella Uxoꝛe eius :::::::

On an Oval Mural Monument, over the Vault, of Black and White Marble. Creſt, on a Torce *Arg*, and *Sab.* a Greyhounds Head proper, collar'd *Arg.*

BICKLEY, *Arg.* a Chev: imbattell'd between 3 Griffins Heads eraſed, *Sab.* each charged with a Plate,

* FRANCISCUS BICKLEY Baronettus, pene Nonagenarius, unici Filij, et trium Filiarum Superſtitum, Triginta Nepotum, Neptum, et Pronepotum, Pater, Avus Proavus; Cum Mortem Appropinquantem proſpiceret, Cryptam hanc Sepulchralem, vivus effodi fecit, in quâ Filius ejus Superſtes, FRANCISCUS BICKLEY Baronettus (prout Pater ſtatuerat) Exuvias ejus in Spem Reſurrectionis depoſuit, et Pietatis ergo hoc Monumentum extruxit, obijt undecimo Die Auguſti, Anno Domini 1670.

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† Regr. Spyltymer, fol. 120.

* Le-Neve, vol. 3. p. 88.

*There are two flat Stones in this Chapel with theſe Inſcriptions,*

1. CHURCH, *Erm.* a Bend voided, impaling BICKLEY.

*AMYA* Uxor *THOMÆ, CHURCH* Filia Franciſci Bickley Baronetti, nata Annis 24. obijt Julij Secundo 1688.

Omnibus, amica, amata, deſiderata.
Quis Deſiderio ſit Pudor aut
Modus tam Charæ?——

Sub hoc Marmore, in Spem beatæ Reſurrectionis, reconduntur τα Λεῖψανα Deboræ Bickley Filiæ *Cornelij Vermuyden* Militis, Uxoris *Franciſci Bickley* Junioris, *Franciſci Bickley* Baronetti, ex *Franciſco* Filio primogenito, Nepotis, Quæ cum tribus Liberis, Mariti Domum adauxerat, Dolore Puerperij correpta, Animam piam placidé Deo reddidit, Martij 6to. 1669.

In *Chanceler*'s Chapel, are two Mural Monuments, with the following ARMS and Inſcriptions, BICKLEY impaling BICKLEY.

Maria Bickley, Franciſci Bickley Baronetti Filia, Richardi Bickley hujus Eccleſiæ Rectoris Uxor, Pietatis, Obſequij, Amoris, Humanitatis, et Charitatis, erga Deum, Parentes, Maritum, Vicinos, Pauperes, Inſigne Exemplar, diuterni tandem Morbi Dolore fracta, nec minus Chriſtianæ Patientiæ, quam Formæ et Ingenij Decus obijt, 24to Martij A°. D. 1707. In Sacram cujus Memoriam, Hoc, quicquid eſt Monumenti, lugens Poſuit Maritus.

BICKLEY quartering *Sab.* a Chev: between 3 Roſes *Arg.* ſeeded *Or.*

RICHARDI BICKLEY, Qui ex Agro Warwicenſi ortus, Etonæ Velatarum, in eodem Agro, Literis bonis et Religioni Puræ, prima Rudimenta poſuit, eaſdem, Cantabrigiæ in Collegio Sanctæ Magdalenæ, auxit fœliciter, et confirmavit; inde ad publicam Eccleſiæ Utilitatem emiſſus, hanc demum Parochiam Provinciam ſortitus, vigili Cura, indefeſſa Diligentia, ἔυχημονως καί κατα Ταξιν, per Annos viginti quinque, multa cum Laude adminiſtravit, obijt Nov. 25. A. D. 1708 Ætat. 71. Memoriæ Sacrum, poſuit, Teſtamento Debitum, Teſtamenti Procurator, ex Sorore Nepos, * *DUDIENUS RYDER.*

On another Mural Monument. NERFORD, *Gul.* a Lion Ramp. *Arg*,

† Beneath this Wall, Henry Nerford, Batchelor of Divinity, Rector of this Church, where he was Miniſter XLV Years, a Man learned and Pious, a moſt obedient Son and Servant, of the Church of England, his Mother, and a moſt Faithfull Subject of the King, the Father of his Country, in Expectation of a bleſſed Reſurrection lie and reſt; to whoſe religious Memorie Margaret Nerford, the Relict of his Nephew James Nerford, frankely erected this Monument of Reſpect and Gratitude, 1684.

And under the Monument lies a Stone over him, with his Arms and this Inſcription of the ſame Purport as the former,

Henricus Nerford Theologiæ Baccalaureus, hujus Eccleſiæ Rector, cui præfuit Annos XLV, vir doctus, et pius, Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ Mater, ejuſdemque et Patriæ Patris Filius et Servus obſequentiſſimus, Reſurrectionis beatificæ Candidatus, hic Requieſcit, ob. Jun. 4to. An: 1684. Æt. ſuæ. LXXXV.

I find only two Stones with Inſcriptions in the Nave, one is for *Anne* Wife of *John Burton*, 14 *Oct.* 1650. *Hodie Mihi, Cras tibi.* The other hath,

A Creſt, an Arm, cooped at the Shoulder, holding a Battle-Ax. And theſe Arms, on a Chev: between 3 Lyons eraſed, 3 Serpents.

Here lyeth interred the Body of Capt. JOHN GIBBS, of the County of Norfolk, Gent. died the 22d of October 1695, in the 48 Yeare of his Age, he married Elizabeth Pride, the Daughter of Tho. Pride, Eſq; and Eliz. Monk, the Daughter of Sir Tho. Monk, by whom he had two Sons, John, and Chriſtopher, and three Daughters, Mary, Eliz. and Anne, John, Mary, and Anne, now living.

This narrow Space confines his dear Remaines
Whoſe glorious better Part, Survives and reigns,
Immortal Virtues now embalm his Name,
And fix him high, in the great Liſt of Fame,
The gen'rous Friendſhip that adorn'd his Mind,
Was boundleſs, as the Needs of humane Kind,

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* Dudley.

† Le-Neve, vol. 4. p. 41.

But where Relation did the Band indeare,
The Rays contracted, did more warm appear,
So good a Husband, Father, Brother, Son,
As few have equal'd, none has e'er outdone;
Such Charity thro' his whole Life was ſhown,
As made the Wants of other, ſeem his own,
His Soul ſo truly Brave, he knew no Fear,
Ev'n Death it's ſelf, made no Impreſſion there,
'Tis true he yielded, but Death loſt the Prize,
For he but ſtoop't, that he might higher riſe.

* P. M. S. *poſuit, Vidua Mærens.* [* Piæ Memoriæ ſuæ.]

Mr. *Le-Neve* calls him the Famous Capt. *Gibbs*, he was a great Gameſter and Horſe-Racer, in King *Charles* II. Time. "He laid a Wager of 500*l.* that he drove his light Chaiſe, and four Horſes, up and down the deepeſt Place of the *Devil's-Ditch*, on *Newmarket-Heath*, which he performed, by making a very light Chaiſe, with a jointed Perch, and without any Pole, to the Surprize of all the Spectators.

*There is a Stone under the Steeple much obliterated, but ſupplied from the Regiſter,* viz.

"1632, *Edward Henderſon*, Bailie longe to the Lords here, a Man of Peace, Love, and Truth always in Word and Deed, buried *Feb.* 13, Ætat. 69.

"*Vivus ſine Dolo, Mortuus ſine Morbo, Æternus in Cœlo.*

On his Grave-ſtone in the Bell-Room of the Church,
*Let every Bell, his Praiſe thus tell.*

On an old Wainſcot which ſtood in the Church, *Ratcliff* Quarters *Fitz-Walter*, and *Ratcliff* impales *Herling*.

There is an Altar-Tomb in the Church-Yard for *William Cokkell*, Oct. 22, 1729, Æt. 60.
Death from this World hath ſet me free,
From all my Pain, and Miſery.
*Ralph* his Son died Nov: 30, 1729.
This Life is like a fading Flower,
Alive and dead, all in an Hour.

The following Accounts are taken from the old Regiſter of this Pariſh, which is a very particular one, it begins in 1552, they are not digeſted into a Series of Time, but are juſt as they follow one another in the Original.

1559, The Town of *Attleburgh, viz. Market-ſtreet*, and *Town-ſtreet* burn'd.

1605, *Edward Barthelet*, Eſq; buried 27 *Nov:* a worthy Gentleman, and Juſtice of the Peace, Councellor at Lawe, dwelt at the Hall, and kept a good Houſe there.

1612, Maſter *Glaſpole*, alias *Hamlet*, was buried 26 *Oct:* he was the Earle of *Suſſex*'s Bailie, and dwelt in the Parke-Hall, and was the Earle's Foreſter there, he kept a worthie Houſe, as if the Park had been his own.

1614, 11 *May*, *John Rawlyns*, Rector, as well of the Rectory of the two Parts, as of the Rectory of the third Part, a learned, godly, and peaceable Man was buried; "Terras multas emit, quas Filius et Hæres cito vendidit, Si quicquam in Eccleſiæ vel Pauperum Uſus reliquiſſet, hoc ſine dubio permanſiſſet: Uxor autem ejus poſtea diu vixit ſua pura viduitate, uſque octogeſſimum Ætatis Annum, et ultra, toto autem Vitæ Tempore, et Filijs alijs ſuis benigniſſima, & annos perpaucos ante Mortem, ſuo Viſu perempto, Cœcitate permanſit, Manus autem ſuas in Pauperes ſemper extenſas habuit, Ingenio etiam et Memoria acutiſſima, ſicut longevam Ætatem ſuam in Fœlicitate, et Charitate, tandem diem clauſit, ob: 23 Jul: 1639, Ætat 91.°

1615, The Parſonage was repaired by *John Forbie*, to above 200 Marks Charge, who ſet up the Biſhopricks Arms in the Church, and thoſe of the Colleges.

1615, 10 *June*, *Wyndham* was burn'd, being ſet on Fire by Rogues coming on that Purpoſe to the Town, and were there (the Man and Woman) executed.

1617, This Year on *May* 5, the 1ſt, 2d, 3d, and 5th Bells were finiſhed by *Wm. Brend*, Bell-Founder in *Norwich*, and ſo out of 4, there were now 5 Bells, coſt 160*l.*

1630, Maria filia venerabilis digniſſimique Viri, Alexandri Ratclyff Militis, et Janæ digniſſimæ ejus Dominæ et Uxoris, bapt. 22 Feb: in Capella apud Aulam *Atleburgenſem*, per me *J. Forbie* ; deditque mihi de ſuo Beneplacito inexpectatam Mercedem & Premium.

1618, *Edward Barthelet*, Gent. and *Mary Mundford*, Gentw: were married by *J. Forbie*, at *Hoe* by *Eaſt Dearham*, 18 *Nov*: their Marriage Feaſt after kept at *Atleburgh-Hall.*

1623, A perfect Terrier was made and delivered. into the Biſhop's Regiſtry, of all the Lands, and of all the Free and Copyhold, belonging to the Rectory-Manors, with the Rents, and Number of Court-Rolls, and other Remembrances of the Church and College, ſome Time belonging to the Church, and alſo what was belonging to the Rectory of the third Part.

In this Year a School was erected in the South Iſle Chapel, the Timber for the Seats of it, was given by the Earl of *Suſſex*, and Sir *Will: Knevet*, and that for the Top of the Font now made.

Mr. *Edmund Topclife*, Parſon of *Morlie*, gave the ſtanding Lecturne there, for the Dictionaries. One Mr. *Hathe* of *Trinity-College*, *Cant:* was the firſt School-maſter, one Mr. *Parlet* the next; the Town voluntarily allowed 4*l. per Annum*, out of their Town-Lands.

1628, Againſt *Eaſter*, a Communion-Cup was made.

1628, *July* 15, was a GILD new erected by 4 young Batchelors of the Town, and kept at the College-Houſe, of above 20 Meaſes of Perſons, and the Poor then well relieved.

1626, 'Twas continued by 4 Widowers of the Town, and held where the old Gild Houſe was, at the Weſt End of the Parſonage-Cloſe, at Mr. *Duffields*, the Poor well relieved.

1630, 'Twas holden on *Midſummer-Day*, and one Mr. *James* of *Eccles*, then the High Conſtable, and one Mr. *Robert Allen* of *Great-Elingham*, were two of the four Heymaſters, who for their own good Credit, and our Towns Gild, procured Gueſts, that there were thought to be 2000 People then there, they could not half ſit and Dine there, but were conſtrained to go into the Town, and there could not be of that ſudden, Meat enough provided for them; it was ſaid that they left no Bread in Town by Two o'Clock, only Beare was plentiful: There was no Outrage or Diſorder of the Companye. We began all theſe good Meetings with ſolemn Prayers in our Church, and a Sermon, *&c.*

*RECTOR ECCLÆSIÆ AUTHOR GUILDÆ.*

The Town of *Barnham-Broome*, hath thus holden a Gild with them, with much good Company and merry Meeting, and their Sermon was ever rewarded, and moreover in this Year Mr. LEGAT the Miniſter who preached there, had a Gold Ring given him by the Heymaſter worth above 20*s.* The Motto was——LEGATUS *Chriſti*, *Patronus Feſti.*

1631, The Church was well repair'd, and decently batteled. In 1632, the wooden Top of the Croſs in the Church-Yard, was made by *John Forbie* Clerk, by the Appointment of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, on the Top of the Side towards the Church, *Crux Chriſti*, *Salus Mundi.* On the ſtanding Part, *Chriſtus pro Nobis paſſus.* On the Tranſverſe, A wounded Heart, and Hands wounded with the Nails, *Ecce*! *Quanta pro Te pertulit.* On the back Side towards the Eaſt, *In Chriſto, Spero.* On the ſtanding Part, *Si compatimur, conregnabimus.* Then on the Tranſverſe, *Reliquit nobis Exemplum.* The Globe was ſet up to ſignify the Heavens, coloured with Blew, with Stars and Clouds: On the Equator Circle, *Aſpiremus permanſura Æterna.* The lower Part coloured Green, to ſignify the Earth, with Trees and Flowers, on it, *Quid tumultuamur? Peritura poſſidemus.*

1633, The new Organs were brought into the Church from 'Squire *Buxton*'s of *Tybbenham Cannons*, which coſt 10*l.* there, and 10*l.* more to take them down and ſet them up here, purchaſed by the Pariſhioners voluntary Gifts. and 9*l.* a Year was voluntarily ſubſcribed, for Mr. *Leſingham* the Organiſt, of which Sir *Alexander Ratcliff*, Lord and Patron, allowed 40*s.* a Year, and the Rector 40*s.* *&c.*

1636, The Communion-Table was placed, *&c.* as it now ſtands.

1642, *Tho: Downes*, Senior, gravi morbo lœſi Cerebri diu afflictus, poſtquam Dei Opt: Max: Beneficio integrum convaluit, Pulvinar Panni viridis, Fimbria holocerica et fibulis ad Angulos appenſis decoratum, in grati pijque animi Indicium Deo & Eccleſiæ Dono dedit.

1617, Divers Mortuaries paid, (as they now are, according to the Statute.)

1610, Mr. *John Littleproud* a young Man, lately in Prieſts Orders, for the Help of his Living, being but a Grammar Scholar, was buried *Nov:* 1.

1623, *April* 14, *Joan*, Wife of *John Allen* was buried, and had ſo great a Number of People, that the Church could not contain them, very many treated at the Griffin, *&c.*

1623, one *Porter* a Butcher, and an honeſt Man of *Windham*, being at Church on *Whitſunday, June* 1, as he was kneeling at Prayers died ſuddenly,

"Quis jam non fœlicem et beatum Obitum feciſſe eum dicat?

Mr. *John Chamberlane*, a very loving and honeſt Gent. of good Eſtate, here and elſe where, and otherwiſe Rich, dwelt ſometime here, removed to *Bridgham*, thence to *Barue in Suff.* died on *Whitſunday*, and was buried at *Bridgham, June* 6, he ſeemed a little corrupted and addicted to the World, and his gain, thro' an Executorſhip he had with one Mr. *Wright* of *Larling*, who might move and draw him more in that Manner, than otherwiſe it is like he would have been: He was in his owne nature a very honeſt Man.

Auri Sacra Fames, quem non inſatiabilem reddas?
Miſere mortuus eſt Midas. Noli imitari.

1624, 13 *April, Tho. Thaine* of *Burghſtreet*, near 100 old, buried.

1625, King *James*, our gratious, peaceable, and the moſt learned Prince in all *Europe*, died at *Theobalds, March* 27, having then reign'd in *England* 22 Years and 3 Days, it was then *Sundaye* and about 11 o' Clock in the Forenoon, a bleſſed Time, when every Church was to be at their Prayers, and at ſuch Time as his Majeſty was ever uſed to have a Sermon in his Preſence at Court, he had a Sermon in Court every *Sunday* and *Tueſday*, and ſo cauſed many an excellent Preacher; The Preacher was always appointed by his Courſe, out of *Cambridge*, while he was at *Newmarket* or *Roiſton*, or near *Cambridge*: his Majeſties Speeches were always Admirable, it might be truly ſaid of him as in the Goſpell, *Never Man ſpake as this Man ſpeaketh*; He was the *Englands Solomon*, and ſo was his Funeral Sermon intituled.

1625, *Aug.* 11 Then was buried *Mary* Wife of *Gilbert Greene*, Hoaſteſs of the Cock, who knew how to gaine more by her Trade than any other, and a Woman free and kind for any in ſickneſs, or Woman in her Travell and Child-Bed, and for anſwering for any one's Child, and readie to give to any one's Marriage.

Mr. *John Wever* died here, carried and buried in St. *Gregorie's* Church, *Norwich*, whi he had much adorned.

*Phillip Coullier* Yeoman, dwelt at *Windham*, died *Dec.* 24 1625, worth 100 *l. per Ann.* he cloathed every *Chriſtmaſs* (long before his Death) 20 poor Children, from Head to Foot, he re-built all the Houſes for the uſe of the Poor, that were burn't in the Fire of *Windham*, and left a Gift for ever to Cloath and Feaſt, ſo many poor Children every *Chriſtmaſs*. God grant it be kept and done; ii. *Cor*: 9. 15. *Now thanks therefore be unto God, for his unſpeakable gift*; So I preached here of that. *John Forby*.

1627, *John Allen* a very good Townſman, buried 22 *Aug*. This wiſhed to be on his Graveſtone

Hic in Ecleſia conſepultus eſt Johannes Allen, unâ cum Patre & Matre Suiſque duabus Uxoribus, prudens, fidelis, pius, pacatus, et Oppidanus benigniſſimus, Omnibus in vita amabilis, in Morte deſiderabilis, Corpore hic tumulatus, Anima Coronatus, ad Gloriam reſurrecturus, Æt: 63, Aug: 22, A. D. 1627.

Hic in Ecleſia Domino obdormit Will: Beale, Gravitate Senex, Senectute prudens, Oppidanus providus, Vita pius et pacatus, parum rigidus & moroſus, ſed Pauperibus benignus, cœleſtem Gloriam auſpicaturus, Æt: 80, Jan. 11. 1626.

Upon old *John Dowe*, an unprofitable Townſman, of great Eſtate in Land, and yet not worth a Mortuary at his Death in Goods.

*John Dowe* an antient Townſman, was buried in divers Years paſt before,
And lyeth buried within the Church South Door.
*De quo hoc verum Epitaphium haberi poſſet.*
Here lyeth the DOWE who ne'er in Life did good,
Nor would have done, tho' longer he had ſtood,
A Wife he had, both Beautifull & Wiſe
But he ne're would, ſuch Goodneſs excerciſe,
Death was his Friend, to bring him to his Grave,
For he in Life, *Commendam* none could have.

Mr. *John Hare*, Richmond Herald, ſaith in a Letter of his, that this *John Dowe*, married *Anne*, Daughter of *Thomas Cockett*, Siſter to his Great-Grandfather *Froxmere Cockett*, of *Bromeſthorp*, ſhe out-lived him and was very Charitable to the Poor and a Benefactreſs to the Church of *Atilburgh*, where ſhe was buried in 1626, and her Husband in 1620.

The Epitaph which I ſent to Mr. *Tho. Weaver,* for Mr. *John Weaver's* Graveſtone in St. *Gregory's* Church *Norwich.*

Hic conſepultus jacet Johannes Weavers, Norwicenſis, Commerciorum hujus Civitatis Comportator Londinum verſus, fideliſſimus, eiſdemq; Laboribus ditatus, Amicis amiciſſimus, Servis ſuis benigniſſimus, miſerrimis Miſericors, hujus Eccleſiæ Sti. Gregorij, cum amiciſſimo tum ſuo Johanne Freeman, per tres annos Gardianus exiſtens, hanc ipſam Eccleſiam mirifice ornarat, duos etiam hic conſtituit haberi annuos Sermones in Dei Gloriam, Suique memoriam, Diebus nempe, Sti. Johannis Evangeliſtæ, & Johannis Baptiſtæ, eiſdemque, quibuſdam terris dotavit, obijt Atleburg: pie & pacifice, Nov: 18, 1625. Inter Cœlorum Cœlites modo regnat.

1634, *Aug.* 7, Mr. *Robert James* of *Eccles,* High Conſtable of *Shropham* Hundred died, of whom there is a great Character; he kept a good Houſe, and always entertained the Gentlemen that came to the Training in *Eccles-Field:* He died rich, and was buried in *Eccles* Church.

Seneca. *Obijt viridis, et officia boni Civis, boni Amici, boni Viri, exercitatus eſt, &c.*

Johannes Forbye Clericus, Sacro Sanctæ Theologiæ Bacc. cum duarum, tum tertiæ Partis Eccleſiæ Atleburgenſis Rector, per 24 (vel circiter) annos extitiſſet, Diem obijt noviſſimum in Sancto Feſto Innocentium, et conſepultus jacet (prout antea ſtatuiſſet) juxta Filiolas ejus duas, in veteris Καιτελλκ Loco, quas ipſemet Superſtes ibidem inhumaverat; ſepultus erat 29 die Dec. hoc ipſo Ao. Di. 1638. Anno Ætatis ſuæ Septuageſſimæ prope octavæ.

1646, Gregorius Feltwell, Turmæ Equeſtris Cap: Pell Miles. Sep. Oct. 9.

*Verſes made by* EDWARD BARTHELET, *on his Mother's Death.*

My *Mother* now, doth in my *Mother* leye,
Death coucht her there, long longing for to dye,
Her Faith was firme, ſo fearles was her Death,
The Heavens are Witneſs, which drew upp her Breath,
For while ſhe lived, ſhe lived a zealous Life,
And died, Turtell like Widow, matchles Wife.

1653, *Sarah* Daughter of *John Ratcliff,* Eſq; and *Sarah* his Wife baptized.

1654, *John* their Son baptized 15 *July.*

The Religious concerned in this Town were, [*a*] the Prior of *Bukenham,* to whoſe Houſe, *Robert de Tateſhale,* the 3d of that Name, gave a Fold Courſe for 200 Sheep. In 1377, *William Ketringham* and others, conveyed Lands here, to the Priory, and there were many Lands held of the Priory Manor which laid in this Town, both Free and Copyhold which in the whole amounted to 2 *l.* 8 *s.* 3 *d.* Yearly Rents, of which the Maſter of the College paid a free Rent for Land given to his Houſe, of 16 *d.* and there was the Value of 4 *s.* 10 *d.* a Year Tythes, which belonged to the Priory Manor, for all which, the Prior was taxed at 46 *s.*

The Prior of *Wymondham* was taxed for his Temporals here, 15 *s.* 4 *d.* they were divers ſmall pieces of Land given to the Monaſtery, by the *Albanys,* and *Tateſhales*: The Prior of St. *Faiths,* was taxed 15 *d.* for his Temporals here.

The Terrier informs me, that Mr. *Nerford,* late Rector, founded a Free-School and endowed it with 6 *l. per Ann.* in Lands, and alſo gave 6 Two-Penny Loaves to the Poor every *Sunday,* and tied the Rev. Mr. *Beales's* Eſtate for it, that there are 30 Peices of Town-Lands beſides *College Cloſe,* all which are ſetled to repair the Church, and find it's Ornaments, for ever; and in the Year 1651, I learn from the Church-Wardens Account, it was then in the Towns Poſſeſſion, tho' they were forced to employ ſome of it's Produce to contrary Uſes, *viz.* " to *Richard Lawes* for defacing the Kings Arms 6 *s.* and it coſt the Town a good deal to repair the Seats Heads which were defaced at that Time.

## *The College of the* Holy Croſs, *otherwiſe called* Atleburgh-Chantry.

**Was founded by Sir *Robert de Mortimer* who was buried in 1387, he ordered *Henry de Pakenham* Senior, *Simon,* Parſon of *Scoulton,* and his other Feofees, to found and endow it, [*b*] to the Value of 2000 Marks, which they received according to the Will, of Sir *John de Her-***

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[*a*] Mon: Ang: Vol. 2. fol. 275.

[b] See fol. 347.

*ling*, Knt. and Sir *John Fitz-Ralf*, Knt. who had married the Grand-Daughters and Heireſſes of the ſaid *Robert*; and accordingly King *Henry* IV. in the 7*th* Year of his Reign, [1405] for 100 Marks paid by the Feoffees, granted them [*c*] Licence to build a Chantry of the *Holy Croſs* in *Atleburgh*, for five Chaplains, one of which was to be Maſter, who ſhould daily officiate in the Church of *Atleburgh*, for the Souls of Sir *Robert Mortimer*, Knt. and Dame *Margery* his Wife, *&c.* and to amortiſe to the ſaid Chantry, a Meſſuage and 70 Acres of Land, 4 Acres of Meadow, and 2 of Paſture, in *Atleburgh*, and the Advowſon of *Great-Elingham*, provided there be a Vicar ſufficiently endowed, and a yearly Sum of Money given to the Poor there; upon which, the ſurviving Feoffee by his Deed, eſtabliſhed it in the following Manner, as I find it enter'd in the Pariſh Regiſter, *fol.* 74.

SIMON, Rector of *Scoulton*, Greeting. Know ye that *Robert de Mortimer*, Knt. Son of Sir *Conſtantine de Mortimer*, Knt. granted and confirmed his Manors of *Scoulton*, *Totington*, and *Stanford* in *Norfolk*, and *Burghton*, and *Foxtone* in *Cambridgeſhire*, to *Hugh De-la-Souche*, *Tho. Shardelowe*, *George Felbrige*, Knts. *Tho. Caus*, *Tho. Chaunteler*, *Will. at Wend* Clerk, *Henry de Pakenham*, *John Wotts*, and me the aforeſaid *Simon*, and our Heirs, on the following Conditions, *viz.* that we ſhould hold them to the uſe of him the ſaid *Robert*, Son of *Conſtantine de Mortimer*, Knt. and Dame *Margery* his then Wife, for term of their Lives, and after their Death, to me and the aforeſaid Feoffees, and the longeſt Livers of them, 'till the Sum of 2000 Marks be raiſed out of the Profits of the ſaid Manors, which ſaid Sum after all reaſonable Expences deducted, ſhould go to found a Chapel in Honour of the *Holy Croſs*, in the Church of *Atleburgh*, and a Chantry of three Prieſts to ſing in the ſaid Chapel for ever, for the Souls of the ſaid *Robert* and *Margery*, for which a Licence in Mortmain ſhould be obtained, by Vertue of which, there ſhould be as many Lands, Advowſons, Tenements, or Manors purchaſed, as would be ſufficient for the ſaid Prieſts, one of which was to be Maſter of the Chantry; all the Feoffees being dead but *Simon*, (who had obtain'd a Licence in Mortmain) he the ſaid *Simon*, according to the Laſt Will and Teſtament of Sir *Robert Mortimer*, Knt. founded the Chantry for five Prieſts, of which one is to be *Cuſtos* or Maſter, who are all bound by the ſaid *Simon*, to pray for the Souls of Sir *Robert de Mortimer*, Knt. and Dame *Margery* his Wife, and all their Anceſtors, and to conform to the following Rules, Statutes, and Ordinances, as they are appointed by the ſaid *Simon*, for ever to endure, *viz.*

The four Fellows are to obey all lawful Commands of their *Cuſtos* or Maſter.

The *Cuſtos* and Chaplains to be perpetual, that is, not removed, unleſs for ſuch Cauſes as would deprive a Rector.

All of them are obliged to reſide in their College, or Manſion-Houſe, and live together in Commons, as in other Colleges, and if any be ſo old that they can't ſerve, or be hinder'd by continual Sickneſs, yet they ſhall continue in their Place, and be maintained by the College, during their Life.

The Maſter to have 60 *s.* a Year Stipend, and every Brother 40 s.

With this Proviſo, that *Simon Shirreve*, now Brother in the ſaid Chantry, ſhall have 46 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year, for Life; the Stipends to be paid, half on St. *John Baptiſt*'s-*Day*, and half on *Chriſtmas-Day*.

The Maſter and Bretheren to have every Year a new Cloth Suit, or 10 *s.* each.

The *Cuſtos* to be choſen by the Fellows, and the major Part of them may chooſe any one, whether he be of the College or no, and if they elect two, the Biſhop ſhall nominate which he will, and after Choice is made, the College ſhall deliver him Letters Teſtimonial under their common Seal, which the firſt Maſter elected, ſhall carry to *John Fitz-Rauff*, Son of Sir *John Fitz-Rauff*, Knt. Son and Heir of *Margery Fitz-Rauff*, late Wife of the ſaid *John Fitz-Rauff*, Knt. and their Heirs, (if they be at *Scoulton* and not elſe) who thereupon ſhall admit him Maſter, and whoever ſhall be elected the ſecond Maſter, ſhall go in like Manner to the Lady *Cecily Harlyng*, and her Heirs, (if they be at *Atleburgh* or *Eaſt-Herling*, and not elſe) ſo that each ſhall have Turn in admitting the Maſter, on Condition, that the ſaid *Cecily* will give all her Part of *Capele-Meadows* in *Atleburgh*, to the College, otherwiſe ſhe ſhall have no Turn, but *Fitz-Rauff* ſhall have the whole, and after ſuch Admiſſion, each Maſter ſhall go to the Biſhop of the Dioceſs, or his Deputy, to be inſtituted, and if *Fitz-Rauff* or *Harlyng*, or their Heirs, refuſe to admit any Maſter ſo choſen, the Biſhop may do it upon Sight of the Teſtimonial.

The Maſter and Fellows to find two Wax Tapers of 2 *lb.* each, to be lighted Yearly on the Anniverſaries of the ſaid *Robert* and *Margery*, during the Time of *Placebo*, *Dirige*, and *Maſs* of *Requiem*, to be ſaid at the Tombs of the ſaid *Robert* and *Margery*, and ſhall then give to five poor People 13 *d.* a-piece, for the Souls of the ſaid *Robert* and *Margery*.

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[c] Dug: Mon. Tom. 3. fol. 142,

The *Cuſtos* to have the ſole Management of all the Revenues of the College, both Spirituals and Temporals, giving an Account to the Fellows every *Michaelmas-Day*, of all the Receipts and Expences of the whole Year.

And upon this, the College was built for their Manſion-Houſe, it ſtood on the Weſt Side of the Street, ſomething lower than the N. W. Corner of the Church-Yard, there are no Ruins, a new Houſe being built on it's Scite, which is ſtill called the *College*; at the Diſſolution, 'twas given to *Robert*, Earl of *Suſſex*, in 1541, and ſo became join'd to the Manor, the Advowſon of it was in Moieties, one belonged to the *Fitz-Rauff*'s, and the other to *Cecily Herlyng*, her Huſbands, and her Heirs; (ſee fol. 215.) King *Henry* VIII. granted Licence to *John Cleydon*, Maſter of the *Holy Croſs* Chantry, and the Fellows there, to appropriate the Greater Part of the Church of *Atleburgh* to their College, and alſo to purchaſe Lands, Tenements, or Manors, of the Value of 20*l.* *per Ann.* and ſetle them in Mortmain, and the Lord *Fitz-Walter* had Licence to ſetle the ſaid Advowſon on the College; but it was never done, the Diſſolution following not many Years after. "In 1506, [d] "*Tho. Spencer*, Felowe of the Colage of the *Holy-Croſs* in *Attilburgh*, was buryd in the "Church-Yard, afore the Chapel Door of the ſaid Colage". [e] It was endowed with 21*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* *per Ann.* at it's Diſſolution, according to Mr. *Dughdale*; but among Mr. *Le-Neve*'s Collections, I find it valued at 50*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* *ob:* 1*q.* and that the Lady *Creſſi* was a Benefactreſs to it.

## *The* WARDENS *or* MASTERS *of the College, were theſe,*

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| 1417, 27 *Sept.* | *JOHN RYKEDON*, Prieſt, Vicar of *Elingham Magna* in 1415, was inſtituted Maſter or *Cuſtos*, of the Chantry of the *Exaltation of the Holy Croſs*, newly founded in the Church of *Atleburgh*, being elected by Sir SIMON SCHIRREVE, Fellow, and ſometime Vicar of *Elingham Magna*, Sir ELYAS SIMONDS, and Sir STEPHEN BACON, Brethren and Fellows of the ſaid Chantry, and by them preſented to the Biſhop, according to the Rules of the Foundation of that Chantry. There went out no Mandate for Inſtallation, but it was a common Perfection or Inſtitution; the ſaid *John* paid xi Marks to the Biſhop, for the Firſt Fruits of the Church of *Great Elingham*, which was appropriated to them, as all the ſucceeding Maſters were obliged to do, at their Inſtitutions. |
| 1421, 10 *March*, | *THO. COVE*, Batchelor in the Decrees. WILL. MOUNCY, and JOHN GILDENSLEVE, Fellows. |
| 1441, Id: *Nov.* | The Biſhop collated *JOHN SPYRLYNG*, Chaplain, to the Maſterſhip of the Chantry, by Lapſe. |
| 1442, 17 *June*, | *RICHARD FISHERE*, Chaplain, on *Spyrling*'s Reſignation, by Lapſe. |
| | *ROBERT POPY*, on *Fiſhere*'s Reſignation. |
| 1468, 20 *Oct.* | *JOHN CRALLE*, or *CRACKLY*, Licenciate in the Decrees, on *Popy*'s Reſignation. |
| | *THOMAS DRAPER*. |
| 1477, | *THO. DRAPER* changed his Maſterſhip with *John Powlyn*, for the Rectory of *Buxhall* in *Suffolk*. |
| 1485, 18 *Aug.* | *POWLYN* reſigned, and the Biſhop collated *John Williamſon*, A. M. |
| 1486, 21 *July*, | *WILLIAMSON* reſigned, and |
| | *PETER FOSTON*, Batchelor in the Decrees, was collated. |
| 1519, 6 *April*, | *JOHN CLAYDON*, on *Foſton*'s Death. Lapſe: He was the laſt Maſter, and ſubſcribed to the Supremacy, *Anno* 1534, with *William Brown*, and *Robert Whyttel*, Chaplains here. He died in *Febr.* 1540. |

In the Year 1709, an Act paſſed for continuing an Act made in the 7*th* and 8*th* Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, entituled *An Act for the Repairing the Highways between* Wymondham *and* Atleborough *in the County of* Norfolk, *and for including therein, the Road leading from* Wymondham *to* Hetherſet, *over the Common belonging to the ſaid Town*, by Vertue of which, the *Tollgate* on this Road was erected; it was an exceeding bad Road before the firſt Act. There is a ſquare Stone Pillar ſtanding by the Road Side, thus inſcribed,

"This Pillar was erected by the Order of the Seſſions of the Peace for *Norfolk*, as a "grateful Remembrance of the Charity of Sir *Edwin Rich*, Knt. who freely gave the Sum "of 200*l.* towards the Repair of the Highway, between *Wymondham* and *Atleburgh*, "A. D. 1675.

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[d] Regr. Rix. fol. 404.

[e] Tanner's Notitia, p. 159.

And this is all that occurs to me concerning this Town, unleſs the Fee Farm Rents which were paid to Mr. *Parker*, *viz.* for *Atleburgh-Moor* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per Annum*, for *Diteing-Hills*, 13 *s.* 4 *d.* for *Horſe-Drink-Meadow* 2 *s.* 6 *d.* for *Trim* Mill 1 *s.* but the Mill being gone, the Payment ceaſed.

# *KILVERSTONE.*

*CULVERSTETUNA*, *Culverteſtuna*, *Culverceſtuna*, *Kynardiſton*, *Kilverdeſton*, and now *Kilverſtone*; Is a ſmall Village adjoining to *Thetford*, now wholly owned, by THOMAS WRIGHT, Eſq; the preſent Lord, to whom I acknowledge my ſelf much obliged for the following Account of it, which I extracted from the Evidences, he was pleaſed to lend me, for that purpoſe; At this Time there are no Tenants belonging to the Manors, the whole being purchaſed in.

## MONK'S-HALL MANOR

Was held in the Confeſſor's Time, † by a Freeman, under *Stigand*, and contained a Carucate and half in Demean, it had a Mill, Free Fiſhery, *&c.* The whole being of 40 *s.* Value. The Town was then two Leagues long and two broad, and paid 7 *d. Danegeld*. It belonged to the Conqueror afterwards, and continued in the Crown till King *Henry* I. gave it to

WILLIAM DE ALBANY, who married *Maud* Daughter of *Roger Bygot*, who upon her Account, gave this Manor to

The PRIOR of the Monks of the *Bleſſed Virgin Mary* in *Thetford*, which Houſe was of *Roger*'s own Foundation, and accordingly, I find it return'd to the Exchequer, in *Edward* I. Time, that the Prior of *Thetford* holds a Carucate of Land in *Kilverſtone*, of the Alms of the Earl of *Arundel*, as of his Barony of *Bukenham*. The Monks had diverſe Lands here, of other Peoples Gift; In *Henry* II. Time, *Euſtace* the Prieſt, held Land of them as a Tenant, which the King confirmed among other things to the Priory: and thus it continued 'till the Diſſolution, and then was given with the Monaſtery to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk* and his Heirs; In 1568, *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk* ſetled on Sir *Thomas Cornwaleis* Knt. Sir *Nicholas L'Strange* Knt. Chamberlain of the Duke's Houſehold, *Thomas Tymperley*, Eſq; Controller of the Houſehold, *William Barker* and *Robert Hickford* Secretaries to the ſaid Duke, and *Edward Peacock*, Clark Controller of the Houſehold, the Manor of *Kenninghall* and Hundred of *Giltcroſs*, the Manors of *Lopham*, *Winfarthing*, and *Heywood*, the Scite of the diſſolved Monaſtery of *Thetford* and all it's appurtenances, the Manors of *Halwick*, *Norwick*, *Bryes*, or *Brayes*, *Santon*, *Lynford*, *Croxton*, *Munk's-Hall*, in *Kilverſton*, *Rothenhall* in *Bretenham*, and *Weſtwick*, with the Appurtenances in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, to the Uſe of him the ſaid Duke for Life, remainder to *Philip* Earl of *Surrey*, Son and Heir of the ſaid Duke, begotten of the Body of the Lady *Mary* late Dutcheſs of *Norfolk*, one of the Daughters and Heirs of the Right Honourable *Henry* Earl of *Arundell*, for Life, Remainder to the Lord *Thomas Howard*, and the Lord *Will. Howard*, Younger Sons of the ſaid Duke, begotten of the Body of the Lady *Margaret* late Dutcheſs of *Norfolk*, ſole Daughter and Heir of the Right Honourable *Thomas Awdeley* Knt. late Lord *Awdeley* of *Walden* deceaſed, for their Lives, to the Intent that the Feoffees ſhall appoint proper Perſons of the Duke's chooſing, who ſhall pay the Debts of the ſaid Duke, with the Profits of all the Premiſes, which they are to receive, during the Lives aforeſaid 'till they are all contented and paid, and then the Premiſes to return, to ſuch Perſons as ſhall be then living, and entitled to them, by the Intail, with Remainder to the right Heirs of the ſaid Duke; and ſoon after the Feoffees jointly with the Duke, by Deed confirmed, *John Bleverhaſſet*, *William Dix*, *William Canterell*, and *Laurence Banniſter*, his truſty and well-beloved Servants, and the Survivor or Survivors of them, to take and receive the Profits and pay the Debts, anb Legacies of the ſaid Duke, and fulfil his Will: The Duke was beheaded, in the 14*th* of Queen *Elizabeth*, and in the 26*th* Year of her Reign, the Earl of *Surrey*, Lord *Thomas*, Lord *William Howard*, the Feoffees, and Truſtees, all join'd and ſold it to

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† Terra Regis in Manu Regis. (fol. 33.) Serpeham Hund. CULVERTESTUNA, tenuit lib: hom: T.R.E. ſub Stigando i car. & dim. terre. ſemper v. Vill: & i Ser: & v acr. prati. tunc in dnio: ii car: poſt & modo i bos tunc i car: homin. poſt nihil. modo dim. ſemper i Mol. & i piſc. ſemper val. xl. Sol. totum habet ii Leug: in longo, & in Lat. quicunque ibi teneat. & vii *d.* de Gelto. totum Hund. reddit xl. & pertinet ad miſterium Godrici.

Thomas Lovell of *Eaſt-Herling*, together with *Rothenhall* in *Bretenham*, who in 1585, ſold it to

Sir Charles Cornwaleis, and Dame *Anne* his Wiſe and their Heirs, who in 1587, ſold it to

THOMAS WRIGHT, Gent. of *Weeting* and his Heirs.

In the Year 1285, the Cuſtoms allowed to the Manor belonging to the Prior of *Thetford* in *Kilverſtone*, were theſe, *Sac*, *Soc*, *Toll*, *Them*, *Infangenethef*, *Veiw* of *Frankpledge* and Aſſize Bread and Ale; and till lately, the *Lete* belonging to it, uſed to be kept. There is a Fold Courſe for 400 Ewes, and 100 for the Shepherd, and 250, which formerly belonged to the Church, before the Prior of *Butley* alien'd it; It was Fine certain *viz.* double the Quit-Rent at every Tenants Entry. The Eldeſt Son is Heir, and they could not waſte their Copyhold. The Lord of the Hundred hath the Superior *Lete*, which is held at the Stone-Croſs every *Wedneſday* after *Michaelmas-Day* to which all the Reſidents do Suit and Service, and pay their *Lete-Fee* of 10 *d.* Yearly, and to it belong all Weyſs, Strays, Felons Goods, Forfeitures, *&c.* There were above 200 Acres of Common and Heath, on which the Inhabitants common'd, but now every thing belongs to the Lord. The Maſter of *Magdalen-Hoſpital* in *Thetford*, held above 26 Acres, near their Houſe, which laid in the Bounds of this Town, and the Canons of *Thetford* had Lands here, it uſed to pay 5 *s.* 8 *d. per Ann:* " *pro Fine & Feodo Homagij.*

## Coxford MANOR,

In the Confeſſor's Days, belonged to *Edric*, and at the Conqueſt to * *Robert Malet*, Lord of the Honour of *Eye*, and contained 2 Carucates of Land, a Free Fiſhery, a Mill, *&c.* but one part of it was then held of the ſaid *Robert*, by *Walter de Cadomo*, and continued divided 'till they united in the Prior. The firſt Part went to *Ralf de Querceto*, *Caineto*, or *Cheney*, who came in with the Conqueror, he gave it with *Sibil* his Daughter in Marriage, to *Robert Fitz-Walter*, Founder of *St. Faiths* at *Horſham*, to which Monaſtery, they gave two Parts of the Tythes of their Lands in this Town, which were afterwards convey'd to *Cokesford* Priory after they had the Manor; they were ſucceeded by *William de Cheyney* their Son, who left three Daughters, two died without Iſſue, but *Margaret* married *Hugh de Creſcy*, a *Norman*, and left *Roger* his Son and Heir, who married *Iſabell de Rye*, all whoſe Sons died Iſſueleſs, and the Inheritance came to *Robert Fitz-Roger*, who married *Margaret*, Relict of *Hugh de Creſcy*, and held this Manor at a quarter of a Fee, and granted it for Life to *Vitalis Engayne*, *Jordan de Sankevile* and *Clemence* his Wife, who in 1217, releaſed their Right to *Margery de Caiſeneto* or *Creſſy*, and her Heirs, and ſhe with the ſaid *Vitalis*, ſetled them on *Coxford* Priory in the ſame Year, the Prior of which Houſe was always returned to hold them of the Manor of *Horsford*, and further of the Manor of *Hockering*. The other part or Moiety was always held of the Honour of *Eye*, at a quarter of a Fee, it belonged to the ſame *Robert Fitz-Walter*, after that, to *Guy de Ferrarijs* or *Ferrers*, who infeoffed the *Brooms*, and in 1249, *Roger de Broom*, ſetled it on *John*, Prior of *Coxford* and his Succeſſors for ever, and in 1302, *William*, Son of *Roger de Broom* for 200 Marks of Silver, confirmed to the Prior and Canons of *Coxford*, his whole Manor in *Kilverſtone*, with the Mill, Free Fold, *&c.* to be held in Free Alms of him and his Heirs by 10 *s.* a Year Rent, and the Service of a quarter of a Knights Fee, and afterwards *Robert de Broom*, Son of the ſaid *William* releaſed the Rent, all Knights Service, and Homage whatever, paying to *Thetford* Priory 10 *s.* a Year out of the Mill, according to the Gift of *William de Broom* his Father; in 1293, the Prior of *Cokesford* granted a Rent of 12 *d.* a Year to the Prior of *Thetford*, for leave to dig Flag on *Snareſhill* Side, to mend his Mill Bank at *Kilverſtone*. And in 1428, the Prior was taxed at 11 *l.* 11 *s.* 11 *d.* for his Temporalities here. In 1230, there was a Diſpute between *Richard* Prior of *Thetford*, and *William* Prior of *Cokesford*, concerning their Seperate Fiſheries, belonging to their Manors here, "Concerning the Uſe and Propriety of all the Fiſhing lying between the Territory of *Snareſhill*, and the Territory of *Kilverſtone*, the Prior of *Thetford* claiming the whole of the Water or River from his Mill called *Melford-Mill*, to the extent of his Town of *Snareſhill*, *viz.* the whole of *Snareſhill* Side, as belonging to his Free Fiſhery there, and this Side, as belonging to his Manor here, but the Prior of *Coxford* having a Free

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* Terre Roberti Malet fo. 76,
Scerpham H. CULVERSTETUNA tenuit Edricus T. R. E. ii. Car: terre ſemper iiii. Vill. & i. bord. & iiii. Ser: v. Acr: prati & ii. Car: in dnio: tunc & poſt iiii. Car: modo dim: ſemper i. mol. & i. Piſcatio. hic jacet i. Soc Regis lx. Acr: terre; unde Suus Anteceſs: habuit commend: tantum; & terra clamat de Dono Regis, tunc & poſt i. Car: modo ii. bov: & ii, Acr: prati ſemper ii. runc: & iiii. Anim. tunc CCC. Oves. modo CCC. XII minus tunc xvi. Porc. modo iii. tunc & poſt val. lx. Sol. modo lxxx. & i. Car: poſſ& eſſe. Galt. de Cadomo tenet de R.

† (fo. 299.) Scerepham Hund. In CALVERCESTUNA i. lib: ho: commend. tantum xi. Acr: val. viii d. hoc tenet Galt. de Cadomo de Roberto. (ſc. Malet

CREST, a Dragon's Head,
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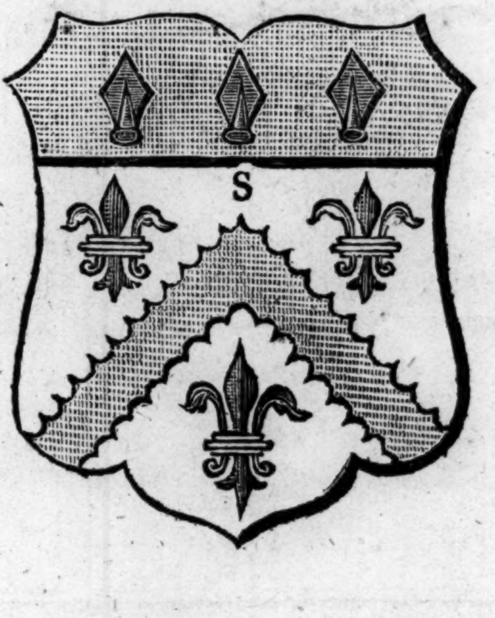

BRITISH MUSEUM

*On a Grave-ſtone in the Church.*

* Here lyeth buried the Body of *Mary Pearſon*, Wid. Relict of the Rev. *Will. Pearſon* LL. D. late Chancellour of the Dioceſs of York, whoſe undiſſembl'd Goodneſs made her whilſt living beloved, when dead, lamented by all that knew her. She died Apr. *9th.* 1736. Æt. 72.

*On a Grave-ſtone in the Chancel,*

† Here lieth interred *Charles Wright Eſq*; a Man remarkable for many excellent Qualities a moſt affet. Husband, an indulgt. Parent, a ſincere Friend, his Charity was unconfined, his Liberality was univerſale, his Afflictions were great, his Patience greater, he was a conſcientious Obſerver of all religious Duties, & remarkable zealous for the Honour of God, & Religion, he departed this Life in the true Faith and Fear of God, in the 64 Year of his Age, on the 14*th.* Day of Nov. A. D. 1729.

**THOMAS WRIGHT, Temp. *H.* 7.**

**John Wright, died ſeized of the Manors of Tindalls and Rowſes, in Eaſt-Lexham in Norff. 32 *H.* 8.**

2. Nicholas Wright, had 5 Children.—Anne, dr. and Co-heir of Edm. Beaupre, of Beaupre-Hall, by Catherine, Daughter of Philip Bedingfield.

1. Catherine, dr. and Co-heir of Edm. Beaupre, of Beaupre-Hall in Norfolk, Siſter to Anne.—Edmund Wright of Sutton-Hall in Brent-Bradfield, in Suffolk.—2. Jane, dr. and Co-heir of Tho. Ruſſell, Brother to John, Earl of Bedford, by the dr. and Heireſs of the Jervaces's of Sutton-Hall in Brent-Bradfield.

1. William Wright, ſ. p.

1ſt --- dr. of Lord Ever, Relict of Sir Jn. Salyvan of Yorkſhire, ſ. p.—2. Edm. Wright of Little-Bukenham, Norff. and Thwayt in Suffolk, Eſq;—2. Frances, dr. of Sir John Spring of Lavenham in Suffolk, Knt.

Thomas Wright of Weeting in Norff. 4th Son.—Agnes dr. of Fiſher of Witchingham.

3. George Wright, Gent. Lord of Little-Bukenham, in 1572, married at St. Pancrace Soper-Lane, Lond. 20 July, 1542, Lord of Roſe-Kingſhays in Oxfordſhire.—Dorothy, dr. of Edm. Monne of the Inner-Temple, Eſq;

4. Edward died at Sea, ſ. p.

Bridget, married to Hen. Chitting, of Wortham in Suffolk, Eſq; after to Geo. Waller, Eſq; of *Ditto*.

The Eldeſt mar. the Anceſtor of Sir Geo. Reeve of Twait.
2. Frances. ∾ Thomas Bell.
3. Millecent. ∾ John Thurſton of Hoxne, Suffolk, Gent. Great-Grandfather to that John Thurſton, who was Alive about 1702.
4. Anne. ∾ Sir John Heigham, of Barrow in Suff. Knt.
5. Bridget. ∾ Robert Rolf of Hadley, in Suff. Gent.
6. Mary. ∾ Will. Downes, Gent. of Bodney, Norff.

2. Robert.
3. George.
4. John. ſ. p.

Thomas Wright of Kilverſtone, in Norfolk, Eſq; who built the preſent Hall.—Jane, dr. of John Jermyn of Depeden in Suff. Eſq; by his 2d Wife Anne, dr. of Sir Robert Drury of Hauſted, Suff. and Mary his Wife, dr. of old Sir Lionel Talmach of Helmingham, Suff. Knt.

1. William Wright of Wincheſter, he had Iſſue, William, George & Dorothy.—Elizabeth, dr. of Sir Giles Strangways, of Dorſetſh.

2. Edmund Wright of Kingſhay.—Dorothy, dr. of Rich. Baak of Hadenham in Bucks.

Eleanor married Ri. Coulthorp of Kingſhay. Cecily, Rob. Maule of Suffolk.

2. John Wright of Weſt-Lexham and Ovington in Norfolk.—Joan dr. of Tho. Steward of Barton-Mills, Eſq; by Sarah, dr. of Sir Edward Lewknor of Denham. Kt.

1. Sarah.
2. Anne. ∾ Will. Stebbing.
3. Jane. ∾ James Ward of Hindringham in Norf. Eſq;

1. Dorothy dr. of Simeon Brograve, of Hamels in Braughing Pariſh in Hertfordſhire Eſq; ſ. p.—Thomas Wright, Eſq; of Kilverſtone & Weting, was High Sheriff of Norfolk in 1652, & died in that Office and and was buried here.—2. Judith dr. of Rob. Houghton, of Earlham in Norfolk, Eſq;

Jermyn Wright of Wangford in Suff. Eſq; born in 1608.—Anne, dr. of Richard Bachcrof of Bexwell in Norfolk, Eſq; died 24 July, 1681, buried at Weſthorp.

Judith married John Crask, M.D. & had Tho. Crask M. D. Fellow of Caj. Coll. Cant.

5. Charles, married dr. of Braham whoſe Son Charles, died ſingle in the Army.

Robert and Jermyn died ſingle.

4. John Wright Woollen-Draper in London, buried at Weeting.—Anna-Maria Smith, living 1722.

2. Thomas Wright of Kilverſtone, Eſq; Son and Heir, was Juſtice of the Peace, & died April 12. 1667.—Kath. dr. of Sir Char. Harbord, Knt. Surveyor-General to K. Charles II. died 6 July 1684, buried here, re-married to William Cropley, Eſq; A° 1667, and had Harbord Cropley, Eſq; now living, who is now call'd

Thomas died in the Eaſt-Indies. Marmaduke ſ. p. Anna-Maria alive in 1702. Elizabeth who married to John Cotton, 2d Son and Heir of John Cotton of Aſhill, &c.

1. Thomas died an Infan. buried here.

† Char. Wright of Kilverſtone, Eſq; In 1696, Henry Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lieutenant of the County, made him Captain of that Troop of Horſe late his own Troop. 1701, he had another Commiſſion from Charles, Viſcount Townſhend, of Raynham, Baron of Lyn-Regis, Lord Lieut. &c. he was born in 1666, and buried here 16 Nov. 1729.—Anne dr. and Co-heir of Geo. Violet, or Vilet, of Pinkney-Hall, in Taterſet, *alias* Gateſend in Norfolk, buried here.

1. Tho. Wright of Sandy-Downham in Suff. Eſq; Juſtice of Peace from 1664, to his Death in 1669 bur. at Downham.—Eliz. ſole Heir of Rob. Say of Tilney, Norfolk Gent. died in 1701. bur. at Downham.

2d. Rob. Wright of Holme-Hale Norf. Gent. ob:—Eliz. dr. of Edw. Chamberlain, of Barnham-Broom Eſq; deceas'd.

Rob. Wright of Holme-Hale.
Elizabeth and Jane.

3. George Wright Rector of Brandon, Suffolk.—Urſula, dr. of John Reppes, of Mattiſhall Norff. Eſq;

1. Jane married to Edw. Davy, Gent.
2. Sarah to Will. Davy his Brother.

John Wright Vicar of Stepney in Middleſex.—1. Heſt. Styles ſ. p. 2. Dorothy Hickſon.

1. Sir Rob. Wright of Wangford, Kt. was firſt one of the Juſtices of the Common-Pleas, & after Lord Chief Juſtice of the King's-Bench, in K. James II. Time, mar. firſt to Dorothy Moor of Wigenhall, St. German's, bur. there in 1662. ſ. p. His 3d Wife was Eliz. dr. of Sir William Scroggs, Knt. Ld. Chief Juſtice of the King's-Bench. William their Son was an Infant in 1702.—Suſan, dr. of Mat. Wren, Ld. Biſhop of Ely.

Anne mar. firſt to Nat. Fox of Weſthorp, Suff. bur. there 1679. 2dly, to James Paſton, Rect. of Livermere-parva.

1. Rob. Wright of Downham, Eſq; ob:—Anne dr. of Sir Geo. Wyneive, Knt. of Bretenham in Suffolk, by Chriſtian, dr. of Dudley, Ld. North.

2. John had two Wives, laſt alive & hath Iſſue.

3. Thomas Wright Eſq of Herling bur. there.—Relict of Bert, Governor of Fort St. Geo. his 2d Wife, and now living.

1. Frances mar. to Hen. Rayney, Apoth. in London, Tho. their Son bur. at Downham, 1710. 3 drs. now living.

Urſula. Thomas. John. Robert. all young in 1702.

Hickſon Wright, now living at Brandon-Ferry, Suffolk. 2. John, Reader at Stepney. 3. Tho. ob: ſ. p. 4. Rob. Fellow of Caj. Coll. Rector of Lavenham in Suffolk, buried there ſ. p. 1 Dorothy now ſingle. 2. Joanna married to Cawdell, and after to Matthew Goodrick, Clerk, now Rector of Brandon.

Robert Wright of Sedgfield, in the Biſhoprick of Dureſme, Eſq; gone to South-Carolina, married --- Relict of --- Pitts.

1. Suſan married to Vertue Rudiford of Gray's-Inn, Eſq 2. Anne to Frevil Lampton of Hardick in Dureſme, Eſq; 3. Eliz. to John Bugden, Gent. in Huntingdonſhire, 4. Alice.

1. Thomas Wright Eſq. of Downham & York now living.—1. Anne dr. of Rog. North, Eſq; of Rougham, ſ. p. 2. Frances dr. of Tho. Wright of E. Herling, living.

Iſſue.

2. Dr. Rob. Wright Rect. of Herling, & Stepney, now ſingle.

3. George Wright of Butley in Suff. Eſq; mar. --- of Butley, & hath Iſſue.

John Wright, Eſq; Son & Heir ſingle, by the firſt Wife, now living.

2. Robert by the 1ſt Wife.—Cath. dr. of Ciril Wiche of Hockwold, Eſq;

Hath Iſſue 2 Daughters.

3. Richard ſingle, by the ſecond Wife.

Mary ſingle, by the 2d, Wife.

Frances by the 2d Wife, now married to Tho. Wright of Downham and York, Eſq;

1. Cath. bur. in 1696. 2. Frances bur. 1696. 3. Anne bur. in St. Stephen's-Church, Norw. 20th Sept. 1701, & removed 12 March following to Kilverſtone, by Order of the Biſhop's-Court. Diana bur. 1702. George & Robert bur. 1709.

Elizabeth Wright, married Mr. Robert Chad of Wells who is dead, and left Iſſue. Willoughby Wright, alive & ſingle. Cecilia Wright, alive & ſingle.

THOMAS WRIGHT, Eſq; Son & Heir, hath a good Seat here, at which he reſides, being Lord of the Manors, and Owner of the whole Town, Anno 1737.

2. John Wright, Rect. of Ewſton in Suff. Maſter of the Hoſpital, & Preacher of St. Mary's Pariſh in Thetford.—Anne, dr. of Wm. Pearſon LL. D. Chancel. of York, by * Mary his Wife, who was buried here.

1. Harbord. 2. Thomas. Eliz. Cath. Mary. Jane buried here, A° 1785.

Fiſhery to his Manor here, claim'd an equal ſhare on this Side, and it being proved to be ſo, the Prior of *Coxford* lett his Right for ever, to the Prior of *Thetford* for 8*s.* a Year. But the Prior of *Coxford* Reſerved to himſelf his Swan Mark, belonging to his Manor, throughout the whole River, with Liberty to gather Reed and Grais at all Times in the ſaid River, with the Conſent of *Richard* Biſhop of *Norwich*. *John Mathewe*, Prior of the Monaſtery of our *Bleſſed Lady* in *Coxford*, and the Convent there, by Indenture, inrolled in Chancery, dated the laſt Day of *Apr.* 1528, ſold their Manor of *Coxford* in *Kilverſtone*, to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and his Heirs for 400 Marks, which the ſaid Duke paid to King *Henry* VIII. in full of a Debt due from the Prior to the King, the Prior being Collector of the Kings Subſidy, in the Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, and not having repaid the Money he had collected, and in 1529, *Thomas* Prior of *Coxford*, Succeſſor to the ſaid *John*, ſetled it by Fine on the ſaid Duke, Sir *Roger Townſend*, Knt. and other Feoffees, and immeadiatly after ſold it to Sir *John Cornwaleis*, who leaſed it to *William*, Prior of the Monaſtery of our *Bleſſed Lady* at *Thetford*, for 99 Years, at the Yearly Rent of a *Red Roſe*, which Monaſtery being diſſolved, it came to the Kings Hands, who granted the Monaſtery and all that belonged to it, to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, after whoſe attainder it came to the King again, and continued in the Crown, 'till King *Edward* VI. ſold the Leaſe to Sir *John Cornwaleis*, in the 4*th* Year of his Reign, Sir *John* dies, and it deſcended to Sir *Thomas Cornwaleis* his Son and Heir, who ſetled it on Feoffees, with Power of Revocation, to the Uſe of himſelf for Life, and then to *William* his Eldeſt Son, and *Lucy* his Wife, and the longeſt Liver of them, with Remainder to diverſe uſes, but after this in 1576, he ſetled it on *Charles* his Son, and *Anne* his Wife, and their Heirs Male, having revoked the former Setlement, and in 1587, Sir *Thomas* the Father, his two Sons, and their two Wives, ſold it to

THOMAS WRIGHT of *Weeting*, Gent, and his Heirs.

There is a ſeperate Right of Fiſhing, belonging to this Manor, with Liberty to Hunt, Hawk, Fiſh and Fowl, in the Town, and Manors of *Kilverſtone*, notwithſtanding the Superior Liberty of the Hundred.

The Fines were 2*s.* an Acre, and the Eldeſt Son was Heir.

The *Scite*, contained 6 Acres, and joined to the River South, and *Tunney Lane* Weſt, which leads down from the Street, by the Weſt End of the Church, to the River. The two Fold-Courſes belonging to this Manor, carried 600 Ewes, and 400 Hog-Sheep, beſides the Sheperds 200. There is alſo a Swan Mark, now belonging to it.

The Advowſon was given by *Margaret de Caineto* (*Cheyney* or *Creſſy*) Daughter and Heireſs of *William de Caineto*, together with a Fold Courſe and Free Common of Paſture, in the ſaid Town for the Sheep, in Free Alms to the Prior of *Butly* in *Suffolk*, who appropriated it to his Houſe, and got it confirmed by *John* of *Oxford* Biſhop of *Norwich*, and the Arch-Biſhop of *Canterbury*, reſerving a Vicarage to be preſented to, by the Prior, with a Pention of 26*s.* 8*d.* payable out of the great Tithes, together with the Rectory-Houſe and an Acre of Land adjoining to it. And thus the great Tithes, the Sheeps-Walk, and 24 Acres Glebe came to the Priory, and after this the Prior deſirous to get the whole into his own Hands, came to a perpetual Compoſition with the Prior of *Cokesford*, for the Moiety of the Tithes of his Manor, one Moiety of which, belonged to *Coxford* Prior, and the other to *Butley*, and alſo for the 10*s.* a Year, which the Prior of *Coxford*, paid to the Prior of *Thetford*, from his Water-Mill in *Kilverſtone*, and in 1428, the Prior of *Butley*, was taxed for his whole Spirituals here 8 Marks, and thus it remained till 1497, and then *William Diſſe*, Vicar here had an Augmentation to his Vicarage, but upon complaint that it was not yet endowed according to the Statute, it was diſappropriated in his Succeſſors Time, and ſo became an Abſolute Rectory again, as it was before it's Appropriation, and hath remained ſuch ever ſince; in 1554, *William Fiſher* then Rector, pulled down and deſtroyed the Rectory-Houſe, the Scite of which, joined to the Weſt Side of the Church-Yard, and from that Time there hath been no Parſonage Houſe, there are about 24 Acres Glebe, but the Sheep-Walk of 250 Sheep, which belonged to the Rectory, was granted off, during the Impropriation, for an annual Pention of 26*s.* 8*d.* a Year; The Rectory is in *Norfolk* Archdeaconry and *Rockland* Deanry, was valued in the Kings Books at 7*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* *ob:* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly value of 33*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, tho' it pays 12 *d.* Synodals, beſides the Archdeacons Procurations, in 1603, here were 60 Communicants, and now there are 8 Houſes, and about 50 Inhabitants, it paid 43*s* 4*d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 202*l.* to the Land Tax. The Prior of *Butley* in 1383, purchaſed of *Thomas de Pakenham* Chaplain, *Adam de Foxhale* of *Thefford* Chaplain, and *John Barbour* of the ſame, a Meſſuage in *Kilverſtone*, held of himſelf as of his Church of *Kilverſtone* at 6*d.* a Year, by vertue of a Licence in *Mortmain*, granted by King *Edward* III. to that Monaſtery, and it ſeems the Prior aſſigned this Houſe and half an Acre of Land to the Town, it is the old Houſe now ſtanding in decay over againſt the Church.

*John Howſe* gave an Acre and half in two Peices to the Inhabitants.

*John Kideman* gave 5 Roods in two Peices.

In 1524, “ *James Baldewyn* of *Kilverſtone* (buried in the Chancel) gave to the Black
“ Friers of *Thetford* iii *s.* iiii *d.* Alſo I give and bequethe to the ſaid Church Halowynge of
“ *Kylverſtone*, as much of my Goods as the Church Halowyng wyll drawe with the three
“ Bells in the Stepul. *Item* I give ten Pounds to be diſpoſed by the Diſcretion of my Ex-
“ ecutors in the ſaid Church, as I may have a *Dirige* and *Meſſe* perpetually, if it may be
“ performed.” [Regr. *Briggs*. fo. 186.]

## Rectors *and* Vicars,

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| | *Euſtace* Rector, in *Henry* II. Time. |
| 1316, 4 Non. *Marc.* | *Thomas* Son of *Peter de Stantone* Prieſt, Vicar. William Prior of *Buttle.* |
| 1317, 4 Kal: *Dec.* | *Edmund de Debenham* Deacon. |
| 1357, 18 *June,* | *John de Acre de Thefford* Prieſt. |
| 1359, 3 *April,* | *John de Wetyng* Prieſt. |
| 1359, 29 *July,* | *John de Acre* Prieſt, by changing with *Wetyng*, who took *Finebergh* Vicarage. |
| 1361, 23 *Sept.* | *Richard Maſoun* of *Drenkeſton* Prieſt. |
| 1378, 3 *Decem.* | *William Wilde* Junior, of *Mildenhale* Prieſt. |
| 1420, 29 *Jan.* | *William Caunceler*, Prieſt. |
| 1432, 10 *April,* | *Richard Wyſton*, Prieſt. The Vicarage was taxed at 8 Marks. |
| 1436, 12 *Oct.* | *William Brigham* Prieſt, at *Wyſton*'s Reſignation, united to *Carleton-Rode* 'till 1442, and then *Brigham* reſigned it. |
| 1464, 27 *July,* | *John Ingman*, at *Brigham*'s Death. |
| 1468, 20 *March,* | *Thomas Bryan.* |
| 1497, | *William Diſſe*, Vicar. In his Time, there was a Compoſition made, with the Conſent of Sir Robert Beckles Prior of *Butley*, his Patron, and of the Prior of *Coxford*, concerning the Tithes of the Gardens and Orchards in the Town, all which were allotted to increaſe the Stipend of the Vicar. |
| 1506, 17 *March,* | *John Browne.* In his Time it was diſappropriated, and ſo became a Rectory again. |
| 1507, 12 *Oct.* | *John Goddard*, Chaplain. |
| 1542, 20 *Sept.* | *William Fiſher*, Chaplain. Alice Cotton Widow, for this Turn, which was granted her by *Thomas Manning*, *Suffragan* Biſhop of *Ipſwich*, and the Convent of *Butley*, of which he was Prior. |
| 1559, 20 *July,* | *John Abadam*, Prieſt. The Queen. |
| 1587, 31 *March,* | *John Poynton* or *Poynter*. The Queen. Buried here 18 *June* 1641. |
| 1641, | *Arthur Needham*, he was ejected for his Loyalty, in 1556, and one *John Flanner*, Subſcribes as Rector, but *Needham* was reſtored in 1660, and died Rector, and was buried here *Aug.* 12 1661. |
| 1661, 30 *Oct.* | *John Burrell* Prieſt, on *Needham*'s Death. The King. |
| 1692, 10 *Sep.* | The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Loane*, the preſent Rector, holds it united to *Bretenham.* The KING. |

The Church, hath a low round Tower and three Bells, the Nave and North Porch are Tiled, the Chancel Thatched, and North Iſle Leaded, the following Inſcriptions are on Marbles in the Chancel.

Requieſcunt Sub hoc
Marmore Reliquiæ Thomæ
Wright Armigeri, qui plenior
Virtutum quam Dierum
Mundum vidit et reliquit,
$12^{mo}$ Aprilis 1667.

Thomas Wright Junior, 10 Annos natus, obijt Septimo Die Junij 1674.
Senilis Infans et Puelle *Cato.*

Memoriæ Sacrum.

Here lyeth the Body of Katherine Daughter of Charles Wright Eſq; Here alſo lyeth the Body of Frances Daughter of Charles Wright Eſq; both by Anne his Wife, the Eldeſt Daughter of George Vilett of Pinkny in the County of Norfolk Eſq; Katherine departed this Life June the 8 Aged 3 Years 8 Months, Frances departed this Life December the 7 aged 6 Months, Anno Dom: 1696.

Here lyeth the Body of Katherine Cropley, youngeſt Daughter of Sir Charles Harbord Knt. Surveyor to King Charles the firſt, & ſecond Reliquid of Tho. Wright Eſq; late Wife of William Cropley Gent. one of the Beſt of Women, Wifes, & Mothers, dyed July the 6 1684, aged 40 Yeares 11 Months.

Here lyeth interr'd Anne the Eldeſt Daug. of George Vilett of Pinckney in the County of Norff. Eſq; who was married to Charles Wright of Kilverſtone in the ſaid County Eſq; the Twenty ninth Day of May Anno Dom: 1691. Which Happy Pair, were ſo equally Bleſt in each other, that their Sublime and ſhining Pattern, of true aud undiſſembled Affection, is ſcarcely to be paralell'd, but never out-done. She had by her beloved Husband, four Sons, and eight Daughters, and then departed this Life, the Twenty ninth Day of September, and was buried the firſt of October, Anno Domini: 1709, aged 41 Years.

A Mother, who with every Grace was Bleſt,
With all the Ornaments of Vertue Dreſt,
With whatſo'ere Religion recommends,
The beſt of Wifes, of Mothers and of Friends,
And tho' by Death, her Body's turn'd to Duſt,
'Tis fitt we ſtill, Commemorate the juſt,
'Twas here, ſhe did adore the higheſt Lord,
Who to her Soul, great Comfort did afford,
'Twas here, ſhe did with great Joy and Content,
Receive Gods Holy Word and Sacrament,
Since then ſhe loved, this Sacred Place ſo well,
'Tis very meet, that here her Name ſhould Dwell.

By the Bounds of this Pariſh, is *Ringmere Pit*, which I find Mr. *Salmon* in his *Roman* Stations in *Britain*, (Pag. 9.) takes Notice of, in theſe Words.

“ On the Side of this Way from *Hockham*, in *Eaſt-Wrettam* Pariſh, is a remarkable Cavity called *Ringmere Pit*, it is in form of an *Amphitheatre*, to the Bigneſs of Six or Seven Acres, with an uniform Deſcent, on every Side to the *Arena*. So exact is it's Figure, even yet, one can't help beleiving, it was contrived for Show. There was not in the latter end of *October*, a Drop of Water in it, which the wet Summer muſt have filled, if it ever had been a Pond. More of this kind, I have heard of here-abouts but not ſeen.

I muſt own a Stranger, who ſaw it in 1724, or 1725, (as I ſuppoſe he did) when it was entirely dry, might have been of the ſame Opinion with him. But there is nothing uncommon to thoſe that have been acquainted with it, it is a large Cavity indeed, generally full of Water, and the Ground being a Sand, the Water occaſion'd that uniform Deſcent, it is ſupplied with Land Springs from the Adjacent Hills, which in the extream dry Year ceaſed Running, and ſo the Water ſhrank into the Sand; it is a very old *Mere*, or Large Water, as the *Saxon* Name which it ſtill bears, tells us, Ring-meꞃe being no more than, the *Round-Mere* or Water. I have angled Fine Perch out of it, when I was a School Boy at *Thetford*. And am apt to think there are good Fiſh in it now, it being ſtored, as I am informed, ſince it was laſt dry. But this Pit is not to compare with that, which lies nearer *Croxton*, and tho' 'tis three Times as Big, was then alſo dry, this is called *Foulmere Pit*; the greater Part of it's Fiſhery, belongs to the Eſtate in *Croxton*, ſetled on the School and Hoſpital of *Thetford*, as I am informed, and that of *Ringmere*, to the Lord of *Eaſt-Wrotham*; there are other large Pits on theſe Heaths, (tho' not ſo big as either of the Former) that have Water in them in Winter, but being moſtly dry'd up in Summer Time, they look very regular to the Beholders Eye.

## *Addenda* to *Shropham* Hundred.

At fol. 253 at the 44*th* Line add this. He ſtood firm to *Henry* III. in his *Barons* Wars, and was beſeiged in his Caſtle of *Bukenham*, by Sir *Henry Haſtyngs*, as you may ſee at fol. 344.

Fo. 268. at the 5*th* Line, were it is ſaid, he or his Succeſſors &c. I muſt now add the certainty of it, having ſince ſeen the Charter of Privileges, which was granted them by *William de Albany*, the Founder of the Caſtle and Burgh, and confirmed by his Son, and Grandſon, the Subſtance of which in *Engliſh* is, that he granted to his *Burgeſſes* of *Bukenham*, all thoſe Liberties, Free Cuſtoms and Lands in the *Burgh*, to be held of him and his Heirs, as Freely, Peaceably, and Honourably, as they were held in the Time of *William* his Father, according to the firſt Grant of Earl *William* his Grandfather, Namely by the Payment of one Half-Penny *per Ann.* for every Meſſuage, in lieu of all other Services, and he alſo granted them Common of Paſture, for all their Meſſuages in *Bukenham*, with Liberty, to ſell all their Lands and Houſes in the *Burgh*, to whoever they would, whither Heirs, Parents, or Strangers, on Condition they don't Remove their Houſes out of the Liberty, of the *Burgh*, nor don't ſuffer them to waſt, decay, or ſtand empty by their negligence, and alſo he granted the ſaid *Burgeſſes*, Liberty to hold Pleas among themſelves, and finiſh, and Determine all Cauſes of Debt and other things, happening within the *Burgh*; to which *Godfrid de Albany* the Earls Brother, *Reiner* his Uncle, and others were Witneſſes. And this Charter was often confirmed by the Lords of the Caſtle, even to 1493, for then Sir *Will. Knevet* Knt. one of the Heirs of the moſt Illuſtrious, *William de Albany* Earl of *Suſſex*, confirmed the ſaid Grants, and alſo infeofed, *Rob. Fawkon*, then Principal *Burgeſs*, [or High Bailiff] in a Meſſuage and Curtilage, abutting on the Weſt Side of St. *Martins* Church in the ſaid *Burgh*, and on the *Burgh* Ditch on the Eaſt, which Meſſuage the Prior and Convent, of St. *James*'s in *Old-Bukenham* had waſted, and the Lord had ſeized it, but Favouring that Houſe, had Voluntarily given other Lands inſtead of it. It was dated at *Bukenham* Caſtle, *Peter Shawe*, the Lords Capital Bailiff and others, being Witneſſes. The Original at this Time being in the Church Cheſt.

Fo. 262. to the Benefactors add.

*John Verdon*, of this Town in 1590, gave 5 Marks by Will, to repair the Church, To the Torchys (or Lights in it) 6*s.* 8*d.* " To the Light of the Sepulcor iij*s*, iiij*d*, Alſo to " the Light of the *Meſs* of *Jeſu* iij*s.* iiij*d.* to the Pryor of *Bokenham* vj*s.* viij*d.* to iche " Channon ij*s.* To the Reparacyon of the Churche of *Olde-Bokenham* xx*s.* Alſo to the " Gilde of St. *Martyn* in *Newe-Bokenham* vj*s.* viij*d.* Alſo to the Reparacyon of the Gilde " of our *Lady* xx*s.* Alſo I Will have an honeſte Preſte to Syng for my Sowle, and all " my Benefactors Sowles, in the Pariſch Churche of *Newe-Bokenham* beforſeid, by the Space " an hole Yer. Alſo I Will that the Place wiche I purcheſid of *John Hewett*, *John Colby*, " and ij Acr. of Londe lyeing att the Gate in the Heigh Felde at *Watts-Gate*, Remayne " to the Town of *Newe-Bokenham*, to the Common Profight, in releif and Cumfortyng of " the Poor Pepull for evyrmor.

The Probate is now in the Church Cheſt. Dated *March* 29 1491.

Fo. 277 Line 23. inſert. 1671, 17 *Aug.* *Roger Bankes* A. M. The King by Lapſe.

Fo. 278 at the laſt Line of the Notes, a piece of *Domesday* omitted.

Terra Radulfi. Fo. 304. Scerepham Hund. In Hercham tenet Radulfus de Bellafago, ii. liberos hoies: de xx. Acr. quos tenet Garinus de eo. ii. Acr. prati. tunc. i Car. poſt dim. modo ii. Bov: val. xx. d. de his habuit Suus Anteceſſor Commendat; tantum T. R. E. et Eudo eos tenuit. Soca in Bucheham.

Fo. 279 line 54, *Lete Fee* 16 *d.* Fo. 283 line 10. *Lete Fee* 1 *s.* 6 *d.* Fo. 294 line 35 add this.

1729, *Samuel Birch*, A. M. on *Pitts*'s Death. THO. WRIGHT Eſq; united to *Eccles.*
1732, The Rev. Mr. *John Verdon* on *Birch*'s Death &c. Fo. 300 l. 22. *Lete Fee* 2*s.* 2*d.*

Fo. 303 l. 5. *Lete Fee* 1 *s.* 6 *d.* Fo. 309 l. 4. *Lete Fee* 3 *s.* Fo. 315 l. 29. no *Lete Fee.* Fo. 316 l. 39. the Pention in 1465, was paid by the Rector, to *Roger Miſterton* Canon and Steward of St. *Georges* College in *Windſor* Caſtle. Fo. 324 l. 43. *Lete Fee* 3 *s.* 4 *d.* Fo. 334 l. 4. is right. He is called *Thomas* in his Inſtitution, and *John* in the Inſcription. At line 12 inſert. 1628, 24 *Oct.* *John Burrell* Clerk, on *Dobſons* Death. PHILIP HARBORD. united to *Great-Elingham.* Fo. 355 read thus.

1580, 12 *Sept.* *Nicholas Bond*, A. M. reſigned, *William King* S. T. B. THOMAS Earl of *Suſſex* Knight of the Garter &c. Fo. 359 l. 35. add, 1628, *The King by Lapſe.*

### ERRATA.

Blot out the Word *No*, in the 22d line fo. 248. and inſtead of *But*, read *and*. Fo. 271 line 20, read. Johannis. Fo. 272, line 27, the Date 1728 is omitted. Line 40, read, Filiæ.

Fo. 286 line 10, read. 8*d.*

# *THETFORD.*

*The following Lines, which I met with, in a Poem compoſed ſome Years ſince, may ſerve for an Introduction, to the Hiſtory of this Place.*

Of all the *Elogies* at which I aim,
Antiquity, does the Precedence claim,
By me, with Order, and with Air inſpir'd,
The oldeſt Glories, ſhall be firſt admir'd.
*Thetford*, thy Age, ſhall introduce my Rhimes,
I honour all thy Joys in antient Times,
And wiſh thee happy, in what now appears,
The Relicts of above a Thouſand Years.
  Next, I congratulate thy charming Scite,
Fit for Accommodation and Delight,
On *Ouſa*'s Banks, conveniently placed,
With all her Troops, of wanton *Naids* graced,
No Situation, but may envy Thee,
Holding ſuch Intimacy with the Sea,
Many do that, but my delighted Muſe,
Says, *Neptune*'s faireſt Daughter, is the *Little Ouſe*.

## CHAP. I. *Of the Name and Origin of the* City.

S*ITOMAGUS*, Ðeoꝺꝼoꞃꝺ, Ðeoꞇꝼoꞃꝺ, *Tedford*, *Tetford*, *Tefford*, *Theford*, and *THETFORD*, as it is now called, was a Place formerly of great Renown, and now to be taken Notice of for it's great Antiquity; Who were the firſt wiſe People, that made choice of it's commodious Situation, whither a Colony of the *Senones* an Antient People of *Gaul*, or the *Sitones* an Antient People of *Germany*, I can not certainly learn, but am apt to conclude, that it was a Place of Note, before the Coming of the *Romans* into this Iſle, and doubt not, but the Name, *Sitomagus*, was given it, long before they ever ſet Foot in the Place, for I believe it will be found by Obſervation, that they generally continued the Antient Names of Towns in thoſe Countries they conquer'd, to avoid Confuſion, for without doubt, had they altered the Names of Places in this Iſle, we ſhould have abounded, with Towns of the ſame Names with thoſe in *Italy*, few of which are to be met with, except thoſe Places, which they themſelves were firſt Founders of, and there we may obſerve, they always gave *them*, *Roman* Names, thus *Stratum*, or *Stratton*, *Caſtrum*, or *Caſtor* &c. received their Names; and indeed if we come to examine the various Names, this Place hath gone by, we ſhall find that they all are of the ſame Signification. Thus, *Sitomagus* I take it, is no more than the City or [*a*] Habitation of the *Senones* or *Sitones*, upon the *Ford*, which induced the *Saxons*, to keep it's old Name, only varied in their Language, into [*b*] Đeoꝺꝼoꞃꝺ *or* Đeoꞇꝼoꞃꝺ. Now ðeoꝺ, Signifies [*c*] *Gens*, *Populus*, or *Provincia*, and ſo the Signification is much the ſame, as the old Name of *Sitomagus*, *viz.* the *Ford* of the *People*, that is, the moſt frequented *Ford* by which, *People* uſed to enter into *Norfolk*, and not the *Ford* over the River *Thet*, *Sit*, or Đeoꞇ, [*d*] as many great Men have imagined, there being no ſuch River in theſe Parts, neither was the River that this Town ſtands on, ever known by any other than it's preſent Name. From Đeoꝺ and Đeoꞇꝼoꞃꝺ, it came to *Tedford*, and *Tetford*, which laſt Name it had in the Conqueror's Time, *Ted*, being the natural Abbreviation of ðeoꝺ, and *Tet*, of ðeoꞇ. About *Henry* I. Time, it was commonly written *Tefford*, and about *Henry* III. generally *Theford*, and ſo continued 'till about *Henry* VIII. Time, and indeed I much Queſtion if this might not be it's proper Name, without any further ſearch, divide the Word and you will find it [*e*] *The-Ford*, by way of Eminence, the *Inlet* into *Norfolk*, as it always was. Indeed the preſent Name hath prevail'd for ſome Time, occaſion'd, I ſuppoſe, by the Invention of the new Name of the River, from which they would have the Place called. But upon the whole, I am of Opinion, whither you will have it, the City of the *Sitones* on the *Ford*, or *The Ford* of the *People*, or *The-Ford*, by way of Eminence, it is much the ſame Thing ; and thus far as to my Thoughts, of it's Preſent and Antient Names.

But leaſt I ſhould be thought to have explain'd the Word, *Sitomagus*, in my own way, without any Authority, I could not omit inſerting a Letter, wrote to the Earl of *Arlington*, by the learned Dr. *Plot*, upon this Subject, which I believe, will not be thought Impertinent, by my judicious Readers.

## *To the R*<sup></sup>

MY LORD,

IT being your Pleaſure to intimate, when I had firſt the Honour to wait on your Lordſhip, that you would gladly know ſomewhat, of the Ancient *Sitomagus*, now *Thetford*, near your Magnificent Seat at *Euſton*, I thought it my Duty to interpret your Lordſhips deſire, as no leſs then a Command, that I ſhould ſearch, not only the antient, but modern Writers, concerning it, and then to give your Lordſhip, the beſt Account I could.

Not therefore to trouble your Lordſhip, with the Fopperies of [*f*] *Annius Viterbienſis*, and out of him, of *Count Palatine*, [*g*] *White* of *Baſingſtoke*, that not only the Towns here in *Britain*, ending in Magus or Magum, but all thoſe alſo of the ſame Termination, beyond the Seas, were ſo denominated, by I know not what Magus, the ſecond King of the *Celtæ*, Son of *Samothes*, who forſooth firſt taught this Weſtern Part of the World, to build them Houſes and Cities, which might deſervedly therefore receive their Names from him.

Nor Groundleſly with *Iſacius Pontanus*, to run up ſo high as the firſt Ages of the World, and derive it from the *Hebrew* Magon, [*h*] which (ſays he) Signifies, *Habitationem vel Habitationis Locum*, or with [*i*] *Goropius Becanus* and [*k*] *Skinner*, to fetch it from the *German* Mac, whence the Word Machen *facere*, and whence the things made, were called Magen, all which ſeems to refer to the Building of Houſes ; with whom agrees [*l*] *Beatus Rhenanus* " Magum, *priſcis Gallis*, *Domum ſignificaſſe*.

To avoid and paſs by I ſay, all ſuch trifling Etymologies, and proceed upon ſurer Grounds, than ſuch meer Fancies of the Brain, without Foundation in the Things themſelves, I thought fit my Lord, to ſearch out all, or moſt of the Cities, and Towns, as well in the Neighbouring Nations to us, as here at Home, whoſe Ancient Names did terminate in Magus or Magum, and then conſider their Antiquities, Situations, whither fortified or no, their Initial Differential Titles, preceeding the Common one of Magus, and other Accidents attending, from which I thought might be raiſed, much more probable Conjectures.

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[*a*] Dr. Plot.

[*b*] Gibſons Explanation of the Names of Places, at the End of the Sax. Cron. p. 45. beſides many others.

[c] Somner in his Index of the old German Words, printed at the End of Caſaubon's Comment, on the Hebrew and Saxon Languages, Lond. 1650.

[*d*] Mr. Cambden. Gibſon, in the aforcited Place. The Atlas &c.

[*e*] Another Reaſon to induce me to think it called The-Ford, by way of Eminence is, becauſe I meet with Thetford in the Iſle of Ely, wrote and called antiently Thetford, or The-Ford, as this was, and that Towns Situation, is exactly anſwerable viz. upon the great Ford, or moſt frequented Inlet into the Eaſtern Part of the Iſle.

[*f*] Joh: An: Viterbienſ: Lib: 15 fol. 125.

[*g*] Rich: Viti Baſingſtochij, Hiſt: Britran: Li: 1. N. 19:

[*h*] Iſacij. Pontani Gloſſ: Priſco-Gallic: in Verbo.

[*i*] Gorop: Becani Gallicor: Lib. 1. p. 21.

[k] In Etymologico Onomaſtico, in Verbo.

[*l*] Beati Rhenani, Rerum Germanicarum, Lib: 3. Cap: Moguntiacum.

Firſt then, for the Cities, whoſe ancient Names did terminate in **Magus**, I find in and about

**Germany,**
*Noviomagus Batavorum*, now **Nieumagen** in *Gelderland*.
*Noviomagus Trevirorum*, now **Neumagen**.
*Noviomagus Nevetum*, now **Spier**, or **Oldenheim** in the *Palatinate*.
*Marcomagus*, now **Ditzen**, between *Triers* and *Cologne*.
*Rigomagus*, now **Rimagen**. *LLoydo.* **Rinc**.
*Durnomagus*, now **Durſmagen**.
*Druſomagus*, now **Kempten**. *Ptolom:* **Memmigen**.
*Juliomagus*, now **Pfullendorf** *Rhenano*.
*Brivomagus*, **Brucomat** *Rhenano*, near *Straſburg*.

**In** *France*,
*Auguſtomagus Silvanectum*, now **Senlis** } In the Dukedom and Country
*Cæſaromagus Bellovacorum*, now **Beauais** } of *Valois*, in the Iſle of *France*.
*Juliomagus*, now **Angiers**, in *Anjou*.
*Caturigomagus*, now **Chorges**, in the Upper *Delphinate*.
*Rotomagus Vellocuſſiorum*, now **Roan** } In Normandy.
*Noviomagus Lexoviorum*, now **Liſieur** }
*Noviomagus Tricaſtinorum*, now **Noyon**, in *Picardy*.

**In** *Britain*,
*SITOMAGUS*, now **Thetford** in *NORFOLK*.
*Cæſaromagus*, now *Chelmesford* in *Eſſex*.
*Noviomagus*, now *Crayford* in *Kent*.

In the Alpine Countries and Entrance of Italy,
*Scingomagus*, now **Seſans**, at the Foot of the *Alps*.
*Bodincomagus*, *Plin:* Induſtria, **Camillomagus** ad *Padum*.

Secondly, as to the Antiquitie of the Places, that had theſe Terminations, I find them, to have been long before the Coming of the *Romans* into theſe Weſtern Parts of the World, tho' it be alſo true, that the *Romans* did make uſe of them afterwards, as will appear Anon.

For had this Termination been brought in by them, or at all uſed by them, before their coming this way, we ſhould certainly have had Towns in the Heart of *Italy*, of the ſame Name in great Plenty, whereas we find but two, and thoſe in *Gallia Italica*, (**Bodincomagus** and **Camillomagus**) that ever enjoyed it.

Thirdly for the Situations, I find them all upon Rivers, and moſt, if not all, upon the moſt *Fordable* Places, as indeed it ſeems but neceſſary, that all Cities ſhould be, before the Building of Bridges, and Boats, all Paſſengers being abſolutely obliged, to Flock to ſuch Places, where they might either wade through themſelves, or upon the Backs of Cattle. And

Fourthly, to have been fenced for the moſt Part, with Ancient Works caſt up, and to have had the Reputation of ſtrong Holds.

From which Conſiderations, I take leave to infer in all Probability,

Firſt, that the People of *Germany*, *Gaule*, the *Alpine* Countries and Part at leaſt, of *Britain*, were originally but one Nation, of one Language, (*viz.*) the old *Celtæ* or *Kelts*, brought hither after the Flood and Confuſion of *Babel*, by *Aſhkenaz*, Great Grand-Child of *Noah*, as is concluded by [m] *Cluverius*, not only for naming their Cities after the ſame manner, but from very many Words, ſignifying the very ſame things, in all theſe Nations, as is copiouſly made out, by the ſame *Philip Cluverius*, in his *Germaniâ Antiqua*.

Secondly, that the *Colonies* of the *Celtæ* of *Germany* and *Gaul*, as they arrived in *Britain*, gave the ſame Names to the Cities they built here, that the Cities had, from whence they came, whereof [n] *Cæſar* gives us ample Teſtimony. "*Britanniæ* Pars Interior (ſays he) ab iis incolitur, quos natos, in Inſula ipſa, memoria proditum dicunt: Maritima pars, ab iis, qui, Predæ ac Belli inferendi Cauſſa, ex Belgio (forte *Galliâ Belgicâ*) tranſierant; qui omnes, fere iis Nominibus Civitatum appellantur, quibus orti ex civitatibus eo pervenerunt." So that all our *Britiſh* Cities terminating in **Magus**, being not far from the Sea Coaſts, over againſt *Gaul* or *Germany*, in all probability, they did receive their Names, from other Cities, of the ſame Denomination, in thoſe Countries; thus our *Cæſaromagus* peradventure, received it's Name, from a *Colony* that came from *Cæſaromagus*, now **Beauvais** in the Iſle of *France*, and our *Noviomagus*, from another, that came from *Noviomagus*, now **Liſceur** in *Normandy*, or *Noviomagus* now **Nieumagen** in *Gelderland*, as for *SITOMAGUS*, of that in the Concluſion. and

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[m] Phil: Cluverij Germ: Antiquæ Lib: Cap: 4. 5. 6. 7.

[n] Julij Cæſaris Commentarior: de Bello Gallico Lib: 5.

Thirdly, if it be demanded what **Magus** ſhould ſignifie, in the *Keltiſh* (or *Celtic*) Language, upon Conſideration that all theſe Cities are ſituate upon Rivers, and moſt of them, if not all, upon the moſt *Fordable* Places, and Secondly, it having been Cuſtomary in Ancient Times, to give Names to Cities [o] upon ſuch Accounts, as appears from *Oxford*, *Hereford*, *Stafford*, *Bedford*, *Hartford*, *Guildford*, *Dartford &c.* in *England*, and both the *Frankfords*, *Erford*, *Shawnford*, *Haſenford*, *Klagenford*, *Steenford*, *Ochſenford &c.* in *Germany*, what if I ſhould gueſs with [p] *Cluverius*, that **Magus**, in the old *Keltiſh* (or *Celtic*) Language, ſhould ſignifie the ſame with, *Vadum* a *Ford*? which being underſtood by the *Saxons* at their Arrival here, they might probably turn all the **Magi**, into ſo many *Fords*, a Word then, more in uſe among them: Thus *Sitomagus*, turn'd into *Thetford*, *Cæſaromagus*, into *Chelmsford*, and *Noviomagus* into *Crayford*; or elſe,

Fourthly, moſt of theſe **Magi**, having been fortified Places, perhaps **Magus**, may ſignify ſtrong or fortified, from Mægen, *Poteſtas*, *Potentia*, from the Verb Magan, *poſſe*, among the *Low Dutch*, **Moghen** *Mighty*, hence the old *Noviomagus Batavorum*, and *Noviomagus Trevirorum* are called **Nieumagen** and **Neumagen**, that is, the new *Fortreſſes*, to this very Day; which in proceſs of Time arriving to greatneſs, and becoming Cities, in all likelyhood, made the *Roman* Emperors, and other Great Men, to prefix their Names to many of them, as is plain from *Juliomagus*, *Cæſaromagus*, *Auguſtomagus*, *Druſomagus*, *Camillomagus &c.* which probably alſo made *Paulus Merula* think, **Magus**, ſignified *Urbem*, a City; whence ſays he [r] **Magen** denotes a People of the ſame City, eſpecially if joined in Affinity to one another; whence alſo by the way, it may not be amiſs to take Notice, that Mr. *Cambden*, and after him, Mr. *Burton*, are of the ſame Opinion, both of them citing [s] *Pliny*'s Authority, which had I found true, I ſhould gladly enough have cloſed with them; But I appeal to any indifferent Judge, whither any ſuch Matter, can be gather'd from the Place cited, that it ſignifies, *Urbem*, or any other Place that could yet be met with in him, either by [t] *Cluverius*, or others.

Now which of theſe Conjectures concerning the Signification of **Magus**, comes neareſt to truth, is wholly left to your Lordſhips Judgement, the **Magus** inquired after, anſwering all the Three; Firſt, being ſituate on a *Ford*, as it's preſent Name imports. Secondly there remaining now a High Mount, fenced with a double Rampier, and as report goeth, fortified in ancient Times with Walls. And Thirdly, having been a large City, and an Epiſcopal See. [u] But as for the City *Sitomagus*, I take it either to have received it's Name, from ſome other Forreign City of the ſame Denomination, forgotten and loſt, or elſe, from a *Colony* of People themſelves, that lived formerly among Cities of that Termination, who might plant themſelves here, and give their City, the Name of *Sitomagus*. In the Military Tables of *Conrad Pentinger*, perhaps more truly written, *Sinomagus* or *Senomagus* from themſelves, being a *Colonie* of the Ancient *Senones* of *Gaul*, whoſe Capital City was *Senonorum Civitas*, now *Sens* in *Champayne*. Or that the Name *Sitomagus*, ſhould ſeem more agreeable as to it's Orthography, 'tis eaſy to deduce it from a *Colonie* of the *Sitones*, an ancient People of *Germany*, bordering on the *Sinones*, mentioned by [x] *Tacitus*, concerning whom, if it be doubted (by Reaſon of the Diſtance) how they ſhould ever come hither, the ſame *Tacitus* afford us, a great probability, they might; For ſpeaking in the ſame Place, of the *Eſtyi*, a Neighbouring Nation to them, he ſays, that tho' in their manners, they agree with the *Sinones*, yet in their Language, they were nearer the *Britains*, which how they ſhould come by, without ſome Communication, will be hardly made out; From all which 'tis eaſily deducible, that whither our *Sitomagus*, *Sinomagus*, or *Senomagus*, received either it's Name, from a Foreign City or People, yet it imports no more, than the Fortreſs or City, built by the *Senones* or *Sitones*, on the *Ford*, on which the ſame *People* thought fit to plant themſelves.

And thus My Lord, I have given you my thoughts, concerning your Neighbouring Town, *Sitomagus*, and of all others of the ſame Termination, wherein if I have not ſatisfied your Lordſhips Judgement, yet if I have given your Lordſhip, any diverſion, or but ſhewed my readineſs to ſerve your Lordſhip, either of theſe will appear abundant Satisfaction, to your Lordſhips moſt Faithfull and moſt Obedient Servant,

ROB. PLOT.

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[o] I believe take any County, and half or more, of the Towns and Villages, will appear to have taken their Names, from their Situations.

[p] Phil: Cluverij Germ: Antiq: Lib: 1. Cap: 7.

[q] whence ſome deduce the Word Magazine. Vide Iſacij Pontani Glos: Priſco-Gall: in Verbo, Magus.

[r] P. Merulæ Coſmogr: part. 2. Lib: 3. Cap: 30.

[s] Plin. Nat: Hiſt: Lib: 3. Cap. 16.

[t] Phil: Cluverij Germ: Antiq: Lib: 1. Cap. 7.

[u] Vid. Cambden Brit. in Com: Norff.

[x] C. Corn: Taciti Lib: de Scitu, Moribus. et Populis Germanic: Cap. 45.

As to this Town's not being the Ancient *Sitomagus*, as ſome Authors have lately advanced, one placing it at [y] *Wulpit* in *Suffolk*, another at [z] *Wymondham* in *Norfolk*, and [a] another (as I am informed, never having ſeen the Work) not ſo much as mentioning the Name of *Thetford* at all in his whole Book, I muſt obſerve the Reaſons, that convince me that this was the *Sitomagus* and no other. And firſt, the unanimous Conſent of moſt, if not all Writers, (till theſe appeared) is to me no ſmall Argument; next, the Natural Deduction of it's Name, which I have ſpoken of before. In the third Place, the Coins and *Roman* Fortifications, which are ſtill viſible. And in the laſt Place, the Agreement in the *Itinerary*, as to the Diſtance, being ſo exact, it being from *Thetford* to *Norwich*, 30 meaſured Miles wanting one Quarter, by the Wheel, and I preſume, carry your Road, as in this Caſe muſt be done, down to *Caſtor* by *Norwich*, (as it is now called for Diſtinction Sake) and you'll find it, not half a Mile over or under the Complement of the *Itinerary*, which ſays, that *Sitomagus* is 31 Miles diſtant from the *Venta Icenorum*, which all Mankind, formerly placed at this *Caſtor*, and not at *Caſtor* by *Yarmouth*, which in my Opinion is altogether impoſſible, as I hope to make out, when I come to treat of that Place. Neither am I certainly convinced, that this *Caſtor*, was the *Venta Icenorum*, tho' there are ſeveral Reaſons I own, to induce me to think ſo, but there are alſo as many, to incline me to imagine it might be at another Place in this County: but let it be at either of them, the Diſtance is ſo agreeable, that ſtill *Thetford*, and that only, muſt be the *Sitomagus*.

## CHAP. II. *Of the City under the* Romans.

In the next Place then, let us ſee where the *Romans* at their coming, found this City of *Sitomagus* placed, and in what Condition it is likely to be, before, and during the Time they poſſeſſed it. As to the Firſt, without doubt that ancient City, was wholly on the *Suffolk* Side of the River, and was not then fortified, but after the *Romans* once ſetled here, they according to their wiſe Cuſtom, made it a Place of ſome Strength, by incloſing it with an Intrenchment, and making two Fortreſſes, one at each End of the City, the firſt, cloſe by *that Ford*, or moſt frequented Paſſage over the River, from whence the City had it's Name, and the other, at the Weſtern Extremity of the City, to guard another *Ford* that was the Paſſage, for that end of it, both which Fortreſſes and great Part of the Intrenchment or City Ditch are very viſible at this Time, and plainly Diſcover to us, it's Extent and Situation, during the *Romans* Poſſeſſion of it, the *Ford* from whence it derives it's Name, is the Place now called the *Nuns Bridges*, where the great *Roman* Way croſſed directly thro' the Market-ſtreet-End, up to *Kilverſtone*, it being not only, before that Part of the Town was built, but long before the preſent Caſtle-Hill, (thro' the Ramparts of which, the preſent Road paſſes) was thrown up; directly upon this *Ford*, (as Mr. *Salmon* rightly obſerved) is the firſt of the aforementioned Fortreſſes, or [b] *Military Agger*, (as he properly calls it) which comes very near the River, and hath the Scite of St. *Georges Nunnery* on it's Eaſt-Side: much of this *Agger* is now lately loſt, great Quantities of it being carried away to improve the adjacent low Meadows; from this Fortreſs, the Intrenchment in all probability went, up to that Field in which a Windmill lately ſtood, but is now removed, and incloſing that Field, croſſed the *London* Road, and ſo met that large Intrenchment or Ditch, which runs directly down to the ſecond Caſtle aforementioned, now called *Red-Caſtle*, or more probably as ſometimes ſpell'd, *Rede-Caſtle*. Here is a plain Fortreſs, it's Rampart and Ditch being ſtill perfect. This entirely guarded the other *Ford*, which to this Day is called *Dichenford*, that is, the *Ford* at the *Dic*, *Ditch*, or *Intrenchment*, and it being plain that the Road on the other Side of the River was never a very large one, there being no appearance of it's ever being ſo, ſhew me clearly that this was not the *Ford* that gave the City it's Name, but only a convenient Paſſage for the Inhabitants of that Part of it, the Caſtle, for ſo I may venture to call it in ſtrict Speaking, was certainly built in the midle of the preſent Intrenchment, and whither it received it's Name, from the *Red* Colour of the *Bricks* it might be adorned with, or whither it is more properly *Rede-Caſtle*, from it's being ſituated by a low

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[y] Dr. Gale, in his learned Commentary upon Antoninus, (p. 110) is of Opinion, that Sitomagus, is not Thetford, but Wulpit in Suff. his Chief Reaſon being the Diſtance of Miles from Caſtor, which he ſaith, muſt be altered from 31, to 21 But the Dr. I fear, was not well appriſed of the Difference of our computed Miles in Norfolk, and meaſured Miles, for by Meaſure, he will find it very near if not exact, 31 meaſured Miles from Thetford to Norwich Caſtor, tho' it is called by ſome 21 only, and I have made a general Obſervation in this County that the computed Miles, are a full Third longer than meaſured Miles, I mean, that if it be commonly called 10 Miles to a Place, upon meaſure it will be found 15.

[z] Mr. Salmon.

[a] Mr. Hunter.

[b] Salmons Roman Stations p. 10.

Place that abounded with *Reeds*, (to which the Situation correſponds) I can not determine; but certain I am, that it was ſtanding long ſince, either the Time of the *Romans* or *Danes*, as I am convinced, by what Mr. *Thomas Martin*, the curious Searcher of the Antiquities of this Place found, when he Dug here, *viz.* the Foundations of Buildings, and a large Stone Coffin, with a perfect Sceleton in it, the Form of which, Reſembling that of the common Stone Coffins that we find, is a plain Indication, that it was buried ſince thoſe Times, the *Romans* never uſing any, but direct Cheſts, without any other Shape, to bury in, if they buried any Bodies in Coffins at all, which I much doubt, the *Sarcophagus* (as I think) was not a Coffin, to bury the Body in, (as ſome would have it) but as Dr. *Holyoke* in his Dictionary rightly explains it, 'twas, "*Loculus, in quo Caro Defuncti conſumitur,*" the *Loculus* or Coffin, that the Body was conſum'd or burn'd in; and indeed I believe, that ſuch Stone Cheſts as are ſometimes, but rarely found, were not uſed by the *Romans*, as many imagine, but rather by the *Danes*, after they had got Footing in this Iſle, and what induces me to think ſo is, becauſe what few have been found of that Make, are in ſuch Places where 'tis well known they had ſetled themſelves, now this being of the common Shape, we muſt infer, that it was buried in the Chapel within the Caſtle Walls, (which was a very ſmall one, as the Foundations ſhew us) ſince the Time, not only of the *Romans*, but the *Danes* alſo. Tho' I am apt to conclude, that in this very Place, before the Light of the Goſpel ſhone here, there had been ſome Religious Rights paid to the Heathen Gods by way of Sacrifice, as the many Bones of Beaſts, which were found three Feet deeper than the Coffin, diſcover to us. I am very ſenſible, it muſt ſeem ſtrange to moſt People, that there ſhould be no Remains of the Walls of this Caſtle above Ground, or that there ſhould be no Memorial left of the Time, when it was thus levell'd. All this may be, but if I may give a gueſs at the Reaſon of it, it will not only ſhew us, why there are no Walls left, but alſo when they were thus deſtroyed, and then, conſidering the Time, I believe, moſt People will wonder that the Hills themſelves ſhould not have been as much decay'd and ploughed down, as thoſe of the other Caſtle are, conſidering there was nothing to hinder it. Indeed I am apt to think, the other Fortreſs had a Caſtle in it as well as this, eſpecially conſidering, it was the Capital one, but it lying more expoſed by the great Paſſage, might for that Reaſon be ſooner taken away and levell'd by degrees than this; but I don't take that to have been the Reaſon why they were entirely demoliſhed, nor why there are ſo little Remains of any Ruins, upon the Part where this ancient City ſtood, but rather the following one; *Red-Caſtle*, belonged to and ſtood in, the Fee of the Earl *Warren*, who in King *Stephen*'s Time, founded the Canons of the order of the *Holy Sepulchre*, [*c*] a little diſtance North Eaſt of this Caſtle, and I imagine, entirely demoliſhed it with what ever elſe he found in decay, (as moſt of that End of the Town muſt then be) to build the Great Church, Manſion, and other convenient Buildings, for the Canons that he placed there, and in like Manner I ſuppoſe the other Caſtle was entirely levell'd, by the Abbot of *Bury*, to build the Church, Manſion, and other Houſes, for the Religious of his Foundation, which he placed cloſe by the Eaſt Side of that Fortreſs, where the *Place* now ſtands. I may add alſo that 'tis not unlikely, when this Part decayed, by the Towns paſſing the River, but that the Biſhop's Manſion, and the Cathedral Church of the *Holy Trinity*, with other Pariſh Churches, Chapels, and Religious Places, might be built out of them, this being the only way, that I can account for there being no Ruins to be ſeen, of any Buildings at all, that exceed the Conqueſt And I muſt own I am at ſome loſs to conceive, how the Churches that were in this Part, ſuch as St. *Etheldred*, St. *Margaret* &c. that we know the Scites of, ſhould be ſo far gone in ſuch a Time as 200 Years and leſs, as not to have a Stone remaining viſible above the Ground, and the very Place they ſtood on, but little higher than the reſt of the Earth, which could happen no other way, I ſhould think, but by removing their Ruins to make way for the Plough, which by conſtant uſe hath reduced them almoſt to an entire Level with the reſt of the Ground, though if we dig lower than the Plough goes, we can eaſily trace their Foundations. And now in the next Place let us conſider, at what Time the *Romans* ſeem to have come and ſetled here. Indeed it appears to me that it was very early, becauſe the Coins found here, are chiefly thoſe of the largeſt Size, and of the oldeſt Emperors. [*d*] Sixty Years before *Chriſt*, *Caius Julius Cæſar* landed in *Britain*, and loſt good Part of his Army in the firſt Encounter he met with, upon which, leaving ſome of the remaining Part, he croſſed

[c] Holinſhed vol. 1. fo 92. [*d*] Chronicon Saxonicum, p. 2. Per Gibſon. Gibſon's Cambden, fo. 36, ſays 54 Years before Chriſt.

over again into *Gaul*, and having got together 600 Veſſels, return'd to *Britain*, where he was warmly received by the *Britains*, one of his Tribunes being ſlain in the firſt Engagement, and his Army much vexed, (as they paſſed the *Thames* at a *Fordable* Place) by the *Britains*, having ſtruck ſharp Stakes into the Ground, which did not appear above the Water, but were very troubleſome to the *Romans*, who came upon them unawares: after this, they fled into the Woods, and tho' *Cæſar* did take ſeveral of their cheif Towns, having firſt ſubdued their Inhabitants, before he return'd into *Gaul*, yet I am of *Tacitus*'s opinion, that he was ſo far from conquering *Britain*, that he may properly be ſaid, to have only ſhewn it to the *Romans*, for ſo far was he from twice paſſing through *Britain*, as *Velleius Paterculus* aſſerts, that *Lucan* tells us directly, that he fled, from thoſe *Britains*, whom his Arms had ſought,

*Territa quæſitis oſtendit Terga Britannis.*

If it be objected that this Poet is look'd upon as too hard upon *Cæſar*, *Horace* will tell us that the *Britains*, inſtead of being conquer'd, were not medled withall.

*Intactus aut Britannus ut Deſcenderet*
*Sacra catenatus via.*

*Or* Britains *yet untouch'd, in Chains ſhould come*
*To grace thy Triumph, through the Streets of* Rome.

And tho' afterwards the Land was more known to the *Romans*, yet they had no ſetled Habitations here, and no one had attempted to invade *Britain*, ſince *Julius Cæſar*, 'till that Runagate *Britain*, the Ambitious *Bericus*, perſwaded *Claudius* to invade it, ſo that without doubt, 'till this Time, the *Romans* were not in the leaſt acquainted or concern'd at *Sitomagus*, or *Thetford*; but in the 46 Year after Chriſt, according to the *Saxon Chronicle*, and [*e*] in the 4*th* Year of his Reign, *Claudius Cæſar*, enter'd this Land, and ſubdued it to the *Roman* Empire, in the begining of his Expedition, it ſeems to me, he had Poſſeſſion of this City, for *Tacitus* tells us, that the Potent Nation of the *Iceni*, at *Firſt* ſought Alliance with the *Romans*.

*Claudius* did not ſtay long in *Britain*, and ſoon after his return, *Oſtorius*, his Proprætor or Lieutenant, ſoon found his Affairs in Diſorder, and therefore prepared to diſarm all the *Allies*, that he was ſuſpicious of, but the *Iceni*, a Potent Nation, not yet diminiſhed by Wars, having been hitherto in Alliance with the *Romans*, could not brook this, as the ſame Hiſtorian aſſures us and by their Example, the Neighbouring Nations roſe likewiſe, and incamped in a proper Place, Fencing themſelves in, with a Rampier of Earth thrown up for that purpoſe, and ſo became acceſſible by a narrow Paſſage only, in order to prevent the Entrance of the *Roman* Horſe, but the *Roman* General forced the Rampier and diſorder'd the Enemy, pent up, and hinder'd by their own Intrenchments; however, the *Romans* acknowledge to the Honour of our Country-Men, that they bravely defended themſelves, tho' they were ſenſible their Eſcape was impoſſible. By this Defeat of the *Iceni*, other States, then wavering, were ſetled: And immediately after this Battle it was, as I apprehend, that the *Romans* planted themſelves all over *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, &c. the Country of the *Iceni*, (for by that Name, the People of *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, and Part of *Cambridgeſhire* were then known) and ſetled *Colonies*, *Camps*, *Stations* &c. in order to keep their new conquer'd Country in Subjection, and at this Time it was, in all likelyhood, that they ſetled at *Sitomagus*, and then raiſed the Fortreſſes, or Caſtles, and the Intrenchment, or Rampart, round the City, as a Guard, in caſe of any more ſuch Riſings: And from this Time I look upon it, all our *Roman* Camps, Intrenchments and Fortifications whatſoever in theſe Counties, took their beginning, as the *Venta Icenorum*, the old *Garionomum*, the two *Caſtors*, and the many other Camps and Stations for diverſe Companies, that were placed as Defences of the Country, both by Sea and Land, tho' without doubt ſome of them were afterwards raiſed, according as they found it proper, in order to have them within due diſtance one of another, and in ſuch Camps as theſe, 'tis, that we find ſuch Number of the ſmall Coins of the Lower Emperors, and few or none of the Higher at all, as I obſerve in the Coins found here, and thoſe at *Icklingham* in *Suffolk*, which I take to have been one of thoſe later Camps, there being few or none of the old Emperors Coins, found there, and not many but of the ſmall Size, even of the late one's, whereas there are few of the ſmall Size found here, and ſcarce any, but of the older Emperors, and thoſe of the largeſt Size, ſo that this City ſeems to have flouriſhed moſt, under *Claudius*, [f] *Nero*, *Veſpatian*, *Domitian*, *Trajan*, and *Antoninus Pius*, of all which pretty many are found here, but eſpecially of the latter, in whoſe Time it ſeems to have been at the greateſt Height it ever was, during the Time of the *Romans* being it's Maſters, tho' it continued a *Roman* City, as long (I believe) as they continued in the Land, yet for what Reaſon I know not the Neighbouring Camp at *Icklingham*, ſeems to have increaſed, and this, to have decreaſed Coins of all the Emperors from *Antonius Pius*, to the latter Emperors, being found there, in ſuch abundant Numbers, and but very few here. And thus this City continued under the *Roman* Empire, 'till the Year 435 after our Saviour's Birth, when that fully expired in *Britain*, it being the *476th* Year from *Cæſars* coming in, when under the Government of *Valentinian* the third, the *Roman Forces* were exported by *Gallio*, for the Service of *France*, and * having buried their Treaſures, and bereft *Britain* of her Youth, by frequent Muſters, they left her incapable of Defence, and a Prey to the Ravage and Barbarity of the *Picts* and *Scots*. And thus having given you the beſt Account I am capable of, concerning this City, during the Time of the *Romans*, I ſhall only add to this Head, an Account of ſome few Coins I have now before me, that were found here.

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[*e*] Speed according to Dion ſays, in the ſecond Year of his Empire and 45*th* Year after Chriſt,

The firſt was given me, it being one only of a great Number, that were ſold to a Brazier for old Braſs, of whom I had it. The Word *Caeſar*, being ſo very plain, made him take it from the reſt, which were not ſo plain as this, it is of the largeſt Size, and very Fair, the Circumſcription this,

*TI. CLAVDIVS. CAESAR. AVG. P. M. TR. P----IMP.*

The reverſe is a Woman ſtanding upright, holding her Gown with one Hand, and her other Arm is held ſtrait out, but it is ſo imperfect juſt in that Place, that I can not perſume to ſay, whither it is a Crown or no, that ſhe holds, the Circumſcription is,

*SPES AVGVSTAE.*

And under her Feet. *S. C.* This Coin as I take it, was ſtruck, by decree of the *Senate*, at the Empreſs's Requeſt, when he had conquer'd the *Iceni*, in the aforementioned Battle, in *Hope* of a continuance of the good Fortune he had already met with. The Circumſcription is this, *Tiberius Claudius Caeſar*, *Auguſtus*, *Pontifex Maximus*, *Tribunitia Poteſtate*-- *Imperator*. That is, *Tiberius Claudius Caeſar*, *Auguſtus*, High Prieſt and Emperor, having the *Tribunitian* Power. The Reverſe is, *Spes Auguſtae*, or *Auguſta*'s *Hope*, and *S. C.* at the Bottom denotes, *Senatus Conſulto*, that is, that the Coin was ſtruck, by Decree of the *Roman Senate*. But as I ſhall have occaſion very often to mention the Inſcriptions on *Roman* Coins, it will not be amiſs once for all, to explain theſe ſeveral Titles of the Emperors that we meet with, upon moſt of them, and this I cannot do ſo well, as I find it already done to my Hand, by the learned *Cambden*, and his judicious Tranſlator, whoſe Words I beg leave to make uſe of. “ [g] After *Julius Cæſar*, who laid the Foundation of the *Roman* Monarchy, all his Succeſſors in Honour of him, aſſumed the Titles of *Cæſar* or *Auguſtus*; as if they were above the Pitch of Humane Nature, (for things that are ſacred we call *Auguſt*) that alſo, of *Pontifices Maximi*, or high Prieſts, becauſe they were conſecrated in all the Kinds of Prieſthood, and had the overſight of all Religious Ceremonies: they uſurped likewiſe the *Tribunitian* Power, (but would not by any means be called *Tribunes*) that they might be inviolable. For by Vertue of this Authority, if any one gave them ill Language, or offer'd them any Violence, he was to be put to Death without a Hearing, as a Sacrilegious Perſon. They moſtly renewed this *Tribunitian* Power every Year, and ſome of them by it, computed the Years of their Reign; at laſt, they were called *Emperors*, becauſe their Empire was moſt large and *Ample*, and under that Name was couched, both the Power of *Kings* and *Dictators*. And they were ſtiled *Emperors* as often as they did any thing very Honourable either in Perſon or by their Generals.”

The next is a *Trajan* of the largeſt Size, round the Emperors Head is this.

[f] In this Emperors Time died Praſutagus, King of the Iceni, having for many Years hoarded up great Wealth for his two Daughters, and in order to ſecure it to them, made Cæſar Co-Heir with them, not doubting but his Signal Teſtimony of his good Will to the Emperor, would perſerve his Family from Oppreſſion, and his Daughters from Diſhonour, but it happen'd quite contrary, for under pretence of taking Poſſeſſion of the Emperors Share, his Kingdom was laid waſte, and robbed by the Centurions, his Houſe ranſackt throughout, by the Ravenous Collectors, who behaved themſelves with all the Licentiouſneſs of Conquerors, his Wife Boadicia they Whipt, and raviſhed her two Daughters &c. as if the whole Kingdom, by Teſtament, had been left to them, the Chiefeſt of the Iceni, were diſpoſſeſſed of their ancient Inheritances, and the Royal Family turn'd out and uſed as Slaves, and from this Time they had an abſolute Government over all the Iceni, who upon this uſage revolted, under the command of that brave Queen, and not without difficulty, did they conquer her Army, which loſs ſtuck ſo much upon her, that ſhe would not Survive it, and ſo rather than fall into her Enemies Hands ſhe diſpatched her ſelf, as Sammes in his Britania Antiqua tells us. See fo. 223. 227.

[g] Gibſon's Camb: fo. 98.

* See my diſcourſe upon this Subject at the end of the Account of Roman Coins found here.

*IMP. CAES. NERVAE. TRAIANO. AVG. GER.----:---*

The Reverſe is a *Roman*, holding a Spear in one Hand, and raiſing his other in a Dictating Poſture, with an *Angel* or good *Genius* at his Back, and this round it.

*S. P. Q. R. O----O. --INCIPI.*

Which I read thus, *Senatus Populusque Romanus Optimo Principi.* And under the Effigies, *S. C.* for *Senatus Conſulto.* This I ſuppoſe was ſtruck after the Revolt of the *Britains* from this Emperor, when he had brought them to their former Obedience, the Reverſe ſeeming to intimate if I miſtake not, that by his good Fortune that there attends him, he was ſtill to dictate and give Laws, to the ſubdued People. This is in the Collection of Mr. *Thomas Martin*.

I have ſeen ſeveral imperfect ones, of *Veſpatian*, *Domitian*, and *Trajan*, but the Name only being legible, I omit taking any further Notice of them. But the moſt Common of all are the largeſt Size, of *Antoninus Pius*, of which I have now five before me, the moſt perfect is this.

[*b*] *ANTONINVS. AVG. PIVS. P. P.*

Reverſe *T. R. P. --- III. S. C.* having nothing more than a *Roman* in his proper Habit, holding a Spear, to intimate perhaps, the abſolute Authority, that People then had over the *Britains*. This is in my own Collection. But the next is in Mr. *Thomas Martin*'s, the Word *ANTONINVS* only being legible, though the Face is very perfect, as is the Reverſe, which ſeems to be a Woman, in the *Roman* Dreſs, holding a Spear in one Hand, and making a Libation upon an Altar, but the Circumſcription is imperfect, it might be ſtruck about the Year of Chriſt 141, and the Reverſe may be, the *Genius* of the *Romans*, offering to their Gods, for their good Fortune in Subduing the *Brigantes*, who had then riſen againſt them as *Speed* informs us. The other three, tho' I think, they were found here, yet not being poſitively certain, I ſhall take no Notice of. And here it will not be amiſs to add my Thoughts, how theſe Coins came here, and what uſe they were of, during the *Roman* Government.

* An. CCCCXVIII. Heꞃ Romane ᵹeꞅomnodon eal ꝥ ᵹoldhoꞃd þe on Bꞃẏtene ƿæꞃon. ⁊ ꞅume on eoꞃðan ahẏdon ꝥ hẏ nænig mon ꞅiððan ꝼindan meahte. ⁊ ꞅume mid him on Gallia lædon.

*That is*, " This Year [418] the *Romans* gathered together all their Goldhords, (Money " and Treaſure) which were in *Britain*, † and ſome they hid in the Earth, that no Man " might afterwards find it, and ſome they carried with them into *France*.

From whence I think, may be produced, a plauſible Reaſon at leaſt, for the great Quantity of *Roman* Coins daily dug up, in thoſe Parts, where the *Romans* were ſetled. If they buried their Treaſure at their Departure, where ſo likely, as at their Camps and Cities? And how or to what Purpoſe, can Pots full of their Coins, which are often found, be ſuppoſed to be buried, unleſs this way? I know, ſome will urge, that theſe Coins were ſcattered and buried, to continue the *Roman* Name, after they had left us, and that they were not current Money, but ſtruck in Memory of the Exploits of that great People; but give me leave to ask them, did they bury theſe Pots, their Altars, their Gods, their valuable Things of Gold and Silver for this purpoſe? Or is it to be ſuppoſed, that, that knowing People, would have ſown Coins of Gold and Silver, (many of which we find) when Braſs and Copper, would ſerve that Turn as well? No, give me leave to ſay, I have greater Notions of the Policy of the *Roman* State, and rather believe, that when *Alarick* took *Rome*, and *Honorius* recalled *Victorinus*'s Army, that the *Britains* took up Arms, and at once ſhook off the *Roman* Yoke, which cauſed ſuch a general Conſternation among them, that rather than let their Treaſures fall into their Enemies Hands, they buried them immediately, not chooſing to attempt to carry them away, for fear of having them taken from them; tho' it ſeems they did carry away great Part of their Gold and Silver Coin, (which was moſt portable) into *France*, becauſe we find few of thoſe Metals, in Compariſon to the Number of Braſs and Copper Ones, of which we may ſuppoſe there were originally a greater Number coined than of the other. And as to thoſe that will not allow them to be current Money, I ſhould be glad to ſee them produce their Reaſons for their Aſſertion: I really believe they were all Current, (except the *Medallions*, and ſometimes I think I need not except them) and my Reaſons for it are theſe, becauſe we may obſerve, the different Sizes, and conſequently the Values, are all regular, and ſome ſo ſmall, we can't conceive them for any other Uſe but for

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[*b*] Antoninus Auguſtus Pater Patriæ, Tribunitia Poteſtate. --iii. Senatus Conſulto.

* Chron: Sax: p. 10.

† See Holinſhed's 1 Vol. fo. 92 of the valuable Treaſures of the Romans, that have been found.

Money only, as the [*i*] *As*, *Semis*, *Triens*, *Quadrans*, *Sextula*, and ſuch like, it being impoſſible that any Body would pretend to ſtrike ſuch ſmall Things, to perpetuate any great Exploit, they being ſo liable to be worn out and loſt and come to nothing, and had it not been for burying of them, I believe fewer had now been to be ſeen than there are. Another Reaſon is, the Numbers of the latter Emperors that are to be found, and the few of the old ones, the laſt ſeldom Fair, and the Firſt generally ſo, they having been uſed as Money but little while, when the other, were near worn out (as we ſee our Coin do) before they were buried ; this is the Reaſon that the *Conſtantine*'s, *Valentinian*'s, *Gratian*'s, *&c.* are ſo very fair, and thoſe of the firſt *Cæſars* ſo much imperfect ; which accounts at the ſame Time, for there being ſo few of them to what there are of the others, for they did not Coin ſo much, and what they did, was worn out by length of Time, and conſtant Uſe, for it could be nothing elſe, the *Romans* having a very politic Law, againſt melting down their old Money, to which we are much obliged, for thoſe very ancient Coins we have left us ; a politic Law I may ſay, for by this means their Mony conſtantly increaſed, and with that, good Part of their Conqueſts, neither was their uſual Method, of perpetuating the remarkable and beneficial Acts of their Princes, on the Reverſe of his Coin, leſs politic than the former, for by this, they raiſed in them an Emulation of being brave, and doing good, in order to have their Actions, publickly recorded on their Coin, by the Votes either of the *Senate* or *Army*, than which, there were not many greater Honours. And had theſe Laws been received by all Nations to this Day, there are many would have made a far better Figure in Hiſtory by their Coins, than by any other Remains that we have now left us.

It may reaſonably be ſuppoſed, that the Chriſtians enjoying much Tranquility in *Britain*, under this truly *Pious* Emperor, who publiſhed an Edict againſt their Accuſers, began to build Places for Chriſtian worſhip in his Reign, and 'tis not to be thought, but they erected them in Cities, and the moſt frequented Places, and if ſo, no doubt but they had ſome in this large City, tho' I confeſs there are no Remains that I know of, nor yet any Account of it, ſo that it amounts to nothing more, than a reaſonable Conjecture.

## CHAP. III. *Of the City under the* Saxons

[*k*] The *Britains*, being ruin'd of all their Strength, by the *Romans* continual carrying off their Youth, and now abandon'd by their Garriſons, which alone could have ſupported the declining State, fell into miſerable Confuſions, and terrible Calamities, occaſion'd by the *Barbarians* Invaſions on one Hand, and the tumultuous Factions of her own great Men on the other, ſtriving for the Supreme Government, every one being for uſurping it to himſelf; and thus (as *Ninius* tells us) they lived forty Years in Fear and Affliction. *Vortigern* who was then King, fearing Attacks from ſuch *Romans* as remained here, and from the *Picts* and *Scots*, and troubled with the Oppoſition of *Aurelius Ambroſius*, who ſurvived his ſlain Parents, that had worn the imperial Robe, ſends for the *Saxons* out of *Germany* to his Aſſiſtance, who were called in as Friends, but proved indeed the greateſt Enemies, for after the Event of ſeveral Battles, they diſpoſſeſſed the poor *Britains*, of the moſt fruitfull Part of their Country, and ancient Inheritance, as *Cambden* from *Gildas* informs us. Now agreable to this account which all Authors give us, we are informed by *John Brame*, a Monk of this Place, in his Manuſcript Hiſtory in *Bennet* College Library, in *Cambridge*, that one *Rond*, a valiant Man of this City, who flouriſhed in the Time of King *Vortigern*, ſeeing the *Roman* Forces withdrawn and gone, and the remaining *Romans*, ſluggiſh and unactive, and perceiving *Vortigern* and his Army, fully employed againſt the *Picts* and *Scots*, he thereupon uſurped the ſupreme Government of this City, and became King thereof, and it ſeems not unlikely, but the Inhabitants might be well ſatisfied with it, eſpecially if he was as popular, as he ſeems Valiant, for he did not continue Idle, when he had got the Government, [*l*] but endeavoured immediately, either to gain or ſubdue his Neighbours, and bring them under his Power, which was no bad Policy, as things then were, becauſe by ſo doing, he made himſelf and People, the ſtronger to reſiſt the approaching Invaſions

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(*i*) Holyoke's Treatiſe in his Dictionary of the Roman Money. As, 4 5ths, Semis, 2 5ths, Triens, 4 15ths, Quadrans, 1 4th, Sextula, the 6th Part of a Penny. (k) See Speed. Gibſon's Camb.

(*l*) The Account of his Expedition againſt Atlinge, which I mentioned under Atleburgh, may be likely, who alſo might be another of thoſe great Men, that had gotten the Title at leaſt of King, during theſe Confuſions. See my Hiſtory of Atleburgh. I am ſenſible how the Great Sir Henry Spelman, and all ſince him, that have wrote on this Subject, moſt of which have only copied him, look upon this Monk, as a meer fabulous Writer. But I have endeavoured already, to ſet aſide that Notion, for ſuch reaſons as I think, will be allowed by moſt Men, and I am ſure this Account of Rond, correſponding ſo exactly to the Time, as well as Accounts of all Hiſtory whatever, is ſo far from making me conclude, with the Editors of the Atlas, that it " is not to be regarded, being altogether Fabulous" that with me it adds much to the Reaſons I have elſe where given, in defence of this Author.

of the *Saxons*. But alas! neither Policy nor Strength was ſufficient to withſtand the growing Power of that People, for which Reaſon it ſeems, from the Compariſon of Hiſtory, that he either thought it his Intereſt to join with *Vortimer*, Son of *Vortigern*, whom the *Britains* had made King, againſt them, or elſe was forced to it, for want of Power to reſiſt them alone. This *Vortimer* with his Army of *Britains* perſued the *Saxons* very cloſe, overcame them in four principal pitched Battles, beſides which, [*m*] "**He had dyvers Conflyctes** (with them) **in** Kente, **at** Thetforde "**in** Northfolke, **and in** Eſſex **neare unto** Colcheſter, **and lefte not, tyl he had byrafte** "**from them the more Parte of ſuch Poſſeſſyons, as before Tyme they had wonne, and** "**kepte them onely to the Yle** Tenet." But when this noble Defence of the *Britiſh* Nation, fell a Sacrifice to the malicious *Rowena*'s Poiſon, and *Vortigern* his Father was again reſtored to the *Britiſh* Throne, *Hengiſt* and his *Saxons* ſoon entered again, but not caring to give Battle to *Vortigern*, who had a large Army with him, under Colour of Treaty and Peace, he deceived the too credulous *Britains*, by a new Manner of Treaſon, at that Time unheard of, for [*n*] under pretence of meeting on the Plains of *Ambrij* (now called *Saliſbury-Plains*) on the *May-Day* following, to conclude and treat of Peace and Amity, *Vortigern* and his Nobles met at the Day, and at the Watch-Word given, were all (except the King) killed by the *Saxons*, with their long Knives, which they had by *Hengiſt*'s Order, concealed under their Clothes, for that Purpoſe; and thus fell the *Britiſh* Nobles, and with them all the Renown of the *Britiſh* Name, for *Vortigern* being *Hengiſt*'s Priſoner, was immediately forced to give him three Provinces in the Eaſt Part of *Britain*, *viz. Kent*, *Eaſt Saxon*, or *Eſſex*, and *Eaſt-Angles*, *viz. Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, of all which, when *Hengiſt* was entirely poſſeſſed, he let the King have his Liberty. Then began *Hengiſt*'s Reign over *Kent*, in the Year, [*o*] 476, who gave the other Provinces to his Generals, that had aſſiſted him in his Enterpriſes. And thus this City came into the *Saxons* Hands, of whoſe firſt Landing and Progreſs, it will not be amiſs to take ſome Obſervations from divers Authors, who tho' they often diſagree as to Time, yet agree well as to Matters of Fact. In the Year 449, the *Saxons* called over by *Vortigern*, firſt entered this Land, under the Conduct of *Hengiſt* and *Horſa*, two Brethren, who raiſed their Reputation ſo much among the *Britains*, by beating the *Scots* and *Picts* in two Engagements, that they too much truſted to their Management, who being pleaſed with the Country, determin'd to make themſelves Maſters of it; and in order thereto, under Pretence of Manning the Frontier Garriſons, and diverting the Enemy on the Sea Coaſt, ſent to the *Angles* for more Aſſiſtance, who got together an Army out of three Provinces in *Germany*, *viz.* [*p*] the old *Saxons*, the *Angles*, and *Jutes*, and tranſported themſelves hither without delay, and counterfeiting Pretences of ill Pay, and ſhort Diet, they enter into League with the *Picts*, whom they had made really afraid of them, and ſo raiſed a moſt bloody War againſt the *Britains*, that entertain'd them, putting them to the Sword, waſting their Lands, razing their Cities, and at laſt quite diſ-poſſeſſed them of the beſt Part of the Iſland, which they after divided among themſelves into *Seven Kingdoms*, thence called the *HEPTARCHY*. The *Jutes* had only *Kent*, and the *Iſle of Wight*; the *Saxons* had three Kingdoms, the *Eaſt*, *Weſt*, and *South Saxons*, which were but of narrow Bounds, if compared with the large Dominions of the *Angles*, [*q*] who were the moſt numerous of the three Nations that came over, as well as the moſt Valiant, for they erected Three of the largeſt Kingdoms, *viz. Northumberland*, *Mercia*, and the *Eaſt-Angles*, which laſt contained the Tract, afterwards divided into the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and ſome ſay *Cambridgeſhire* and the *Iſle of Ely*, as *Speed*, *Cambden*, *&c.* but *Fabian* ſays not, and indeed I am of his Mind, for *Speed* fol. 326, hath bounded it by St. *Edmund*'s-*Ditch* on the *Weſt*, but *Holinſhed* vol. 1. fol. 126. and *Stow* fol. 61, and *Fabian* fol. 77. have it's Bounds more plain, *viz.* that at firſt, it contain'd *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and was bounded on the *Eaſt* and *North* by the Sea, on the *North Weſt* by *Cambridgeſhire*, on the *South* by *Eſſex*, and on the *Weſt* by *Hertfordſhire* and St. *Edmund*'s-*Ditch*, which I believe was it's Boundary, and that that Part of *Cambridgeſhire* on this Side the Ditch, did belong to the *Eaſt-Angles*. I make no doubt but *Cambridgeſhire* and *Huntingtonſhire*, were Part of the *Roman Iceni*, but can't think with Mr. *Cambden*, that they were included at firſt in the Kingdom of the *Eaſt-Angles*, tho' they might be afterwards, for *Sammes* fol. 63, ſays, "The *Iceni* inhabited that Part of *Britain*, which the *Eaſt-Angles* did, "under the *Saxons*, it comprehended *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*; and at ſome Time *Cambridge*, which

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[*m*] Fabian fol. 71.

[*n*] Stow fol. 52.

[*o*] Fabian fo. 73, others ſay 455, whom Speed follows.

[*p*] Saxon Chron: to which Sammes agrees, fol. 349, where there is an Account of the Diſagreement of Writers, as to Time. Baker's Chron: fol. 4. Stow fol. 51.

[*q*] And ſo they might well be, for the Saxon Chron: ſays they deſerted their whole Country, and voluntarily left it to be divided between the Jutes and Saxons, their next Neighbours. See Sammes fol. 549.

*Uffa*,

[r] *Uffa* one of the three Principals of the *Angles*, firſt united into one Kingdom, and took the Government thereof, in the Year of our Lord 575, [s] and ſetled at *Sitomagus*, the Proſperity and Grandeur of which City, is allowed by all Authors, to be owing to the *Saxon* Kings, making it the Metropolis of their Kingdom of the *Eaſt-Angles*, by placing their chief Reſidence there; and 'twas now, that it's new Maſters gave it the then new Name of Ðeodford, or *Theodford*, and from this Time was this Royal City continually increaſing in it's Greatneſs and Glory, [t] tho' Labouring again under the dark Clouds of Paganiſm, and Heatheniſh Worſhip, which her Heathen King had wholly introduced.

I meet with no further Account of the Acts of *Uffa*, but that he reigned about ſeven Years, and then left his Kingdom to his Son,

Titulus, who began his Reign in the Year 581, and tho we find no mention of his Acts, we muſt ſuppoſe his Days were not quietly ſpent in the Infancy of his new erected Kingdom, which he govern'd 20 Years, having his cheif Reſidence here, he lived and died a Heathen, and left his Kingdom to his Son,

Redwald, the greateſt of all the *Eaſt-Anglian* Kings, and the firſt that embraced Chriſtianity, from which he afterwards apoſtatized; he was a Warlike Prince, and conquer'd *Ethelfrid* King of *Northumberland*, and 'tis to be obſerved of this Kingdom above all others, that in it's firſt Appearance in Hiſtory, we find it in it's full Proportion, contrary to others which were raiſed by Degrees only. At firſt he was Tributary to *Ethelbert* King of *Kent*, and ſerved him as a Viceroy over all his Dominions, and managed ſo well, that at the Death of that Potent King, he became Monarch of the *Engliſhmen*, and had all his Neighbours at his diſpoſal, ſo that now this City was not only the Seat of the *Eaſt-Anglian* King, but the Metropolis of all the *Saxon* Goverment, [u] but he reſided not here only, for *Rendleſham* in *Suffolk*, was another of his Palaces, which Place if we may credit Hiſtory, receiv-ed it's preſent Name from him; he was baptized in *Kent*, it ſeems more in Compliance to *Ethelbert*, than Perſwaſion of the Truth of the Chriſtian Religion, but yet he was not like many now-a-days, for rejecting all, but on the contrary, that he might be ſure on one Side or other, he erected in the ſame Temple, an Altar, for the Service of Chriſt, and another for Burnt Sacrifices for his Idols. He reigned Monarch 8 Years, King of the *Eaſt-Angles* 31, and died according to *Speed* in the Year 623.

Erpenwald his Younger Son, (his Elder Brother who was a ſtrict Chriſtian, being ſlain by a Heathen) ſucceeded in the Kingdom of the *Eaſt-Angles*, and was the firſt King of this Province, that openly profeſſed the Chriſtian Faith, [x] at the Friendly Exhortation of *Edwine* King of *Northumberland*, at which his Subjects were much angry, and employed a Pagan Ruffian, named *Richebert*, or *Rochbert*, who murder'd him, and thus he fell a Martyr to the Faith of Chriſt, after he had reigned 12 Years, and leaving no Iſſue, was ſucceeded by,

Sigebert, the Son of *Redwald*'s ſecond Wife, and half Brother to the deceaſed King, whoſe Father-in-Law's Jealouſies, cauſed him to retire into *France*, where he inſtructed himſelf in good Learning, and became a ſound Profeſſor of the Chriſtian Faith, at his Return, he brought with him one *Felix* a *Burgundian*, his great Acquaintance, and made him Biſhop over his whole Dominions. [y] In the Year 636, according to the *Saxon Chronicle*, he was ordain'd by *Honorius*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and placed his Epiſcopal See at *Dommoc*, or *Dunwich* in *Suffolk*, a Place then of great Reputation and ſtrongly fortified, but not ſufficient to withſtand the raging Ocean, which hath wholly devour'd the City, and very near all it's Suburbs. This *Sigebert* was the firſt that introduced the Cuſtom of *France*, to have publick Schools, for ſending for Teachers out of *Kent*, he ſetled a Place of Teaching; generally thought to be the Univerſity of [z] *Cambridge*, ſays *Samnes*. *Speed* ſays he built a School for the Education of Youth, and appointed *Kentiſhmen*, who had the Liberal Sciences profeſſed among them for Teachers, but determines not where; It ſeems he thinks the contrary. Indeed it is moſt likely it was at this City, [a] for *Caius* in his Antiquities of *Cambridge*, tells us, there was antiently a great School or Nurſery of Learning in this Place, for which he quotes an Anonymous Author, which may perhaps be the ſame that *Bede* in his *Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory*, Lib. 3. Cap. 18. refers to, when he tells us, how *Sigebert* after he returned from *France*, (where he had reſided and ſtudied ſome Years, to avoid his Father's and Brother's Jealouſies, of his aſpiring to the Crown) and was ſetled in his Kingdom, built a School for the Education of Youth, in Imitation of thoſe he had ſeen in *France*, but *Bede* not mentioning the Place where it was fixed, it has been doubted whither it was not at *Cambridge*, tho' the Royal Seat of the *Eaſt-Anglian* Kings being then at *Thetford*, [b] Dr. *Caius* ſeems rightly to conjecture, that it was here. This King reſigned the Government to

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[r] His People were called Uffines, from him, many Ages after.

[s] Sammes fo. 549. agrees with Speed, fo. 294. Fabian ſays, 492. Holinſhed Vol. 1. 126. ſays, About 561.

[t] Fabian, fo. 74.

[u] Sammes, fo. 550.

[x] Mr. Sammes miſtakes in making him converted by Felix.

[y] Godwin. de Præſulibus p. 479. ſays, Aº 630.

[z] Holinſhed Vol. 1. fo. 172. ſeems poſitive for Cambridge.

[a] Atlas, 339.

EGRICK, his Kinſman, who became a Monk in † *Cumbersburgh-Abby*, which he had founded, and there he lived, 'till *Penda*, that wicked King of *Mercia*, with his Heatheniſh Cruelty, troubled the *Eaſt-Angles* Peace, who beſought *Sigebert*, to encourage his Souldiers by his appearing in his Army, and forcing him from his Convent thither, he was ſlain, refuſing to uſe any Weapon but a White Rod only, after he had reigned three Years, before he quited the Government. With him was ſlain *Egric*, or *Egrick*, whom he had made King, and had reigned 4 Years.

ANNA, Son of *Ewide*, Brother to *Edwald* ſucceeded *Egric*, he bare the Character of a good Man, but was in continual Wars with *Penda* and his Heathens, whom he withſtood [c] 19 Years, but was then killed by them, and buried at *Blitheburgh* in *Suffolk*, with *Firminus* his Brother, who was killed in the ſame Battle, and buried with him, but afterwards was tranſlated to St. *Edmunds-Bury*. *Etheldred*, *Ethelburgh*, and *Sexburgh* his Daughters, were all Royally married, and after their Deaths canonized.

ETHELHERD, or *Æthelhere*, Brother to *Anna*, became King in the Year 655, according to the *Saxon Chronicle*, and ſiding with *Penda*, againſt his own Brother and Kinſman, was deſervedly ſlain, in the ſecond Year of his Reign, and was ſucceeded by,

EDELWALD his Brother, who reigned 9 Years, and left *Aldulf* eldeſt Son of *Ethelherd*, his Heir, who reigned 19 Years. In his Time it was, that *Theodore*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, [d] viſited all the Parts of this Land, being the firſt Archbiſhop, to whom all the *Engliſh* Churches acknowledged their Obedience, he ordained Biſhops where he thought convenient, and made what Reformation he thought neceſſary, eſpecially in cauſing all the Churches to obſerve the Feaſt of *Eaſter*, according to the Uſage of the Church of *Rome*; To effect which he called a general Synod, where all the Biſhops of the Land, were preſent, either in Perſon, or by their Deputies, *Holinſhed* fo. 179. ſays that it was held *Dec.* 24. A° 673, at *Herford*, [e] *Howel* ſays at *Hereford*, and Hiſtorians diſagree as to the exact Time, and Place; I muſt own, I imagine that neither of the aforecited Authors are right, but think, that this Synod was held at *Thetford*, about the Year 669, which falls in this Kings Reign, and don't only ground my Suppoſition upon the eaſy Miſtake, which might be in Reading of the Ancient Manuſcripts, there being only a Letter or two difference, between *Herford* and *Tetford*, but I find ſome of our *Cronicles* abſolutely aſſerting it, *Ralph Higden* in his *Policrocon*, [Lib. 5. p. 239.] hath it thus, "Anno 669, facta eſt Synodus Epiſcoporum ſub *Theo-*" *doro* apud *TETFORD*, in qua ſtatutum eſt, primo, de recta Paſchæ Obſervatione; ſecundo, "ut nullus Epiſcoporum alienam Parochiam invadat; Tertio, ut Epiſcopi Monaſteria non "inquietent; Quarto, ut Clerici et Monachi paſſim non migrent, abſque Licencia Superio-"rum; Quinto, ut ſaltem ſemel in Anno, Synodus congregetur in Provincia." Which *Treviſa* hath alſo in his *Policronicon*, [f] in theſe Words, "**That yere was made a Sy-**" **node of Byſſhopes under** Theodorus at Tetforde. **In that Sinode was ordeyned a**" **Statute of the ryght holdynge of the** Eſtertyde, **the Second, that no Byſſhop ſholde**" **aſſoyle in another Mannes Byſſhopryche. The Third, that Byſſhops ſhold not dy-**" **ſtourbe Abbayes. The Fourthe, that Clarkes and Monkes ſholde not change Bene-**" **fyces, withoute leve of theyr Soverayns. The Fyfthe, that in a Provynce the Si-**" **node ſholde be gadred ones in a yere.**" [g] And what makes me the rather conclude this *Synod* to be held here, is, becauſe among the Biſhops ſaid to be preſent, *Biſi*, then Biſhop of the *Eaſt-Angles*, [h] is named firſt after the Archbiſhop, according as he ought to be, by reaſon (as I take it) of his Authority in the Biſhoprick, where the *Synod* was held, and for that reaſon it was alſo, that the Life of this Biſhop only is touched upon by the ſame Author; this *Biſi* was conſecrated Biſhop of the *Eaſt-Angles*, by *Theodore* himſelf, and tho' his See was at *Dunwich*, where is it more likely that a *Synod* ſhould be held, in his Province, than at it's Metropolis, which was *Thetford*? That being alſo a far more convenient Place than *Dunwich*, which without doubt he looked upon, as inconveniently ſituated, for the See of ſo large a Biſhoprick, elſe he had never divided it, as he did, and placed a new erected See at *North-Elmham* in *Norfolk*. I am well aware, that many may Wonder that he ſhould not place it at this Royal City, but I muſt obſerve all agree, that in theſe early Times, Biſhopricks were placed in Towns that were ſmall at firſt, (before they increaſed, as they uſually did, by the See's being placed there) and remote, as Places beſt ſuiting Contemplation, and Prayer; and from the Time of the Biſhopricks being placed there, ſome make a doubt whither *Elmham*, or *Thetford*, ought to be eſteemed the Metropolis of the Province, as *Fabian*, [*i*] who ſays, "**And of this Lordſhyppe, at that** "**Dayes was Elman or Thetforde the chefe Towne**". But there remains no doubt of it, *Elmham* then was a ſmall Village, *Thetford* a large City, and the King's Reſidence, and if ſo, no doubt the Metropolis, or chief Place in the Province.

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[b] Page 148. † Rightly Cnobersburgh, now Burgh-Caſtle in Suffolk, ſee Holinſh: vol. 1. fol. 172. [c] Speed ſays 13 Years. Higd: Policron: l. 3. 236, ſays he was ſlain A° 655. [d] Holinſhed, fol. 178, and Policron: Lib 5. fol. 208 b. Godwin. de Præſ. p. 60. [e] Synopſis Can: fol. 14. Godw. de Præſ. p. 61. [f] Treviſa's Policronicon, Lib. 5. fol. 209.

[g] Maſon in his Accounts of the Church, p. 26. l. 24. ſays that Theodorus, Archbiſhop of Canterbury, held a Provincial Council at Thetford, about keeping of Eaſter, &c.

[h] Holinſhed. fol. 179.

ELSWOLF, *Eltwolde*, *Arkwolde*, or *Elohwaldus*, *Adulfs* Brother reigned [*k*] ſeven Years.

BEORNE, or *Hisberna*, youngeſt Son of King *Ethelberd*, reigned after him [*l*] 26 Years, and was ſucceeded by,

ETHELRED, Son of *Edelwald*, Brother of *Anna*, Couzin to *Beorne*, a Man noted for Vertue and goodneſs, he is ſuppoſed to reign about 50 or 52 Years, and died in 748, And left his Kingdom to,

ETHELBERT or *Egilbert* his Son, a learned and Religious Prince, charitable, ſober, profound and wiſe, according to all Hiſtorians; he reigned 45 Years, and was taken off, (as *Sammes* ſays) in 792, (*Speed* ſays *May* 18 783) by the Treachery of *Offa* King of the *Mercians*, [*m*] who by fair Promiſes of giving him his Daughter in Marriage, drew him to his Court at *Sutton-Wallis*, in the County of *Hereford*, and there againſt all the Laws of Nature, and common Hoſpitality, he had his Head ſtruck off by one *Winnebert* or *Grimbert*, and his Body was at firſt privately buried at *Morden* on the River *Lug*; but after, on remorſe of Conſcience, *Offa* removed it to *Hereford*, over whom *Milfrid*, an under King of the *Mercians*, built a moſt fair Church to his Memory, which yet bears his Name, and is the Cathedral of that See; but notwithſtanding this ſplendid kind of Repentance,

OFFA, takes Poſſeſſion of the Inheritance of the murder'd King, laying the Country of the *Eaſt-Angles* to his own Dominions; but this Vineyard, as 'twas bloodily obtained, laſted not long in him, or his Poſterity, the *Danes* breaking in like wild Boars, laying it waſte not long after: And now *Thetford* began to decline in it's Grandeur; *Holinſhed* tells us, (fol. 197.) that from this Time of *Ethelbert*'s Murder, the Kingdom of the *Eaſt-Angles* was brought ſo into decay, that it was ſometimes ſubject to the *Mercians*, ſometimes to the *Weſt-Saxons*, and ſometimes to *Kent*, 'till *Edmund the Martyr*, obtained it's Government: and this Account is very true, for about 826, they received,

EGBERT, [*o*] King of the *Weſt-Saxons* for their Lord and King, and invading the *Mercians*, ſlew *Bernulf* their King, and the next Year they ſet upon *Ludicenus*, *Bernulf*'s Succeſſor, and ſlew him alſo, which ſo encouraged *Egbert*, that he openly invaded *Mercia*, conquered *Whitlafe* their King, *Ludicenus*'s Succeſſor, and ſo by means of the *Eaſt-Angles*, the *Mercians* became ſubject to the *Weſt-Saxons*, as a juſt Retribution for the unjuſt Murder of *Ethelbert*, King of the *Eaſt-Angles*, whom *Offa* their King had murder'd, and they had aſſiſted in ſeizing his Kingdom. This *Egbert*, was afterwards proclaimed King of the whole Land, the other Kings being Tributary to him; at his Death he left two Sons, *Ethelwoulf*, or *Athaulf*, whom he ordered ſhould ſucceed him in the Kingdom of the *Weſt-Saxons*, and

ATHELSTAN, to whom he gave the Government of *Kent*, *Suſſex*, and *Eſſex*, with the reſt of the Countries he had ſubdued, (*viz.* the *Eaſt-Angles* &c.) it ſeems the Kingdom of *Kent*, *Eſſex*, &c. came to,

ETHELWOULF before his Death, for he then aſſigned them [*p*] to his ſecond Son.

ETHELBERT, or *Ethelbright*, who began his Reign in 857, and after his Brother's Death was Governour of the whole, and as ſuch acknowledged, in the Year 867, and thus the Kingdom of the *Eaſt-Angles*, and conſequently this City, from the Murder of *Offa*, to this Time, was deſtitute of her own Governours, for the ſpace of 75 Years, or [*q*] as Mr. *Speed* computes it 77, 'till the Aſſaults of the *Danes*, cauſed the other Kings to ſtand upon their guard, and rather defend what they had, then ſeek to inlarge their Territories, to the Hazard of all: and then this Kingdom revived again, though during this Time, it ſeems the Heir to the *Eaſt-Anglian* Crown was well known, and perhaps held it Tributary under the aforeſaid Maſters, tho' I meet with none of their Names 'till now, whence it appears that they were in a ſervile State, and conſequently their City, in a declining Condition, all the Time, 'till

OFFA, to whom the Right of the Crown at that Time belonged, upon a Religious Devotion, went in Pilgrimage to Chriſt's Sepulchre, and having no Heir, he viſited his Kinſman *Alkmund* by the Way, and adopted *Edmund* his Son, his Heir, who after his Death ſucceeded him accordingly, and was crowned King of the *Eaſt-Angles*, being the laſt King of the *Saxon* Race, of whom I muſt treat in the next Chapter, his Hiſtory being ſo blended with that of the *Danes*, that I am obliged to it, to avoid Repetition and Confuſion.

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[*i*] Fabian, fol. 77. [k] Holinſh. fol. 190, ſays 12 Years. fol. 196. [*o*] Ibid. fol. 203. [*p*] Ibid. 207.
[*l*] Ibidem. [*m*] Holinſh. fol. 194. 196. [*n*] Ibid. [q] Speed fol. 328.

## CHAP. IV. *Of the Coming of the* Danes, *and Deſtruction of the City.*

[r] In the Year 787, there arrived 3 *Daniſh* Ships upon the *Engliſh* Coaſts, upon which the Lieutenant of the adjoining Province, endeavouring to bring them to the King, to give an Account who they were, was murder'd; [s] theſe were the firſt *Danes* that came into *England*, being only ſent (as was afterwards ſeen) to view the Country, ſearch the Coaſts, and know with how great a Power they might be able to invade it, as they did afterwards, and that ſo fiercely, that they conquer'd Part of the Land and held it ſometime in Poſſeſſion, tho' they were contented to defer their return to the Days of King *Egbert*, A° 800. From which Time I ſhall take Notice only, of what occurs in Relation to this City and Province, the reſt being foreign to my Purpoſe, [t] in the Year 838, it appears that they were in theſe Parts, for the *Saxon Chronicle* under that Year, tells us, that they ſlew many of the *Eaſt-Angles*, and it's plain that they had been much here, [u] for in 866, their chief Army came and winter'd at *Thetford*, which ſo terrified the Inhabitants, that they made Peace with them, and [x] the next Year the Army went into *Mercia*, and they were alſo glad to do as the *Eaſt-Angles* had done; and from this Time, the *Danes* got ſuch Footing and Setlement in theſe Countries, that they were not wholly diſpoſſeſſed any more, but the whole Land afterwards with theſe Provinces, eſtabliſhed the *Daniſh* Monarchy. [y] In the Year 870, (or as others 871) the Army return'd out of *Mercia*, came to *Eaſt-England*, and Winter'd at *Theodford*, and the ſame Year fought with King *Edmund*, and conquerd and ſlew him, and totally ſubdued the whole Province, firſt burning and then pulling down and deſtroying all the Monaſteries, *Ingwar* and *Ubba* being their Principal Leaders; but here it will be neceſſary to inſert a larger Account of this King and the *Daniſh* Proceedings, as I find it in Regiſter *Curteys*, fol. 211. in the Life of King *Edmund*, as follows.

In 841, *Edmund*, Son of *Alkmund* King of *Saxony*, was born at *Noremburg* in *Saxony*, of Queen *Siwara*, and ſoon after it happened, that *Offa* King of the *Eaſt-Angles*, who had no Heir, paſſed thro' *Saxony*, in his Journey to the *Holy Land*, where he went in Pilgrimage, to beſeech God to give him an Heir, and calling upon his Couzin *Alkmund*, he adopted *Edmund* his Son, his Heir, and then haſtened to *Jeruſalem*, where having performed his Vows, he returned, but at a Place called [z] *St. George's Arm*, he was taken violently Ill, upon which he immediately ſent for his Council, appointed *Edmund*, his Succeſſor, and ſent him his Ring, which he received from the Biſhop, when he was made King of the *Eaſt-Angles*; after *Offa's* Death, the *Angles* [a] went to the King of *Saxony*, and demanded *Edmund* his Son, and received him as *Offa's* Succeſſor, and haſtening Home they landed at [b] *Hunſtanton*, from whence they carried him to the ancient City called *Atleburg*, where he lived a whole Year giving himſelf up cheifly to Devotion, here he perfected what he had begun in *Saxony*, namely, to repeat all the Pſalms without a Book, and at the Year's End he went to *Suffolk*, and at the Town of *Bures*, on *Chriſtmaſs* Day, was crowned King of the *Eaſt-Angles*, by *Humbert* Biſhop of *Elmham*, in the 15th. Year of his Age, and in the Year of our Lord 856. Some Time after this, *Ingwar* and *Hubba*, Sons of *Lothbroc* King of *Denmark*, being excited by the Reproof of their Father, for keeping at Home and doing nothing Praiſe-Worthy when *Edmund* Son of the King of *Saxony*, had a Kingdom at his Diſpoſal, they reſolved either to conquer *Edmund*, or kill him, being very angry at their Father's Reproof; But ſoon after, [c] *Lothbroc* went into his Boat with his Hawk only, in Order to hawk by the Sea Side, but a Tempeſt ariſing, he was carried croſs the Ocean, and landed at a Town called *Redham*, in that Province of the *Eaſt-Angles*, which is called *Northfolch*, and was taken with his Hawk and preſented to King *Edmund*, of whom he obtained Leave to ſtay in his Court where he uſed to live and hunt with (d) *Berno* the King's Huntſman, and gat the King's

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[r] Sax. Cron. p. 64. [s] Holin. fol. 200. [t] Cron. Sax. p. 73. [u] Ibidem fol. 78. Higden ſays 869. [x] Ibid. p. 79. [y] Ibid. p. 80. (z) Speed fol. 329. Fort St. George. (*a*) Speed ſays, Alkmund maintain'd his Son's Election & ſent him with a Power, to claim the Kingdom. (*b*) Speed fol. 328, ſays, they landed at a Place called Maydenboure, & built a Royal Tower, which he named, and to this Day is called Hunſtanton, ſcituate upon the N. W. Point of Norfolk, that likewiſe beareth his own Name, (viz. St. Edmund's Point) (c) Speed fol. 398, ſays, that as Lothbroke, (which ſignifies Leather-briche) hawked on the Shore, his Hawk in Flying the Game fell into the Sea, which made him go into his Cock-boat to ſave her, and ſo was driven as aforeſaid. (*d*) Speed calls him Bericke.

Favour by his Skill in that Art, which *Berno* perceiving, envied him very much, and as ſoon as a ſeaſonable Opportunity offer'd, as they hunted together in a Wood, *Berno* ſlew him, and buried him there, but *Lothbroc*'s Hound, ſtay'd with his Maſters Body, 'till he was almoſt ſtarved, and then went to the Palace and fawned on the King, and as ſoon as he had filled his Belly, returned to his dead Maſter, and continued to do ſo often, 'till he was followed, and the Body found, all which was told the King, who having examined the Matter, found that *Berno* his Huntſman was the Murtherer, upon which, by the King's Order, he was ſet afloat, and committed to the Mercy of the Sea, in *Lothbroc*'s Boat, which as Providence order'd, was thrown aſhore in *Denmark*. The *Danes* knowing the Boat, enquired what was become of their King, at this, *Berno* pretending great Sorrow, feigned a Lie, and told them, he was caſt aſhore in *Eaſt-England*, and by King *Edmund*'s Order was ſlain, upon which their hatred being raiſed by the former Reproof of their Father, and now compleated, in order to revenge his Death, they moſt ſolemnly ſwore to do all manner of Miſchief that they poſſibly could, to King *Edmund* and his Subjects, and beſides this, another Accident alſo happened, which encouraged them to attempt it, as *Speed* informs us, fo 397. *Osbert* a *Northumbrian* Viceroy, deputed by the *Weſt-Saxons*, as he followed his Hunting, came to a Nobleman's Houſe, named *Beorn-Bocador*, who was not at Home, but his Lady who was a very beautifull Woman, received *Osbert* and his Company, and honourably entertain'd them, but after Dinner deſiring a ſecret Conference with the Lady, to the Advancement of Herſelf and Husband, as he pretended, after he could not prevail upon her, to be falſe to her Lord, by any Perſwaſions, he forcibly raviſhed her, which ſhe with many Tears informed her Husband of at his Return, and would not let him reſt, 'till after Promiſes from his Friends of their Aſſiſtance, he had defied the Libidinous Prince, in his open Court, after which he went to *Denmark*, where he had been brought up in his Youth, being of Alliance to the *Daniſh* Royal Blood, and asked Aſſiſtance of *Goderick*, King of that Country, who glad to have ſome Quarrel to enter into *Britain*, immediately levied an Army, prepared all Things neceſſary, made *Ingwar* and *Hubba*, Commanders in Chief over this Hoſt, well knowing that they were the fitteſt at this Time, not only for their Value and Conduct, but for the aforeſaid particular Motives, which implacably enraged them againſt the *Engliſh*, and thus taking *Berno* with them as a Leader who knew the Country, they came as they declared to revenge themſelves, and him, upon the King, and his Subjects, and thus in the Year 865, being the 10*th* of King *Edmund*'s Reign, *Ingwar* and *Ubba*, with *Berno*, *Halfdene*, *Oskitel*, *Bagſeg*, *Hoſten*, *Eowils*, *Hamund*, and *Guthrum*, the Chief Leaders, with 20,000 armed Men, took Ships and ſet Sail for *Eaſt-England*, but by contrary Winds, they were driven aſhore in *Scotland* at *Berwick upon Tweed*, where they deſtroyed all Things killed Old and Young, ſpared no Age, Sect, or Religious Profeſſion, but burned the Towns and Villages, and deſtroyed the Monaſteries, for every one that acknowledged the Chriſtian Faith, was reputed as a publick Enemy, to thoſe Heathen Miſcreants, this being done they went Home, but the Year following being the 11*th* of King *Edmunds* Reign, they put to Sea again, and ſpent the whole Year in Coaſting about, going ſometimes by Sea, ſometimes by Land, burning and deſtroying all they could meet with on the *Eaſt-Engliſh* Coaſts, ſeizing all the Horſes they could find in the Country, and getting many from King *Edmund*'s Army, with which they often ſkirmiſhed, and oftentimes many of them were killed; Nay, once this Year, they beſieged the King in one of his Caſtles, ſo long, that the Beſieged were almoſt ſtarved, at which Time, the King to keep the Knowledge thereof from the *Danes* cauſed, the only fatted Bull, which they had in the Caſtle, to be fed with what clear Wheat they had left, and then to be turned out among the *Danes*, who ſeized on him, and opening him, ſeeing the Wheat in his Bowells, they concluded, they had Proviſion enough in the Caſtle, if they could feed their Cattle ſo, and thereupon brake up the Seige, and the King following them ſlew a great Number. Another Time the *Danes* followed the King and incloſed him in a [*e*] Place, where the Marſhes and Rivers ſurrounded him, at which Time he had very few with him, but the King found out the Ford called [*f*] *Berneford*, and paſſed it, and joining his Army, came ſuddenly on the *Danes*, and made ſo great a Slaughter of them, that they were forced to leave the Country. The next Year, being the 3d Time of their Coming, they went to *York*, and ſoon after in a pitched Battle overcame the Men of *Northumberland*, and killed their two Kings, [*g*] the luſtfull *Osbrich* or *Osbert*, and *Alla*, and thoſe that remained were forced to make Peace with the *Pagans*, and become ſubject to them. The next Year, being their fourth Voyage, they left *Notyngham* and *Northumberland*, and went to *Mercia*, and ſtaid there the whole Winter, Burning the Mon-

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(*e*) Probably Lothingland in Suffolk, which ſome imagine was ſo called from Lothbroke the Dane, by his Deſcendents, after they ſetled in it. (f) Probably ſomewhere near Barnbye, called by him Berneford, becauſe he eſcaped from Berno by it. I take this more likely than Brentford. (g) Speed agrees, fol. 198.

aſteries, deflouring the Nuns, committing all manner of Rapine and Cruelty, they burn't [*h*] St. *Ebba*, with her Nuns and Monaſtery, together with *Landaff*, *Tynemouth*, *Weremouth*, *Streveſhall*, and ſeveral other great Monaſteries. The Year following being their fifth Excurſion, they returned to *York*, where they ravaged a Year more, and the Year following, being the ſixth from their firſt Coming, and the 15th of King *Edmund*'s Reign, they came again to *Eaſt England* to revenge themſelves further of the King, at which Time they burn't the Monaſteries of *Croiland*, *Thorney*, *Peterburgh*, *Ramſey*, *Seham*, and *Ely*, with moſt of the Religious in them, and from thence went thro' the Country from Weſt to North, ſeizing and ſpoiling all they could, *Ubba* ſtaying to guard all their Spoil, and what they had taken, at or near *Ely* : *Ingwar* with his Army entered *Eaſt England*, and went to a City of King *Edmund*'s, called *Theodford*, where he encamped, and entered ſoon after and burn'd it, killing Old and Young, raviſhing both Virgins, and Matrons ; King *Edmund* who was then at *Egleſdune* (now called *Hoxon* in *Suffolk*) received a Meſſuage from *Ingwar*, that if he would renounce Chriſtianity, and Worſhip his Idols, and become his Vaſſal and Servant, then he would divide his Treaſure, and Kingdom with him ; as ſoon as King *Edmund* received this Meſſage, he marched with his Army againſt his Enemies, and engaged not far from *Theodford*, where they fought ſharply from Morning 'till Evening, a great Number being ſlain on both Sides, for which King *Edmund* was much grieved, as well for the Pagans Deaths, as for thoſe Martyrs of his Army, who died there in Defence of their Faith : On the Morrow the *Danes* departed, and the King with the Remains of his Army, returned to *Egleſdune*, reſolving never more to fight againſt the Pagans, but if it was neceſſary to yield up himſelf a Sacrifice for his People, and for the Faith of Chriſt ; *Ingwar* much vexed for the loſs of his Men, went again to *Theodford*, where *Ubba* came to him with 10,000 Men, and joining Forces, went to *Egleſdune* and there martyr'd the King, in the Year of our Lord 871, and of his Age 29, and of his Reign 15, and he was buried in the Earth at *Egleſdune*, and laid there 33 Years ; *Speed* relates it thus, in the Life of this King, (fol. 328.) the *Danes* leaving *Northumberland*, &c. “ came with “ Fury into *Edmund*'s Territories, and ſacked *Thetford*, a frequent (or much frequented) “ City in thoſe Days, but he not able to withſtand their Violence, fled into his Caſtle at “ *Framlingham*, (in *Suffolk*) wherein he was of them beſieged, and laſtly taken in a Vil“ lage called *Hegliſdune*, of a Wood, bearing the ſame Name, or rather yielded himſelf to “ their Torments, to ſave more Chriſtian Blood : For it is recorded, that becauſe of his “ moſt conſtant *Faith* and *Profeſſion*, thoſe Pagans firſt beat him with Bats, then ſcourg'd “ him with Whips, he ſtill calling upon the Name of JESUS, for Rage whereof they “ bound him to a Stake, and with their Arrows ſhot him to Death, and cutting off his “ Head, contemptuouſly threw it into a Buſh, after he had reigned over the *Eaſt-Angles* “ the ſpace of 15 Years, having had neither Wife, nor Iſſue that is read of.” [*k*] With him was martyr'd *Humbert*, Biſhop of *Elmham*, [*l*] and almoſt all the Nobility of his Kingdom, for which the *Danes* much rejoyced, the Inhabitants being totally ſubdued, and obliged to ſubmit to them for want of Leaders ; after this they Winter'd at *Thetford*, ravaging all the adjacent Country, *Gutrum*, *Gytro*, or *Guthram*, coming hither and Wintering with them, and it ſeems as if he ſtay'd here, notwithſtanding [*m*] it is ſaid that this Spring all the *Danes* withdrew out of *Eaſt-England*.

## CHAP. V. *Of* Thetford-Hill, *the Situation of the City at that Time, and of it's firſt Deſtruction by the* Danes.

The *Danes* having been acquainted with the Strength and Riches of this City ever ſince the Year 838, thought long to be Maſters of it, and in order to conquer it, they firſt made the preſent Hill, commonly called, *The Caſtle Hill*, and encamped in it, which ſo terrified the Inhabitants, that they were glad to make Peace with them, this was in the Year 865 or 866, for then they Winter'd in this Camp, which I don't take it was brought to it's full Height, Strength and Perfection, 'till their Return, in the Year 870, when they came again

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(*h*) She was Abbeſs of Coldingham, and fearing to be raviſhed by the Danes, ſhe cut off her own Noſe and upper Lip, and perſwaded her Siſters to do the ſame, that they being odious to the Danes, might keep their Virginity, in deſpite, whereof the Danes burned them all. Stow Q°. Edit. p. 121.

(*i*) Stow ſays, that they divided themſelves this Year, part winter'd by the Tyne and ſubdued that Country, the other Part went with Guthram, Oskecellus (or Osketellus) and Amandus three of the Pagan Kings, to Grantbridge (or Cambridge and winter'd there) and theſe were they, that made ſuch Havocks in theſe Parts.

(k) Mat: Weſtm: Dug. Mon. Ang. vol. 1. fol. 285. (*l*) Aſſerij Annales Angl. Edit: per Tho: Gale, D.D. vol. 1. p. 162.

(*m*) Ibidem.

and Winter'd here, having (as 'tis to be ſuppoſed) drove out King *Edmund* from this his Royal Seat, at their firſt approach it appears they encamped againſt it, and were ſome time though not long, before they took, burnt and entirely deſtroyed it, not only pulling down it's Buildings, but murdering all it's Inhabitants, the King having retreated out of it, in all Appearance, (when he ſaw he could keep it no longer) to *Eglesden* now *Hoxon* in *Suffolk*, and 'tis to be thought, that at this Time they compleated this great Camp, raiſing the Mount to ſuch a Height, not only as an annoyance, to the beſieged City, which by this means they overlooked, but that they might command alſo the oppoſite Hill,on which King *Edmund*'s Army laid, on the extremity of which, [*n*] there are many *Tumuli* now to be ſeen, the moſt remarkable of them being called *Tut-Hill*, and under theſe, the Bodies of the Slain, in the dreadfull Battle between King *Edmund* and the *Danes* were interr'd; but after they had made it ſo ſtrong and compleat, they kept it afterwards as one of their ſtrongeſt Holds, fit upon any occaſion for the Reception of their Army, or Friends; it is plain that this City was ſacked that ſame Year King *Edmund* was martyr'd, which was in 870 (or 871) on the 20*th* Day of *November*, on which Day his Martyrdom is commemorated; the whole of it was then on *Suffolk* Side, the River bounding it on the North, or *Norfolk* Side, on which upon the Ford or great Paſs, directly againſt the *Roman* Fortreſs, which then guarded the City that Way, this Hill is placed; 'tis a Camp very remarkable, for it's Bigneſs, and Strength, being exactly in the *Daniſh* Way, with a prodigious Hill or Mount in the Midſt, (conſiſting chiefly of Chalk) ſaid by good Judges, to be both higher and bigger than that famous one at *Marleburgh*, and if ſo, 'tis the biggeſt made Hill in this Kingdom, it has a Hollow on it's Top, in which 20 or 30 Men can lye and not be ſeen at all below, it was a uniform Fortification, 'till the Works on the South Side were levelled (by Degrees I ſuppoſe) as the preſent *Market-Street* was built, and thoſe of the Eaſtern Outworks, when the *Auguſtine* Friers Church and Convent were built, but the Works on the Weſt and North Side, remaining pretty entire, with the Barbican, which faces the Eaſt, ſhew us plainly that it's Outworks went by the River that comes from *Melford-Bridge* Eaſt, and with that, turn'd to the South, and ſo faced the Ford and City that Way. It had three Ramparts ſurrounding it, with large Ditches between them, all round, except where the Barbican interferes on the Eaſt Part; there don't ſeem to have been any Walls or Building, any where about the Camp, or upon the Hill, whatever may be pretended. It's Scite is owned by the DUKE of *NORFOLK*, being Part of the Lordſhip of *Thetford*, the remaining Part of the Fortification contains 13 Acres, the whole including the *Friers-Cloſe* and that Part of the Encampment, on which the *Market-Street* now ſtands, contained when compleat about 24 Acres, and the City at the Time of it's Deſtruction, was a Mile in Length, *viz.* from *Red-Caſtle*, to the *Place*, and above three Miles in Circumference, but whatever Places of Divine Worſhip there were before this Time, we are quite at a loſs to know, the whole being now deſtroyed by the Heathen *Danes*.

## CHAP. VI. *Of the City under the* Danes.

The City being thus ruin'd, and the whole Province ſubdued [*o*] the Body of their Army departed in the Spring, but there ſtaid a ſufficient Number in this Camp to defend it, and their new Conqueſts, tho' they met with no Oppoſer in theſe Parts, for *Edwold*, Brother to King *Edmund*, albeit the Right of the Kingdom belonged to him, thought it wou'd be to no purpoſe to endeavour for it, and ſo renouncing the Pleaſures of this World, he withdrew and became an Hermit, at the Abbey of *Cerne* in *Dorſetſhire*; the Army going to *Surrey* took *Reding*, but the third Day after their coming thither, [*p*] *Ingwar* and *Ubba*, as they were taking Preys in the adjacent Countrey were ſlain, at a Place called *Engelfeld*, (that is as I take it, the Field where the *Engliſh* conquered) ſo that they never returned hither again. *Holinſhed* (fol. 211.) tells us, "**after that the Danes hadde thus ſlaine that "bliſſed Man, they conquered the hole Countrey, and waſted it ſo, that through their "Tyranie, it remayned without any Governour by the Space of nine Yeares**", during all which Time they kept here, ſo as the City was ſtill Waſte, for *Stow* [fol. 64.] ſays that after the Death of *Edmund*, the *Eaſt-Angles* Country was poſſeſſed by the *Danes*, and had no King, [*q*] 'till 878, when *Alured*, *Alfred*, or *Elfred*, King of the *Weſt Saxons*, who had Wared with the *Danes* continually, ſince his coming to the Throne, forced *Gutrum*,

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[*n*] Hiſt. Norf. fol. 193. 194.

[*o*] Fabian fol. 190. 191.

[*p*] Policronicon: & Fabian fol. 191.

[*q*] Chron: Sax: p. 85.

*Gothram*, or *Gurmund*, then King of the *Danes* [r] to ſue for Peace, which was granted him, upon Condition he ſhould be baptized, and his Dukes or principal Leaders with him, [s] and the great Army of the *Danes* ſhould peaceably quit the Land, and return no more, which Covenants he performed, [t] being baptized with above 30 of his Nobles, at *Wetmor* near *Wincheſter*, King *Elfred* being his Godfather, named him *Athelſtane*, [u] and gave him in free Gift the Country of the *Eaſt-Angles*, upon which the Army quited the Land, and in the next Year, *viz.*

879, ATHELSTANE, or *Gutrum* and his *Danes* came hither, and ſetling here, divided the Land among them, as the ſame *Chronicle* tells us, and then mixing with the old Inhabitants that were left, whom they had uſed as Slaves, they began to repair the deſtroyed Cities and Places, for their own Profit and Safety; then again began our City to revive, but in ſome Meaſure changed her antient Scite, her new Maſters fixing on the North Side of the River, near their Encampment, which they look'd upon as their great Defence, in caſe of future Attacks, and this was the Original of the *Norfolk* Part of this Town, which from that Time hath continually increaſed, as the *Suffolk* Part decreaſed, which is now reduced to one Pariſh, of about 30 Houſes only. And from this Time the *Danes* becoming Chriſtians all over *Norfolk*, and great Part of *Suffolk*, began to divide the Country among them, naming their Shares, which now became ſo many new Villages, either after their own Names, or that of their Situations, but calling the *Saxon* Towns and Villages after their old Names; and after ſome Time, when Chriſtianity was ſetled among them, they began to found Churches in many of their Villages, as the many round Towers in this County, which are now ſtanding, plainly demonſtrate. [x] This *Athelſtane*, though he promiſed to hold his Kingdom of *Alfred*, and dwell there as his Liege-Man, kept not his Promiſe, for he not only govern'd in a tyrannical Manner near 12 Years, but during that Time, [y] *viz.* In the Year 885, he and his *Danes* broke the Peace he had made with *Alfred*, by joining with thoſe *Danes*, that contrary to the Agreement [z] then returned into *England*. Soon after which, *Alfred* ſent a Navy out of *Kent*, into *Eaſt-England*, and found the *Danes* [a] who were about Landing there, to join *Athelſtane*, and took 16 of their Ships, [b] and drove them from that Country, and from this Time *Athelſtane*, or *Gutrum* never enjoyed his Kingdom in Peace, but was haraſſed from Place to Place by King *Alfred*, to [c] his Death in 890, tho' the *Danes* [d] continued here all the Time, but under the Juriſdiction of

ALURED, or *Alfred*, who after *Gutrum*'s Death in the Year 894, obliged the *Eaſt-Anglian Danes* to ſware Fealty to him, and deliver ſix Hoſtages, but yet they immediately rebelled, and joined their Countrymen that were in *Northumberland*, and beſieged *Exeter*, and being repulſed retreated Home, but ſoon made another Excurſion, [e] [when they had got their Wives and Children, Ships and Treaſures, lodged in *Eaſt-England* as a Place of Safety] and went from Place to Place, doing what Damage they could, 'till the next Year, and then they came Home, with what they had gotten, but could not reſt Idle, being always making Excurſions during *Alfred*'s Reign, but that Noble Prince, kept them continually under, to his Death, which happened according to the *Saxon Chronicle*, in 901, this great and vertuous Prince, was the firſt [f] as Hiſtorians tell us, that divided *England* into *Counties*, or *Schires*, and thoſe, into [g] *Centuries*, *Wapentakes* or *Hundreds*, and *Tithings*, and this he did, becauſe the Natives often robbed, under Colour of the *Danes*, for he obliged every Man in the Kingdom, to be ranked under ſome one or other *Hundred* or *Tithing*, and if any Man that was Guilty, fled before he had found Surety or after, all the Inhabitants of that *Hundred* or *Tithing* where he dwelt, were put to their Fine for his Offence; and by this Means, he ſetled ſuch Peace in the Kingdom, that even in the Croſſways in the moſt publick Roads, Golden Bracelets were hung up, which as *Malmesbury* the Hiſtorian, aſſures us none durſt venture to take away. At the Diviſion, this Town was divided, the River *Ouſe* that runs thro' it being the Partition, between the Counties; that Part on the South Side of the River, belonging to *Lackford Hundred* in *Suffolk*, and that on the North Side to *Shropham Hundred* in *Norfolk*, as they now do. After this King's Death, his Son

EDWARD, ſirnamed the Elder, began his Reign, being then about 30 Years old, a Prince whoſe Valour had been often proved againſt the raging *Danes* and ſo Fortunate in all his martial Exploits, that under his Hand the *Danes* every where fell, and under his Monarchy, all the *Engliſh* ſtooped, except the *Northumbrians*; in 901, he was Crowned and Anointed at *Kingſton* upon *Thames*, and immediatly after, was obliged, to follow the *Eaſt-Anglian Danes* who ſided with *Ethelwald*, Son of *Ethelbert*, Uncle to this King *Edward*, whom they had Crowned King, and had carried with them, thro' the Countries of the *Eaſt-Saxons*, and *Mercians*, whence they returned hither Laden with Spoil and Booty, but in their Way, King *Edward* engaged with them near [h] St. *Edmunds Ditch*, where tho' he loſt the Victory, he gain'd great Advantage, *Ethelward* aforeſaid, and [i] *Cochric* their Kings, being both ſlain in that Battle, [k] after which he followed his Enemies, (who retreated for want of a Leader, to this City and Camp, as their great Defence) and ſpoiled all their Lands, which they held by Compoſition, and Agreement under King *Edward*, from the River *Ouſe*, to the Bordure of St. *Edmunds Land*, (*viz.* all *Suffolk*, from *Devil's Ditch* to *Thetford*) during which Time he commanded all his Army, that none ſhould tarry behind his Hoſt, for fear of the *Danes* iſſuing out of their Camp, and deſtroying them, notwithſtanding which, the *Kentiſh-Men*, truſting to their own Strength, diſobeyed his Order, and the *Danes* waiting for their Prey, iſſued out and ſlew moſt of them; but in this Conflict *Athelwold*, or *Ethelwold*, King *Edward*'s Brother who had joined the Enemy, was happily ſlain. The next Year the *Danes* made another Inrode into *Mercia*, but King *Edward* meeting their Hoſt, after a ſharp Battle conquer'd them, and forced them to ſue for Peace, which he granted them, on Condition they ſhould pay him a Yearly Tribute in Money, and keep themſelves within the Bounds of their *Eaſt-Anglian* Juriſdiction; after which they returned hither and continued ſome Time under the Government of *Ericke* a *Dane*, whom they had made King of this City, and the Provinces of the *Eaſt-Angles*, all which were now, and for ſome Time had been inhabited chiefly by *Danes*. This *Ericke* paying the Tribute held his Kingdom peaceably, according to the Agreement made between him and the *Danes*, 'till the *12th* Year of King *Edward*'s Reign, and then he went about to procure new War, and to allure other *Danes* to join with him againſt the *Engliſh*, that by common Agreement they might utterly ſubdue them: But *Edward* having all along had the Advantage over them, and being well informed of *Erick*'s Deſign, prevented his Purpoſe, by aſſembling a great Army and entering the Country immediately, waſting and ſpoiling it as much as he could; *Ericke* having his Army ready, and being much provoked at the Spoil of his People, haſtened with too much Raſhneſs to encounter his Enemies, and meeting them in the Field, fiercely aſſailed them, to the utter Loſs of his Army, and damage of his Life, for after his coming Home, diſpleaſed with his great Overthrow and ſad Diſcomfiture, he began to govern his People with more ſharpneſs and ſeverity, than he did before, by which he raiſed the Malice of the *Eaſt-Angles* ſo much againſt him, that becoming odious to his own Subjects, they violently murdered him, but did not gain ſo much by it, as they expected, for being brought low and weakened by civil Diſſention, they became unable to defend their Country, and ſo were compelled to ſubmit themſelves to the *Engliſh* King EDWARD: And this Kingdom, with that of *Mercia*, were joined to his *Weſt-Saxon* Dominions, and this City got rid of it's Tyrannizing Kings, and it's *Daniſh* Inhabitants, mixing with the Remains of it's antient Owners, made one People, which ſubmitted to the *Engliſh* Government.

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[r] Fabian fol. 195. (*s*) Speed 375. (*t*) Chron. Sax. p. 85, 86. Policron. fol. 229. (*u*) Fabian fol. 195. Holinſh. fol. 214. vol. 1. (x) Fabian fol. 195. (*y*) Chron. Sax. p. 88. (z) Holinſh. vol. 1. fol. 215. (*a*) Policron. fol. 230. (b) Fabian fol. 196. (c) Speed 375, ſays he was buried at Hadley in Suffolk. (*d*) Sax. Chron. p. 90. (*e*) Ibidem p. 97. Holinſh. 216. [f] Speed fol. 375. Holinſh. 217. Gib: Cambden, fol. 169, &c. [g] The Original and Signification of theſe Names may be ſeen in Gibſon's Cambden.

## CHAP. VII. *Of the City under the* Engliſh Monarchs.

EDWARD the Elder having Poſſeſſion of this City held it peaceably to his Death, which happen'd [l] in the Year 925, and then left it with his Kingdom, of which this was Part, to

ETHELSTANE, or *Adelſtane* his Son, who was a Valiant and Wiſe Prince, in all his Actions, he brought this Land into one entire [m] Monarchy, and utterly expelled the *Danes*, and quieted the *Welſhmen*; during his Reign this City flouriſhed in Peace, having continually increaſed ever ſince it's Submiſſion to his Father *Edward*; he reigned about 16 Years and dying in the Year 941, [n] left his Crown to

EDMUND his Brother, a Man of great Vertue, and ſtrict Juſtice, in his Days the Peace and Proſperity of this Place continued, he died in 946. [o] This King to ſhew his Love to God, and Bounty to his Church, firſt gave the Town of *St. Edmund*'s-*Bury*, with the

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[h] The Devil's-Ditch on Newmarket-Heath.

[i] He was a Dane.

[k] Fabian fol. 205. Hol. 220. 221.

[l] Sax. Chron. p. 110. Fabian 211.

[m] Stow 130. q°.

[n] Cron. Sax. p. 114. Hol. Stow, &c. ſay in 940.

[o] Speed 383. Stow.

Liberty thereof, wholly to that Martyr, and to the Monks that then ſerved at his Altars. After his Death,

Edred, or *Eldrede* his Brother was crowned King of this Realm, and immediately News was brought him, that the *Northumbrian Danes* revolted, whom he reduced again to their former Obedience, after which in the Year 951, *Wolſtan*, Archbiſhop of *York*, who had encouraged this Sedition, was committed to Priſon, [*p*] becauſe he had been often, and was now daily accuſed, of Commanding many Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Thetford*, to be ſlain, in Revenge of the Abbot *Adelme*, who was unjuſtly ſlain by them; but a Year after he was delivered and reſtored to his See: *Edred* died in the Year 955, and was ſucceeded by his Nephew

Edwin, or *Edwy*, the Eldeſt Son of *Edmund*, late King of *England*, who reigned four Years, and was ſucceeded by

Edgar his Brother, in the Year 959, who was ſo great a Prince, that being feared of all Men, he lived in Peace his whole Life, which got him the Name of *Edgar the Peaceable*; [*q*] he favoured the *Danes*, (by means of *Odo* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, who was a *Dane*) more than was agreeable to the Advantage of his Subjects, for there was ſcarce a Street in *England* but *Danes* dwelt in it, among the *Engliſhmen*, who by continual Converſing with them, who were naturally great Drinkers, habituated themſelves ſo much to that Vice, that the King was forced to make a Law, for ſetting Nails in Cups of a certain Meaſure, marked for that Purpoſe, that none ſhould drink more than was aſſigned him: From the Time that this City, and the *Eaſt-Anglian* Provinces had been under the *Engliſh* Monarchs, they were governed by an Earl, appointed by the King, and at this Time [*r*] *Alwyn*, or *Edelwyn*, the *Alderman*, Kinſman to King *Edgar*, was Earl of *Eaſt-England*, and conſequently Governor of this Place. [*s*] It ſeems *Edgar* always favoured the *Angles*, on Account of *Ethelſled the Fair*, his firſt Wife, who was the Daughter of an *Eaſt-Anglian* Duke, named *Ordmar*, by whom he had *Edward*, who ſucceeded him, at his Death in 975. This,

Edward [*t*] was ſirnamed the *Martyr*, becauſe he was barbarouſly ſlain, by Procurement of his Step-Mother, and by reaſon of the many Miracles, [*u*] which as *Fabian* tells us, were ſhown at his Grave. In his Time there was a hard Conteſt, between *Alpher* or *Elpher*, Earl of *Mercia*, who reſtored the Secular Prieſts that had been wrongfully expulſed in King *Edgar*'s Time, from their Prebends and Benefices, to make Way for the Monks, whom that King favoured, [*x*] for this Earl and the other Temporal Lords of *Mercia*, deſtroyed the Abbeys that King *Edgar* had built in *Mercia*, and reſtored the Prieſts with their Wives, to their Monaſteries. But *Edelwyn*, or *Alwyn*, Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles*, and *Alfred* his Brother, with *Brighnode*, Earl of *Eſſex*, withſtood this, and aſſembling an Army, by Force maintained all the Monks in their Monaſteries, within the Country of the *Eaſt-Angles*; upon this many Councils were held, as at *Wincheſter*, at *Kyrthling* in *Eaſt-England*, &c. [*y*] but by the Craft of *Dunſtan*, and the Monks, the Prieſts notwithſtanding the Juſtice of their Cauſe, had their Suit daſhed, and the Monks held Poſſeſſion of their Monaſteries. This King being murdered in the Year, [*z*] 978, was ſucceeded by

[*a*] Ethelred, commonly called the *Unready*, his Brother-in-Law, for whoſe ſake his Mother *Alfrede*, murdered King *Edward*, wherefore he never could get the good Will of his People; in the 3d Year of his Reign, *viz.* [*b*] 981, the *Danes* who had lived as peaceable Inmates with the *Engliſh*, finding the King ſlothfull and unactive, began to ſtir, and inviting from Home more Forces, who arrived in ſeven Ships upon the *Kentiſh* Coaſt, they ſpoiled all that Country, which Succeſs encouraged them ſo much, that ſoon after, they landed at ſo many Places at once, that the *Engliſh* could not tell where to encounter them firſt, however, *Goda* Earl of *Devonſhire*, attacked them in the Weſt, and got the Victory with the loſs of his Life: and in the Year 991, *Brightnod* Earl of *Eſſex*, met *Juſtin* and *Guthmund*, (who with their Army had ſpoiled *Ipſwich*) and gave them Battle at *Maldon*, but was overcome; and immediately after, the King by the Advice of his Lords, agreed to pay them 10,000*l.* on Condition they ſhould quietly depart the Realm; which Money he levied upon his Subjects, by aſſeſſing every *Hundred* at a certain Sum, and the *Hundreds* raiſed their Proportions according to the Number of [*c*] *Hides* contained in them: This was called *Danegeld*, or *Danegylt*, and was firſt 1*s.* on every Hide, afterwards 2*s.* This tho' it appeaſed them for the preſent, was only an Encouragement to them, to return again, and ac-

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[*p*] Speed fol. 334. Stow Q° 132.

[q] Hol. fol. 231.

[*r*] He founded Ramſey Abbey, Stow Q° 133.

[*s*] Speed fol. 389.

[*t*] Ibidem 390.

[*u*] Ibid. fol. 274.

[*x*] Hol. vol. 1. fol. 235.

[*y*] Ibidem 206. Fabian 234.

[z] Chron: Sax. P. 124. other Hiſt. ſay, A° 979.

[*a*] Eldrede or Egeldrede.

[b] See Hol. Stow. Baker, Sax. Chron: Policron. &c.

[c] A Hide, or Carucate of Land, is as much as one Plough can cultivate in a Year.

cordingly the next Year, they came with a greater Force, againſt which, the King prepared a Navy, and made *Edrick*, or *Alfride*, Earl of *Mercia* (whom he had lately recalled from Baniſhment) Admiral of it, but that old Traitor could not prove true, for he not only ſent Word to the *Danes*, that they might eſcape, but ſoon after turned to their Side, as indeed did the moſt Part of thoſe that the King employed, they being near allied in Blood to them, by which Means the *Danes* ſo far prevailed, that in 994, the King was forced to give them 16000*l.* more, as a Compoſition for Peace, upon which [*d*] *Anlaf*, King of the *Norwegians*, promiſed never after to make War in this Land, and being baptized, the King ſtood Godfather, after which he returned into his Country and kept his Promiſe faithfully; but this was not an End of the *Daniſh* War, for others of that Nation ſprang up, and entered the Land the Year following, and forced the King to another Compoſition of 20,000*l.* and ſo every Year more and more, 'till it came at laſt to 40,000*l.* by which Means the Land was robbed of all it's Coin, and the *Engliſh* brought ſo low, that they were fain to till the Ground, while the Idle *Danes* eat the Fruit of their Labour, abuſing the Wives and Daughters of their Hoſts, where they lay, and yet in every Place (out of Fear) they were called by the Natives *Lord Danes*, which afterwards became a Word of Deriſion, and as ſuch is ſtill continued in our Language, a *Lurdan*, ſignifying with us, a lazy, lubberly Fellow.

In this miſerable Condition, the King being too Weak to attempt any thing by Force, invented a deſperate Stratagem, which in the End, proved the Deſtruction of the *Saxons* Royal Blood, and Conqueſt of the Land to another Nation, and for this purpoſe he ſent ſecret Commiſſions to every Place in his Realm, commanding that at an appointed Time, they ſhould murder all the *Danes* that were among them; the Time ſet, was the 13 of *November*, in the Year of our Lord 1002, being St. *Bricius*, or *Brice*'s Day, this was executed with ſuch Rigour, that in *Oxford* where the frighted *Danes* took Sanctuary in St. *Frideſwide*'s Church, the *Engliſh* reguarding neither Place nor Perſon, ſet it on Fire, and burn't it with the *Danes* therein. And now one would think, that *England* had quite ſhook off the *Daniſh* Yoke, but it happened the Contrary, the doers of it, ſoon after repenting it; for this News no ſooner reached *Denmark*, but it added to their former Ambition, the deſire of Revenge, and made them more inveterate againſt the *Engliſh* than they had ever been heretofore, and the very next Year, their King [*e*] *Swain* who had before been always a great Friend to *England*, enter'd the Land, razed *Exeter* to the Ground, and did all the Miſcheif that he poſſibly could, to revenge the Deaths of *Gunhild* his Siſter, and *Palingus* a *Daniſh* Earl her Husband, and their Son, who where all Chriſtians, and laid in *Hoſtage* upon Conditions of Peace, and yet were ſlain in the *Daniſh* Maſſacre. Upon this, the King raiſes an Army, makes *Edrick* his Favourite, whom he had created Duke of *Mercia*, and married to *Edgyth* his Daughter, his chief General, who for all his great Favour, betrayed him to the *Danes*, who after this, hearing that the King in Perſon deſign'd to give him Battle, left the Land, and took Shipping again. But the next Year *viz.* 1004, *Swain* returned and came with his Fleet up to *Norwich*, to which City the Sea at that Time came, [*f*] as the *Saxon Chron:* plainly proves, and burned and entirely deſtroyed the City, murdering it's Inhabitants and waſting the adjacent Country, upon this, *Ulfketyl*, *Usketel*, or *Ulfketel*, who was then Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles*, and reſided at *Thetford*, (as the Earls generally did) called there a Council of the *Eaſt-Anglian* Nobles, who came to the Reſolution, of buying their Peace of the *Danes*, before they came thither, or did any damage to the Neighbouring Country, and their Reaſon for ſo doing was, becauſe they came upon them ſo much on a ſudden, that they had not Time to raiſe an Army againſt them; upon this, they went and made Peace with them, notwithſtanding which, they left their Ships privately, and bent their Courſe directly to *Thetford*, waſting the Country all the Way, [*g*] as ſoon as *Ulfketel* heard it, he ſent to the Men of the Country, that they ſhould burn their Ships, but they either could not, or dare not, ſo that they came hither without any Oppoſition, and burn't, and deſtroyed this City alſo, and waſted the Country hereabouts, ſlaying many, and committing all manner of Villanies; but to revenge ſuch a Breach of Truce, and the Deſtruction of his noble City, [*h*] this valiant Earl, got together what Power he could, and aſſaulted the *Daniſh* Hoſt, as they returned to their Ships, and ſlew a great Number of them, but could not maintain the Fight, his Enemies ſo much outmatching him in Number of Men, and ſo he was forced to retreat honourably, and the Enemies kept on their Way to their Ships, and the Year following *Swain* was forced to return to *Denmark* with all his Fleet, by reaſon of the great Famine that then ſorely oppreſſed the Land, ſo that he could not find Suſtenance for his Army. The *Saxon Chronicle* ſpeaking of this Invaſion, tells us, that after *Swain* had ſacked *Norwich*, though he had made Peace with Earl *Ulfketel*, yet without any regard to it, he marched to *Theodford*, which as ſoon as the Earl knew, he diſpatched a Meſſenger to order his Ships to be burn't, but the Country neglected that Advice; in the mean Time, he got together what Force he could, as quick and privately as poſſible, but in three Weeks, after they had ſacked *Norwich*, they enter'd this City, and ſtaying one Night in it, waſted and burn't it, but in the Morning as they returned to their Ships, [i] Earl *Ulfketel* and his Forces met them, and join'd Battle, in which there was great ſlaughter on both Sides, and many of the *Eaſt-Anglian* Nobles were ſlain; but if all the Forces of the *Angles* had been there, the *Danes* had never returned again, as was agreed by all that were there preſent. In the Year 1005, *Swain* having increaſed his Navy, recruited his Men, and filled his Ships with Proviſion, returned again and landed at *Sandwich*, waſted the Country and Winter'd in the *Iſle of Wight*, and in *Chriſtmas* Time landed in *Hampſhire*, and paſſed thro' it into *Berkſhire*, *&c.* making clean Work wherever he came, for what they could not carry away, they burned, killing the Owners, upon which, the Weſt Country People got together and gave them Battle, in 1006, but being overcome, the King was obliged to make Peace with them, on Condition to pay them Tribute and find them Proviſion, to which they agreed, and ſo the *Engliſh* wholly maintained them; and the Year after, the King paid them 30,000 *l.* Tribute, upon which they departed in ſeeming Friendſhip with the *Engliſh*, but the next Year, *viz.* 1009, in Harveſt Time, a great Fleet of their Ships landed at *Sandwich*, conducted by three *Daniſh* Princes, *Turkil*, or *Turketel*, *Hening*, and *Anlaf*, and went to *Canterbury*, and had ſacked it, had not the Citizens redeemed it for 1000 *l.* thence they went to the *Iſle of Wight*, and after that, over-run *Suſſex* and *Hampſhire*; King *Ethelred*, finding no truth in their Promiſes, nor Quiet in his Land, was reſolved to venture once for all, and commit his Cauſe to God, and the Chance of War; and having gathered together his Power, and coming ſuddenly upon the unprepared *Danes*, he had made an End of the Quarrell and deſtroyed them all, had not Earl *Edrick*, his Son-in-Law, that wicked Traitor, with many Lies, (invented only to put him in fear) perſwaded him from Fighting. Upon this, they made their Eſcape, returned into *Kent*, and Wintering upon the *Thames*, they refitted their Fleet, and often vainly attempted the City of *London*. The next Year, *viz.* 1010, after *Eaſter*, they ſailed about the Coaſt and landed at *Ipſwich*, which they plunder'd and burned, and marched to *Rengmore* or *Ringmere*, where they knew Earl *Ulfketel* was with his Forces, and there, on *Aſcention-Day* Morning, being the 5*th* of *May*, join'd Battle, the Men of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, fled at the firſt Onſet, but *Ethelſtan*, who married the Kings eldeſt Daughter, and the *Cambridgeſhire* Men whom he led, fought Valiantly to their great Honour, and had no thoughts of quitting the Field, 'till one *Turketel*, ſirnamed [k] *Myranheafor* or *Mireneheved*, whoſe Father was a *Dane*, firſt began to fly, upon which the Enemies got the Advantage; in this Battle was ſlain *Ethelſtane* the Kings Son-in-Law, *Oſwi* his Son, *Wulfric*, Son of *Leofwine*, and many other Noblemen, beſides a great Number of the common People: After this, for three Months together, they went up and down the Country, waſting and deſtroying all wherever they came, in *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, the Borders of *Huntingtonſhire*, *Lincolnſhire*, and *Cambridgeſhire*, and the *Fenns* there, where they got exceeding Riches, by the Spoil of the great and wealthy Abbies, ſuch as *Ely*, *&c.* in thoſe *Fenns*, and after this they returned hither, and the third Time deſtroyed and burn't the City of *Theodford*, whence they went to *Cambridge* which met with the ſame Fate, and ſo paſſing thro' the pleaſant Mountain Country of *Balſham*, they cruelly murdered the People, without reſpect to Age, Sex, or Degree, and going thro' *Eſſex*, came again to their Ships in the *Thames*, but they ſtaid not long there for in 1011, the Counties of *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Cambridgeſhire*, and 13 more, being waſted and deſtroyed, about the Feaſt of St. *Mathew*, they beſieged *Canterbury*, which the Citizens defended 20 Days, and then it was betrayed to them; here they took Archbiſhop *Elphege*, whom they afterwards murdered, with another Biſhop named *Godwin*, and Abbot *Leofwyn*, and *Alfword* the King's Bayliff, and having got what Riches they could, they burned the City, after they had tithed the People by an inverted Order, ſlaying all the Nines, and ſaving the Tenths only, ſo that of all the Monks there were but four ſaved, and of the People 4800, whereby it appears, there were killed 43200 Perſons, ſuch was the Cruelty of the *Danes*, and their Leader *Turkill*, who became Governor of this City.

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[*d*] In 993, he deſtroyed Ipſwich the 2d Time, and depopulated that Part of the Country.

[*e*] Sueno or Sweyne. (f) Page 133. (*g*) Policron. 244. b.

(*h*) Holinſh. 244.

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(i) I take it this Battle was in Eaſt-Wrotham Fields, and that Ketel-Bridge, is ſo called from this Earl. (k) That is Ant's-Head.

## CHAP. VIII. *Of the City under the* Danes, *and* Daniſh Monarchs.

[l] *Turkil*, *Thurkill*, or *Thurketel*, (for I find him called by all theſe Names) [m] the Leader of theſe *Daniſh* Murtherers, took Poſſeſſion of this City, and all *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the Year 1012, and continued chief Lord and Governor, tyrannizing over the People in a moſt ſavage Manner, and the reſt of the *Danes* compounding with the *Engliſh* for 8000*l.* ſpread abroad in the Country, ſojourning in the Cities, Towns, and Villages, as they liked beſt. Soon after this, *Turkil* adviſes King *Swain*, how Matters ſtood in *England*, that the King was negligent, and minded only his Pleaſure, that the Nobles were unfaithful, and the Commons weak and without Leaders, which induced him to invade the Land again; and accordingly in the Year 1013, he landed at *Sandwich*, and taking Sea again, compaſſed *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, but did not find the People apt to join him, as he expected, for *Turkil* their Governor, after he had ſent him the Advice aforeſaid, had joined King *Ethelred*, and was then with him in pay at *London*, with 45 *Daniſh* Ships, in order to defend the City, if *Swain* came to aſſault it, as he did, after he had received the *Northumbers* and their Duke, who ſubmitted to him, as did all the People of *Lyndeſey*, and thoſe on the North Side of *Watlingſtrete*, of whom he received Hoſtages, and left *Cnute* his Son to keep the Pledges, and guard the Ships, while he paſſed the Country; then he went thro' *South Mercia*, *Oxford*, and *Wincheſter*, all which ſubmitted to him, which Succeſs encouraged him to go directly againſt King *Etheldred* at *London*, which he aſſaulted fiercely, but the *Londoners* as fiercely defended themſelves, inſomuch that *Swain* was glad to get away to *Bath*, and ſoon after to *Denmark* again, deſigning to return with more Power, as he did next Year, and was immediately met by the *Engliſh*, who began the Battle, which was fought ſharp a long Time, 'till by reaſon of divers *Engliſhmen*'s turning to the Enemy's Side, there fell ſuch a Diſcomfiture and Slaughter to the *Engliſh* Hoſt, that the King perceived his Royal State was in utter Danger, whereupon calling the Remains of his Army together, he told them of their Treaſon, and how it was by that means only, that his Enemies conquered them, and therefore he left them either to fight or ſubmit to the *Danes*, which they did, and the King withdrew to *Greenwich*, and there ſtaid a Time with the Navy of the *Danes*, under the Government of our Earl *Turkil*; thence he ſailed to the *Iſle of Wight*, and after *Chriſtmaſs*, to *Richard* Duke of *Normandy* his Brother-in-Law, to whom he had ſent, his Wife Queen *Emme*, and *Alfred*, and *Edward* his Sons; during this Time, the *Londoners* ſubmitted to *Swain*, who had conquer'd and brought the moſt Part of *England* under his Subjection; and theſe were the Days, (as *Speed* obſerves) of *England*'s Mourning, ſhe being unable to maintain her Defenders, yet forced to nouriſh and cheriſh her Devourers; For now the *Danes* in two Factions cruelly afflicted the Land, *Swain* as an abſolute King extorted of the *Engliſh* both Victuals and Pay for his Souldiers, and Earl *Turkil* on the other Side, in Defence of the *Engliſh*, commanded the like for his Ships and Men, ſo that the *Danes* had all, and the *Engliſh* maintain'd all; *Swain* being eſtabliſhed thus in the Government, was not only cruel in oppreſſing the Laiety, but the Church alſo, forcing the Clergy to ranſome their Churches, and Monaſteries, elſe he burn't them to the Ground, among others, (having a Quarrell with the Inhabitants in the Precincts of St. *Edmunds-Land*, in *Suffolk*) he not only waſted that Country, but as *Holinſhed* tells us, ſpoiled the Abby of *Bury*, where St. *Edmund*'s Body reſted; *Speed*, and others rightly ſay, that he ravaged the Country, and only threatned the Monaſtery, becauſe they refuſed to pay the Ranſom Money that he demanded, alledging that they ought to be free of all King's Tribute, upon which as *Hoveden* tells us, in the midſt of his Jollity and Threats, as he was talking with his Nobles, of his good Succeſs in Conquering the Land, [u] he was ſtruck with a Knife miraculouſly, no Man ſeeing from whoſe Hand it came. and ſo within three Days after, *viz.* on *Candlemas-Day*, in the Year 1014, he died in great Torment, [x] at *Thedford*, and in all likelyhood was there buried, and immediately the *Danes* choſe *Cnute* his Son, King; upon his Death, *Ethelred* was recalled and took Poſſeſſion of his Kingdom, at his Subjects intreaty, and prevailed ſo much, that *Cnute*, tho' he had endeavoured to hold that by Bounty and good Nature, which his Father had got by Tyranny, and ſpared not to endeavour to win the Hearts of the *Engliſh*, yet could get none to ſide with him but the People of

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[l] He expulſed the Engliſh Earl Ulfketel.

[m] Speed fol. 395. Hol. 246, &c.

(n) Baker fol. 20. hath it, that he cryed out in the midſt of his Lords, that he was ſtruck by St. Edmund with a Sword.

[o] Some ſay at Gainsborough, which is not likely, it being ſo far from St. Edmund's Territories, that it is not agreeable to the reſt of the Hiſtory.

*Lindſey*, whom *Ethelred* for that reaſon preſently attacked, and that with ſuch Proweſs, that he put them to the Sword and forced *Cnute* to retire to *Denmark*, without any Hope of future Succeſs; and now the Nation had been freed from this People, had not our Earl *Turkil*, who knew the Wealth of the Land, and ſo compounded with the *Engliſhmen*, and ſtaid here, revolted from *Ethelred*, in order to excuſe himſelf for Revolting from the *Danes*, which was the only Way he could do it; for being retained by the King with 40 Ships and the Flower of the *Daniſh* Soldiers, he ſailed with nine of them into *Denmark*, ſubmitted to *Cnute*, and promiſed him the Aſſiſtance of the other 31 Ships, and their Soldiers, if he would return into *England*: In ſhort, he did ſo much by his Perſuaſions, that *Cnute*, by the Aid of his Brother *Harold*, then King of *Denmark*, got a Navy of 160 Ships, and being ſpurred on by *Ethelred*'s Cruelty to the *Danes*, whom he deſtroyed in all Parts, he took Sea and landed at *Sandwich*, A° 1016, and immediately Earl *Turkil* had Licence to go againſt the *Engliſh*, that were got together to reſiſt them, whom he ſoon vanquiſhed, and returned to *Cnute*; during this Time, the King lay ſick at *Coſſam*, but his Son Prince *Edmund*, got an Army together in order to fight, but upon Information that *Edrick* would betray them to the *Danes*, he withdrew with his Army into a ſure Place, and *Edrick* fled to the Enemy with 40 Ships, ſull of *Daniſh* Soldiers, upon which, all the Weſt Country ſubmitted to *Cnute*, who, aſſiſted by *Edrick*, began to waſte *Warwickſhire*; upon this, *Ethelred* who was recovered, got an Army together to reſiſt them, but being advertiſed that he ſhould be delivered to his Enemies by Treaſon, he withdrew to *London*, and there Relapſing, and wearied out with Grief, he died on St. *George*'s-*Day*, and the *Londoners*, and *Engliſhmen*, crowned his Son

Edmund, at *Kingſton*, A° 1016; he was ſirnamed *Iron-Side*, by reaſon he continually went in Armour, and was able and hardy to endure Labour and Toil; *Cnute* and his *Danes* reached *London* with their Ships, in a few Days [p] after *Ethelred*'s Death, and beſieged the City, but finding the *Londoners* true to their Prince, who was coming to join them, he raiſed the Siege, and Winter'd in the *Iſle of Sheppey*: In the Mean time, *Edmund* was received by the City, and crowned King there: the Spring following, *Cnute* invaded the Weſt Parts, but the King encountered him at *Penham* in *Dorſetſhire*, and diſcomfited his Army. During the Time that *Edmund* was raiſing his Forces, *Cnute* had been proclaimed and ordained King at *Southampton*, by the Biſhops and Abbots, and divers of the Temporal Lords, who aſſembled there, to whom he ſware to be their good and faithful Sovereign, and to ſee Juſtice truly and uprightly miniſtered in the Realm; and then he beſieged *London* again, but was forced to withdraw into *Dorſetſhire*, where he was beaten by *Edmund* into *Worceſterſhire*, where *Edmund* alſo beat him again, tho' he was near looſing the Battle, by the Treaſon of Earl *Edrick* his curſed Son-in-Law, who ſeeing the *Danes* much oppreſſed, cut off a Soldier's Head who was like King *Edmund*, and ran with it to the *Engliſh* Hoſt, crying to them, *that they ſhould fly for their King was ſlain, and that was his Head*; but *Edmund* adviſed of this Stratagem, quickly got him to the high Ground, and convinced his Soldiers of that untruth, and ſo kept the Field, but was ſo unwiſe as to excuſe *Edric*'s Fact, upon his pleading, he was miſtaken in the Countenance of the Man. In a Day or two after, *Cnute* departed ſecretly to *London*, and beſieged it, but was ſoon removed thence by *Edmund*, who followed him thither; ſoon after *Edmund*, paſſed the *Thames*, and haſted to the *Weſt-Saxons*, and the *Danes* again attempted *London*, but with no Succeſs, and ſo they went and ravaged in *Mercia*: *Edmund* upon this enters *Kent*, and met them at *Otford*, where there was a great Battle, in which *Edmund* was Conqueror, for with the Loſs of 600 Men only, he killed 4500 *Danes*, and put them to flight, and had not the ever traiterous *Edric*, ſtayed him at *Aelsford* from purſuing them, he had gotten a compleat Victory, and at once freed himſelf from his Enemies, who by this Means retreated into *Eſſex*, where *Edmund* followed them, and meeting them at [q] *Aſhdon* near *Saffron-Walden*, he gave Battle to *Cnute*, and a great Slaughter enſued, at firſt the *Danes* recoiled, which *Edric* perceiving, he turned with all his Men to their Aſſiſtance, and by ſo doing, the *Engliſh* were totally vanquiſhed, great Numbers being ſlain; of the *Engliſh* Nobility died [r] Earl *Alfred*, Earl *Godwin*, Earl [ſ] *Athelward*, Earl *Athelwin*, *Cadnoth*, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, *Wolſey*, Abbot of *Ramſey*, and many others, both of the Clergy and Laity, together with our Noble Earl *Ulfketel*, whom *Turkil* had expulſed from this City and County: After this Defeat *Edmund* went with the Relicts of his Army to *Glouceſter*, in order to

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[p] Some ſay Cnute beſieged it, ſome Days before the King's Death. (q) The Hill of Aſhes. (r) Theſe are by ſome Authors called Dukes, but the Words Conſul, or Comes, I think, rather ſignifies Earl. (ſ) Son to Earl Ulſketel.

raiſe Forces to try once more his Fortune with the *Danes*, to whom the *Londoners* had ſubmitted, upon News of their Conqueſt, which made *Edmund* reſolved to venture all at one Puſh, and accordingly the Armies met at *Dearhurſt*, by the River *Severne*, but juſt before the Engagement, a Captain ſuddenly ſtepped forth, and by many Arguments perſuaded the two Princes, that they ſhould end the Matter by ſingle Combat, rather than occaſion ſo much Blood to be ſpilt. This being agreed, the Princes entered a ſmall Iſland, called *Alney*, which is in the *Severne*, not far from *Glouceſter*, and there they began the Combat, which was fought firſt on Horſeback, and then on Foot, with great Reſolution on both Sides, 'till *Cnute* (who was over-matched) received a Wound, upon which he requeſted a Com-promiſe, and King *Edmund* agreeing thereto, they divided the Kingdom between them, the Part over-againſt *France* was aſſigned to *Edmund*, and the reſt to *Cnute*; but now the falſe Earl *Edric* had his laſt and great Act to put in Execution, which he ſoon did, by following King *Edmund* to the Privy, and there (from under the Draught) he thruſt a Spear into the King's Body, and then cutting off his Head preſented it to *Cnute*, with this fawning Expreſſion, *All hail, thou now ſole Monarch of England*, thinking thereby to rivet himſelf the deeper in *Cnute*'s Favour, who tho' he was deſirous of Sovereignty, yet being of a Princely Diſpoſition, and of remarkable Juſtice, he ſome Time after, placed the Head of this Traitor *Edric*, upon the higheſt Gate of *London*, as a Signal that he hated Treaſon. And thus died *Edmund*, at St. *Andrew's-Tyde*, in the Year 1016, after a troubleſome, but ſhort Reign, of ſeven Months only; upon which

CNUTE the *Dane*, became ſole Monarch of *England*, and having eſtabliſhed himſelf in the Throne, he divided the Realm in four Parts, aſſigning this City and the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, to Earl *Turkyl*, who had poſſeſſed it, ever ſince the Expulſion of it's laſt *Engliſh* Earl, the Valiant *Ulfketel*. *Cnute* after he was ſetled in Peace, married *Emma* King *Ethelred*'s Widow, and ſetled the Crown on his Iſſue by her, and on failure of Iſſue, his Brother *Edward* was to ſucceed him, by which means the *Danes* were utterly excluded from all right to the Crown, and the *Engliſh* Blood reſtored again, and then giving the *Danes* that had ſerved him 82,000 *l.* he ſent them Home to *Denmark*, which ſo contented all his Subjects, that he reigned glorioully to the End of his Days; during his Reign, he favoured the Church, founding many Monaſteries and Churches out of his own Coffers, as the Church of *Aſhdon* in *Eſſex*, where he conquered *Edmund*, the Abby *in the Holm* in *Ludham* Pariſh in *Norfolk*, which he dedicated to St. *Bennet*, whom he greatly reverenced, and *Bury* Monaſtery in *Suffolk*, which he dedicated to St. *Edmund*, whom he greatly feared: in this Time Earl *Turkil* [t] was in great Favour with him, and all Things were done by his Council and Approbation, as Hiſtorians agree; this Earl was a great Benefactor himſelf to St. *Edmund*'s Monaſtery, and it was he, as I take it, that firſt gave to that Houſe, divers Lands and Revenues, in [u] *Thetford*, on which there were a few Monks placed, as a Cell to that Abby, [x] but it being afterwards forſaken, the Abbot turned it into a Nunnery, and placed the *Benedictine* Nuns of St. *George* there; This *Cnute* confirmed all the large Privileges which *Edmund* King of the *Weſt-Saxons* had formerly granted to St. *Edmund*'s Monaſtery, and diſcharging all the Land of that Saint from Tribute, he incloſed it with a Ditch, (running croſs *Newmarket-Heath*) that there might be no diſpute about the Limits of his Land, and to this Day, that Ditch terminates the Liberty of St. *Edmund*, and from this Time, all the Lands and Revenues of that Monaſtery in *Thetford*, were exempted from all Juriſdiction of the Place, and enjoyed all the Liberties and Privileges of St. *Edmund*'s Monaſtery, their Patron. In the Year 1021, *Cnute* finding that *Iric* Earl of *Northumberland*, and our Earl *Turkill*, began to aſpire too high, and grow too much in Greatneſs and the Peoples Love, he baniſhed them both, and took their whole Government into his Hands, eſtabliſhing one Law, by which *Danes* and *Engliſhmen* ſhould be equally governed; by this he entirely gained the Love of his Subjects: This *Cnute* was the greateſt Prince that had ever reigned over the *Engliſh* Nation, for he had the Sovereignty of all *Denmark*, *England*, [y] *Norway*, *Scotland*, and *Sweden*: he died [z] according to the *Saxon Chronicle* in the Year 1036, on the 12*th* of *November* in the 20*th* Year of his Reign, upon which, Earl *Godwin*, and the Men of the Weſt Parts, would have [a] *Hardicnute*, Son of *Cnute* by Queen *Emma*, according

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[t] Thurketel Nobilis Heros, dedit, Sco: Edo: Palegrave, &c. Regr. Abb. fol. 22. b.

[u] They laid not far off the Place, where the Martyr fought the Danes.

[x] This was the Monaſtery ſaid to be built in Memory of the Engliſh and Danes ſlain hereabouts, in the Battle between the Holy King Edmund, and the Daniſh Captains, Hingwar and Hubba, which laſted 7 Hours, with great Loſs on both Sides. Atlas. p. 339.

[y] This Kingdom, Cnute gave in his Life-time to Swayn his eldeſt Son, by his firſt Wife.

(z) Some ſay 1037.

(a) He was then in Denmark, which Kingdom his Father gave him in his Life-time.

ing to the Setlement, made on *Cnute*'s Marriage, for their King; but the *Danes* and *Londoners*, having *Leofrick* Earl of *Cheſter*, and divers North-Country Noblemen on their Side, elected

**Harold**, [b] ſecond Son of *Cnute* by *Alfgive* his firſt Wife, King of this Realm; he was ſirnamed *Hare-Foot*, by reaſon of his Swiftneſs, and enjoyed the Kingdom, [c] *Hardicnute* his Brother refuſing to come out of *Denmark* to take the Government from him: This *Harold* was an inglorious Prince, but to the Joy of his Subjects, died in 1039, when he had reigned four Years and 16 Weeks only, upon which all the Nobles unanimouſly agreed, and ſent for

**Hardicnute**, whom they had choſen King, [d] who landed the ſame Year, and was crowned at *London*; in his Time, *viz.* 1041, *Athelſtane*, Abbot of *Ramſey*, [e] had a Houſe in *Theford*, for then he had a Poſſeſſionary Writ, directed to the Burghers of *Theford*, to command them to ſee that the Abbot enjoyed it as freely and fully, as he held it before. This King is remarkable only, for Gluttony, and Exceſs, in the midſt of which he died ſuddenly at a Feaſt, in this Year, after he had reigned two Years wanting 10 Days, and with him [f] died all the Rule of the *Danes* in this Land, he being the laſt Prince of their Blood that ever ſat on the *Engliſh* Throne, for now,

**Edward**, an *Engliſhman*, for his Piety, ſirnamed the *Confeſſor*, half Brother to *Hardicnute*, and Son of King *Ethelred* by Queen *Emme*, was unanimouſly elected King of *England*, and ſent for out of *Normandy*, and after his landing was anointed King, [g] in 1042, in which Year, *Stigand* the Prieſt, was made Biſhop of the *Eaſt-Angles*, (being then a great Favourite of the *Confeſſor*'s) and ſoon after was ejected, but coming into Favour the next Year, he was admitted to his Biſhoprick, and was afterwards Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, and Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; this is that *Stigand*, ſo often mentioned in *Domeſday-Book*. This King expulſed all the *Daniſh* Soldiers that were in *England*, and baniſhed Lady *Gonild*, Neice to King *Swain*, by his Siſter, with her two Sons, introducing many *Normans* in their ſtead, who had been Serviceable, to him during his Exile; and from this Time that People got Ground 'till the *Norman* Conqueror, enjoyed the Crown. During this King's Reign, *Harold*, Son of Earl *Godwin*, was Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles*, he was not faithful to the King, but aſſiſted his Father who then rebelled, with a large Body of Troops raiſed out of his Counties of *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Cambridgeſhire*, *Eſſex*, and *Huntingdonſhire*; but he had better been at quiet, for he was forced to come to *London* with 12 Servants only, and reſign all his Soldiers and Provinces to the King's Government, and then he and his Brother [h] *Leofwine*, fled to *Ireland*, upon which, he was proclaimed an Out-Law, and this City and Counties, with all his Eſtate, was ſeized and given to *Algar*, Son of *Leofrick*, Earl of *Cheſter*, who governed them worthily, and afterwards freely reſigned them to *Harold* again, when he returned out of Exile; [i] among other noble Deeds, by which this King gain'd his Subjects Love, we muſt reckon his Remiſſion of the Yearly Tribute of 40,000 *l.* gathered for 40 Years together, by the Name of *Danegilt*, it being impoſed by his Father, upon all Men's Lands, the Clergy only excepted; As alſo that noble Body of Laws which he ſelected from thoſe of the *Danes*, *Weſt-Saxons*, *Mercians*, and *Northumbrians*, and tranſlating them into *Latin*, they became the Fountain of what we now call the *Common-Law*. Earl *Godwin*, *Swain*, *Harold*, and his other Sons, remaining in Exile, were continually infeſting the Sea Coaſts, and doing much Damage, wherefore the King raiſed an Army againſt them, but by the Mediation of Friends, Peace was reſtored, and the Earl and his Sons had Poſſeſſion of their former Eſtates, and then *Harold* received this City and it's Provinces of *Algar* peaceably, in the Year 1052; and the next Year Earl *Godwin* his Father died, and all his Earldom and Lordſhips came to our Earl *Harold*, [k] who generouſly gave this City and it's Earldom to

**Algar**, or *Alfgar*, in Recompence for his Generoſity in reſtoring it to him peaceably, after his Return from his Exile, and ſo *Algar* became Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles* in 1053.

In 1055, Earl *Algar*, [l] thro' evil Counſel and without Deſert, being Out-lawed and baniſhed the Realm, went firſt to *Ireland*, and from thence came and joined *Griffin*, King of *Wales*, and did much Hurt in *Herefordſhire*, upon which the King ſent Earl *Harold* againſt him, who continued his Friend, for inſtead of Fighting, he entered into Treaty and perſuaded him to Peace, went himſelf to the King, obtained his Pardon, and reſtored him, to his Earldom. In 1057, *Leofrick* Earl of [m] *Cheſter*, Son of Earl *Leofwyne* died, and Earl *Algar* his Son, inherited that Earldom, [n] but the next Year, he was accuſed of Treaſon through envy, and was exiled again, upon which he repaired to his old Friend Prince *Griffin*, who aſſiſted him ſo powerfully, that the King fearing his Force, was obliged to ſend Earl *Harold* againſt him, [o] who purſued *Griffin* and killed him, and by his Policy reconciled *Algar* to the King's Grace, and he continued in Favour his whole Life after; in 1064, the *Northumbrians* rebelled [p] againſt their Earl *Toſti*, and made *Morker*, *Malchar*, or *Marcher*, Earl *Algar*'s Son, their chief Leader, but upon their Promiſe of Obedience, if the King would give their Earldom to *Morker*, he conſented, and *Toſti* was expulſed, and *Morker* confirmed Earl of *Northumberland*. In the Year 1066, died this glorious King, and in him ceaſed the Noble Progeny of the *Weſt-Saxon* Kings, which had continued for about 547 Years; " One Ability (ſays *Baker* fo. 26) he had, which raiſed him above " the Pitch of ordinary Kings, and yet at this Day is Ordinary with Kings, that by his " touching and laying his Hand upon it, he cured a Diſeaſe, which from his Curing is called the KING'S-EVILL." He was the firſt that confirmed his Charters under his Broad Seal, that large Impreſſion being brought into uſe by him. He alſo firſt cauſed the whole Realm to be ſurveyed, ſo exactly (as *Ingulph* ſays) that there was not one Hide in all *England*, whoſe Owner and Value was unknown, which occaſioned the Book in which this Deſcription was wrote, to be called, *Domes-Day*, this was found ſo beneficial to the King, that the *Conqueror* made ſuch another Survey, in which he included this, and added every thing that had been alter'd, ſince the making of it, even to the Time of his own Survey; and from this Record it is, that we learn the State of the City.

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[b] Hol. ſays Baſtard Son of Cnute. [c] Hol. fol. 263.

[d] Chron: Sax: p. 156. Hol. places it in 1041. [e] Brady in his compleat Hiſtory, thinks it to be of a later Date. Spelman's Gloſſary. Hiſt. Ramſ. chap. 99. Gale Script. vol. 1. p. 449.

[f] The Engliſh were ſo rejoyced at their Freedom from the Daniſh Yoke, that they annually celebrated the Day of this King's Death, with open Paſtimes in the Streets, and called that Time Hoc-tide, or, a Time of Scorning and Contempt, which then fell on the Danes. Speed. [g] Some ſay 1043.

[h] Swain, Harold, Toſti, Leofwine, and Girth, were all Sons of Earl Godwin, and rebelled with him, becauſe the King would not at their Requeſt, expell his Norman Friends.

[i] Baker fol. 25. [k] Sax. Chron: p. 169. [l] Fabian 163.

## CHAP. IX. *Of the State of the City in the* CONFESSOR'S *Time.*

In King *Edward*'s Days, this flouriſhing City was become [q] a Hundred by it's ſelf, called, THETFORD HUNDRED, the Bounds of it's Land, on the *Norfolk* Side, was about two Miles in Length, and one in Breadth, and half was Paſture, and half Arable; The Land, on the *Suffolk* Side, beſides what the City ſtood on, was above a Mile Long, and as much Broad, of which, the King and Earl's Parts, contained about four Carucates, there were no leſs than 943 Burgeſſes, of all which, the King had the Superior Juriſdiction, with their Cuſtoms, Rents, and Services, but 36 of them were ſo far the King's Tenants, that they could hold nothing of any other Lord, without his ſpecial Licence, but all the reſt might hold Lands, and do Homage and Fealty to any other Lord, on Condition they ſtill paid all their old Cuſtoms, except Heriots. The whole of the Cuſtoms and Rents, amounted to 30 *l.* Yearly, of which, the King had 20 *l.* [r] number'd, for his two Thirds, and the other Third *viz.* 10 *l.* number'd, belonged to the Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles*, who governed this City and Counties, for which Reaſon I have been ſo large and exact hitherto, in their Hiſtory, as alſo, becauſe the General Hiſtory of the County, and it's Government, is ſo mixed with it, that by thus reciting it fully together, I need no more repeat it, but as Occaſion offers, refer my Readers hither.

Beſides this, the *Burghers* paid the King Yearly, a Rent of 40 *d.* 4 Meaſures of Honey, 10 Goat Skins, and 4 Oxes Hides, and the Abbot of *Bury* had 21 Burgeſſes, one Church, and a [s] Free-Houſe, all which, with their Lands and Revenues, were in the Liberty of St. *Edmund*, and conſequently exempted from all other Juriſdiction whatever. The Abbot of *Ely* had a Free-Houſe and 3 Churches, there being then 13 Pariſh Churches, if not more, for ſo many are mentioned in this Record, but whether any, or how many are omitted, we can't ſay; the King had the Head Manor, which had two Carucates in the Tenant's Hands, and two more in Demean, 20 *Bordars*, two Servants, a Mill, 13 Acres of Meadow, a Walk for 128 Sheep, the whole being worth 7 *l. per Ann.* At this Time, [t] St. *Mary*'s was the Mother Church of the City, having 4 other Churches appendant to it, all which belonged to the Inheritance of *Stigand* then Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; but whither he pur-

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(*m*) Or Mercia. (*n*) Hol. fo. 277. (*o*) Fab: 265.

(*p*) The Earls were then ſo many Vice-Roys or petty Kings, having the ſole Government of their Provinces.

(*q*) See fo. 191.

(*r*) Or by Tale, in Domeſday, Payments are ſaid to be made, Ad Numerum, which I take to be in uncoin'd Pieces, that paſſed by Tale. In Moneta, or coin'd Money, or ad Penſum, when 'twas paid by Weight.

(*s*) I take a Free-Houſe to mean here, a Houſe for the Abbot's Reſidence.

(*t*) Not St. Mary's the preſent Pariſh Church: but St. Mary the Great, where Arfaſt placed his Epiſcopal See.

chaſed it, or [u] retained it ever ſince he was Biſhop of *Elmham*, I can't ſay, tho' if he did, 'twas but like his other Proceedings, for after he had thruſt himſelf into the Archbiſhoprick, he ſtill retained his Biſhoprick of *Wincheſter* with it, 'till the Conqueror deprived him, and ſeized on all his Eſtate in 1070, and gave this Church with thoſe appendant to it, together with all their Revenues, to *Arfaſt* Biſhop of *Thetford*, and his Heirs, who placed his See in it; and thus it appears, that the *Confeſſor* left this Lordſhip, and City, with his Crown, to his Succeſſor,

Harold, Son of *Godwin* Earl of *Kent*, who had been formerly Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles*, and Governour of it: He reigned only nine Months and nine Days, being killed in the Battle at *Haſtyngs* in *Suſſex*, by *William* Duke of *Normandy*, who then ſeized the Crown, and became the firſt Monarch of the *Norman* Race, that ſwayed the *Britiſh* Scepter.

## CHAP. X. *Of the Diviſion of the* Earldom, Lordſhip, *and* MANOR; *and of the State of the City in the* Conqueror's *Time.*

William *the Baſtard*, commonly called, the *Conqueror*, began his Reign in the Year of our Lord 1066, and becauſe *Morker*, Earl of *Northumberland*, [x] at firſt reſiſted him, he ſeized on his Earldom, and tho' he afterwards ſubmitted and ſware Fealty to him, and had his Earldom of *Northumberland* reſtored, yet he was never admitted to our Earldom, after his Father [y] *Algar*'s Death, but the King being poſſeſſed of it, and of the whole of this City, which belonged to it, kept it ſome Time, in his own Hands, and afterwards divided it, for in the Year 1075, he gave the Earldom of *Norfolk*, and *Suffolk*, to *Ralf de Waiet*, [z] *Waher*, or *Guader*, a *Norfolk* Man born, Son of *Ralf* an *Engliſhman*, by a *Welſh* Woman; This *Ralf*, [a] while the King was in *Normandy* [b] and againſt his Command, (tho' the *Saxon Chronicle* ſays the contrary) married *Emma* Daughter of *William Fitz-Osborne*, or *Osbert*, Siſter to *Roger*, Earl of *Hereford*, Couzin to King *William*, and celebrated his Nuptials, [c] with great Pomp, at the City of *Norwich*; *Waltheof* the great Earl of *Northumberland*, *Roger* Earl of *Hereford*, with many other Biſhops, Abbots, and Barons, were preſent at it, and there conſpired againſt the King, but *Waltheof* repenting the next Day, informed *Stigand* the Archbiſhop, who ſent for the King immediately; Earl *Ralf*, and Earl *Roger*, continuing in their purpoſe, endeavoured to raiſe Forces in their own Countries, and ſent to *Denmark* for more Aſſiſtance, but the Keepers of the Caſtles, and the Inhabitants of of their Earldoms, refuſed to join them, upon which, he retreated to his Caſtle at *Norwich*, and having committed it to the keeping of his Wife, he there took Ship and went to *Little-Britain*, upon this, the King beſieges the Caſtle, but the Lady held it, 'till he granther his Peace, and licenced her to go out of the Realm, and ſo ſhe followed her Husband, and by this Means the Earldom came into the Kings Hands again, [d] who that Year held his *Chriſtmaſs* at *Weſtminſter*, and there, all the *Engliſhmen* that were at the Earl's Marriage at *Norwich*, were grievouſly puniſhed, ſome had their Eyes put out, and others their Eſtates forfeited to the King's Uſe; And from this Time to the [e] firſt Year of King *Stephen*, the Earldom with all it's Profits was in the Crown, but the Manor was given by the King, free of all Cuſtom or Rent, to *Roger Bigot* a *Norman*, who came over with him and aſſiſted him in his Conqueſt, who had Poſſeſſion of it, before the General Survey, as I find by *Domeſday-Book*, fol. 105.

**Terra Rogeri Bigoti. In TETFORT habet Rogerus in Dominio, quietam ab omni Conſuetudine, cui adiacebant Tempore Regis Edwardi, ii. Car. Terre, et modo ſimiliter, ſemper ii. Car. in dominio xx. Bord: ii. Ser: i. Mol: xiii. Acr. prati & xxx. Acr. Terre. Ibi eſt i. Mol: et v. Acr: prati. ſemper cxxviii. Oves. tunc val: vii. lib: poſt et modo viii. de ſupradictis Bord: habet Rex Scotum de ſuo Capite tantum.**

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(u) It is likely, that it belonged to the Biſhoprick, when Stigand had it, Elmham was but a ſmall Place, if compared with this City, and we can't but conclude, that the Biſhop had a Houſe to reſide in here, where ſo many of the moſt Publick Affairs of the Province were always tranſacted, and if ſo, 'tis moſt likely the Mother Church and it's Appendages, belonged to it, 'till Stigand retain'd it, as he did many other Revenues of the Biſhoprick, as Domeſday ſhews us.

[x] Policron. fol. 262. [y] 'Tis ſuppoſed he was killed at the Battle of Haſtings. [z] Speed calls him de Ware.

[a] Speed 429. [b] Stow fol. 116. [c] Sax. Cron. 182.

[d] Sax. Cron. fol. 183. [e] The Rents and Profits of this Town which belonged to the Earldom, remained in the Crown, 'till King Richard the Firsts Time, they being not aſſigned to Bygod when he was created Earl.

In BURGO habet Rogerus xxxiii. homines, ſibi commendatos, quos tenuit ſuus Anteceſſor, in quibus nichil preter Commendationem habuit. Habet etiam i. Mol: quem tenet Turſtinus Burgenſis, hoc reclamat de Dono Regis. ſed Hund: neſcit quomodo. Hic Mol: valet. xxxii. Sol. i. Eccleſia.

*That is to ſay*, ROGER BIGOT holds that Part of *Thetford* in Demean, free from all Rent, which in the Time of the *Confeſſor*, had two Carucates of Land, and now hath the ſame, beſides two other Carucates held in Demean, to which belong 20 *Bordars*, two Servants, a Mill, 13 Acres of Meadow, and 30 of Land (Arable) There is alſo one Mill with five Acres of Meadow, and a Sheeps-Walk for 128 Sheep, all which in the *Confeſſor*'s Days, was worth 7 *l. per Ann.* and now 8 *l.* the whole belongs to *Roger*, except the Cuſtomary Contribution or Rent, paid by the Head *Bordar*, and that belongs to the King.

The ſaid *Roger* hath in the *Burgh*, 33 Men under his Protection, which his Predeceſſor had, but they pay him nothing, only acknowledge him as their Protector or Lord, he hath alſo 1 Mill, which *Turſtin* (*ſc de Tetford*) the Burgeſs holds, as he pretends, by the King's Gift, but the Jury of the Hundred, know of no ſuch thing. This Mill is worth 32 *s. per Ann.* he hath alſo one Church. All this, was ſetled on the Abby or Priory that he founded here, and continued in that Houſe 'till it's Diſſolution; the Church as I take it, was St. *Nicholas*'s which always belonged to the Abby.

This was afterwards called, *Halwick*, or THETFORD MANOR, but the Rents belonging to the King and the Earldom, which remained in the Crown, 'till K. *Richard* Iſt's Time, were called, the DOMINION, LORDSHIP, and ſometimes, *Manor of Thetford*, which I ſhall treat of by it's ſelf, being obliged to return to ſpeak of the Condition of the City, in the *Conqueror*'s Time, *viz.* A° 1085, in which Year the *Saxon Chronicle* ſays, *Domeſday* was wrote; tho' other Hiſtorians, as *Stow*, *&c.* ſay in 1080, which cannot be, for *William*, Biſhop of *Thetford*, who is mentioned in *Domeſday*, as Biſhop at that Time, was not nominated to the See 'till [*f*] 1085, and ſo the Survey could not be taken 'till that Year. It plainly appears, by comparing Hiſtorians with this Record, that *Thetford* had always flouriſhed and encreaſed, from the Time that the *Danes* had quiet Poſſeſſion of it, to the *Confeſſor*'s Days. But from his Time it decreaſed much, for the 943 Burgeſſes that were then in the *Burgh*, were now declined to 720, there being no leſs than 224 [*g*] Manſion-Houſes, empty or down. The [*h*] Earldom was now in the King's Hands, who after *Stigand* the Archbiſhop's Diſgrace, ſeized the Church of St. *Mary*, with the Churches of St. *Peter*, St. *John*, St. *Martin*, and St. *Margaret*, which were appendant to it, together with all their Revenues, *viz.* 6 Carucates of Land, wanting half a Bovate, in the *Confeſſor*'s Time, which was afterwards reduced to 2 Carucates, and now to one; and 5 Burgeſſes, 2 empty Houſes, 12 Acres of Meadow, and Paſturage for 35 Sheep, all being of 40*s.* Value then, and the ſame now, becauſe 3 of the Carucates might be reſtored, and the other 2 are only turned into Paſture, all which the King gave to *Arfaſt*, Biſhop of *Thetford*, and his Heirs, who gave them to his Sons, who now hold them. The Bounds and Extent of this Place, were the ſame as at the *Confeſſor*'s Survey, the King having 2 thirds of the Cuſtoms and Rents, as belonging to his Crown, and the other 3d, in Right of the Earldom: On the *Norfolk* Side, the King had 1 Carucate of Land, 3 *Bordars*, 1 Servant, and 1 Horſe; and on the *Suffolk* Side, [*i*] there were 4 Carucates, two Parts of which belonged to the Crown, and one to the Earldom, and 4 Acres of Land, which belonged ſolely to the Crown, beſides thoſe Lands in the Liberty of St. *Edmund*, which the *Burghers* held. The whole Land on the *Norfolk* Side, was a [*k*] League long and half a League broad, and two Thirds of the Rents belonged to the King, and one to the Earldom, but the King gave one of his Thirds, to *Roger Bigot*, who added it to his Manor that he had given him. It appears, that 21 of the Burgeſſes, held of the King 6 Carucates, and 60 Acres of Land, all which were in the Juriſdiction of St. *Edmund*, and ſo conſequently was that Part from *London-Road* to *Barnham-Bounds*. Beſides this, there was another Mill held by two Burgeſſes: The Cuſtoms and Rents of this *Burgh*, were riſen ſince the *Confeſſor*'s Time, for now it paid the Crown yearly,

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[*f*] Chron. Sax. p. 186.

[*g*] I take it Manſura, ſignifies, a Manſion-Houſe in decay, or a Place where a Manſion-Houſe formerly ſtood; for thus ſays Domeſday in another Place: Eſt ibi ii. Manſuras, in una eſt Domus.

[*h*] The Atlas p. 338. ſays, their chief Magiſtrate was ſtiled a Conſul, which Name ſeems to intimate, that it had been of old a Roman Town; but I don't meet with him ever called ſo, the Word Conſul, ſignifies in our Language an Earl, and indeed he is called *Comes*, in this Record.

(*i*) There were alſo 3 Mills, the King had two Parts of two of them, and the Earl the Third, but the other was in four Parts, the King had two Thirds, out of which, the Earl had one Third, and the other Third was in private Hands.

[k] A League in Domeſday, is ſomething better than 2 Miles.

50 Pounds by Weight, and the Earldom, 20 Pounds [*k*] *Blanc*, and 6 Pounds number'd, beſides 40 *l.* a Year to the King, in Coin, and 16 *s.* for two [*l*] *Aids.* The Abbot of *Bury*'s Revenues were not alter'd, the Abbot of *Ely* had his Houſe, and 3 Churches and 2 Manſions void, which paid Rent to the King, one of the Houſes being ſtanding; the Biſhop of *Thetford*, had 20 Free-Houſes, one Mill, and half the Advowſon of a Church, [*m*] and *Roger Bigot*, had beſides his other Revenues here, a Free-Houſe for his own Reſidence, one Monaſtery and 2 *Bordars* belonging to it. And this was the State of the Town, at the *Conqueror*'s Survey. But leaſt I ſhould have made any Miſtakes in this Account, I ſhall add, an exact Tranſcript of *Domeſday-Book*, out of which it is gathered, that thoſe who are better skilled than my ſelf in the old Words, that are there uſed, may correct them, if there ſhould fortune to be any Errors.

[Domeſday fol. 18.] **Sub Tit: Terre Regis in Manu Regis.**

**Hund. de** TETFOD **in** Tetford **eſt** i. **Eccleſia Sancte** Marie **quam tenebat** Stigandus **Archiepiſcopus. modo tenent filii** Arfaſti **Epiſcopi. huic Eccleſie adiacent ſemper** iiii. **Eccleſie, Sancti** Petri, **Sancti** Johannis, **Sancti** Martini, **Sancte** Margarite **&** vi. **Car. terre dimid. Bovata minus. tunc** ii. **Car. modo** i. **ſemper** v. **Burgenſes & due Manſure vacue &** xii. **Acr. prati et** iii. **Car. poſſunt reſtaurari &** ii. **Car. remanent in Paſtura. ſemper** xxxv. **Oves & val:** xl s.

**Terre Regis in** TETFORD, **ultra Aquam verſus** NORFOLC. **Eſt una Leugata terre in longo & dimid. in lat. de qua Rex habet duas partes. de his autem duabus, partibus tertia pars in Conſulatu iacet. de ſuperiori Leugata** R. Bigot, **tertiam partem. Tota hec terra Medietas arabilis eſt. Altera in Paſtura. in hac terra habet Rex,** i. **Car. &** iii. **Bor: &** i. **Servum &** i. **Equum. et de Duobus Molendinis habet Rex duas partes & Conſulat: tertiam. habet etiam Rex, de tertio Molendin: duas partes. & de his duabus partibus Comes habet tertiam. De alia parte verſus** Suthfolc **eſt dimid. Leugat: terre in longo & dimid: in Lato. de hac terra tertia pars eſt ad Comitatuz.** iiii. **Acr. prati. Tota hec terra arabilis eſt &** iiii. **Car. poſſunt arare. In Burgo autem erant** Dccccxliii. Burgenſes **tempore Regis** Edwardi, **de his habet Rex omnem Conſuetudinem. De iſtis hominibus erant** xxxvi. **ita dominice Regis** Edwardi, **ut non poſſuut eſſe homines cuiuſlibet ſine Licentia Regis. Alii omnes poterant eſſe homines cuiuſlibet. ſed ſemper tamen Conſuetudo Regis remanebat, preter** Herigete.

**Modo ſunt** Dccxx. Burgens: **&** ccxxiiii. **Manſure vacue. de iſtis** Burgens: xxi. **habent** vi. **Car. &** lx. **Acr. quod tenent de Rege. et eſt in** Soka **Sancti** Edmundi. **preter hoc habent** ii. Burgens: i. **Molendin: hoc totum ſuperius valebat tempore Regis** Edwardi xx *l.* **ad numerum. & ad opus Conſul:** x *l.* **ad num: modo reddit Regi** L *l.* **ad Penſum. & Comiti** xx *l.* **Blancas &** vi *l.* **ad numerum. Reddit etiam modo Regi** xl. **lib: de Moneta. et ſemp:** xvi. **Sol: ad** ii. **Prebendarios. reddebat etiam tempore Regis** Edwardi iiii. **Seſtarios Mellis. et** xl *d.* **et** x. **Pelles Caprinas et** iiii. **Coria Bovina. In** Burgo **habet Abbas Sancti** Edmundi i. **Eccleſiam et** i. **Domum libere. Abbas de** Ely iii. **Eccleſias &** i. **Domum libere et** ii. **Manſuras in Conſuetudine, in una eſt Domus. Et Epiſcopus** xx. **Domos lib: et un: Molendin: & dimid. Eccleſiam.** R. Bigot i. **Dom: lib: et** i. **Monaſterium &** ii. **Bor: ad Monaſterium.**

* 'Tis obſervable, that this City pay'd no *Danegeld*, it being always excuſed from that Tax, by reaſon of the Number of *Danes* that dwelt in it.

## CHAP. XI. *Of* Thetford *Biſhoprick*, *the Biſhop*'s Palace, *and* CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

SIGEBERT, Son of *Redwald*, King of the *Eaſt-Angles*, being ſuſpected by his Brother *Erpenwald*, or *Corpwald*, to aſpire to the Crown, was ſoon after his Fathers Death baniſhed into *France*, where he applied himſelf diligently to his Studies, under *Felix* a *Burgundian*, who fully inſtructed him in the Chriſtian Faith, and then baptized him, by which means having contracted an intimate Familiarity, when *Sigebert* was made King at *Corpwald*'s Death, he brought *Felix* along with him, and encouraged him to preach, and convert his People to the Knowledge of the Goſpel; this, *Felix* undertook with the utmoſt Expedition, and greateſt Diligence, and having made many Converts, he built ſeveral Churches, as *Babingley*, [*n*]

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[k] Whether Blanca ſignifies in Silver, by reaſon of it's Whiteneſs, or Money waſhed over with that Metal, or Pieces prepared to be coined but not ſtruck, I can't ſay.

[*l*] Ad duos Prebendarios, if it does not ſignifie thus, I own I know not it's Meaning.

[*m*] I take this to be Part of Trinity-Church, which joined to the South Side of the Cathedral Church-Yard.

[*n*] I make no doubt, but Flixton or Felix's-Town, Felixſtowe, &c. took their Names from him.

*Felixtowe, &c.* and being comſecrated by [*o*] *Honorius* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, became the firſt Biſhop of the *Eaſt-Angles*, and placed his See at *Dunwich* in *Suffolk*, in the Year 636, according to the *Saxon Chronicle*, and 630, according to *Godwin*, and other Hiſtorians; he died *March* 8 647. There ſat only two Biſhops at *Dunwich* after him, before the See was divided by *Biſus* into two Biſhopricks, one to be Biſhop over *Suffolk*, whoſe See remained at *Dunwich*, the other over *Norfolk*, whoſe See was placed at *North-Elmham*, which after a Succeſſion of 11 Biſhops at *Dunwich*, became the only See of both Counties, and ſo continued 'till

HERFAST or *Arfaſt*, the *Conqueror*'s Chaplain, who was made Biſhop in the Year 1070, removed the See from *Elmham* to *Thetford* in 1075, according to the Order of the Council, held by *Lanfrank*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, which appointed, that all Biſhops Sees, which were ſetled in Villages, ſhould be removed to the moſt eminent Cities in their Dioceſſes, and ſo this became fixed here, *Thetford* being far ſuperior to *Elmham* in Populouſneſs and Wealth.

The Mother Church of this City was dedicated to St. *Mary*, and ſtood where the Free-School, and Maſter of the Hoſpital's Houſe now ſtands, this, in all probability, belonged to the Biſhop of the Province, (who 'tis to be thought, had a Houſe near it) 'till *Stigand* retain'd it in his Hands, with other Revenues of the Biſhoprick, after he left the See, but upon his Diſgrace, the King gave it with the 4 Churches appendant to it, and all that belonged to them, to Biſhop *Arfaſt* and his Heirs, in Fee and Inheritance, who placed his Epiſcopal Chair in it, and afterwards, gave the Inheritance of it to *Richard*, his Eldeſt Son, and the other 4 Churches, to his other Sons, and their Heirs. This *Arfaſt*, aſſiſted by *Roger Bygod*, rebuilt the Church, dedicating it to St. *Mary*, the *Holy Trinity*, and *All the Saints*, and joined his *Palace*, or Manſion-Houſe, to the North-Side of it, towards it's Weſt-End, of which there is ſo much now ſtanding, (which ſerves for a Wall to the Garden, facing the *Canons*) that we can plainly diſtinguiſh it's Breadth; it conſiſted of a Nave, two Iſles, a North and South Tranſept, (the Arch of which now divides the School and Maſters Appartment) and a Chancel or Choir, the Eaſt-End of which reached the Street, within about 12 Yards, as it's Foundation diſcovers, ſo that it was a noble Church, fit for the Cathedral of ſuch a See. *Arfaſt* was in great Favour with the *Conqueror*, being his Chancellor for ſome Time, as well as Chaplain, he ſpared no Coſt nor Pains, to augment his See in Wealth and Buildings, [*p*] *Wever* tells us, he was Chaplain to the *Conqueror*, when he was only Duke of *Normandy*, and was firſt a Monk of *Bec-Abby* in *Normandy*, being well eſteemed among them, for his Learning, becauſe before *Lanfrank*, (who was after Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*) was made Abbot of that Houſe, the Monks were illiterate and meer Drones, and there, *Arfaſt* who had a ſmattering of Learning, made a great Shew among them, but when *Lanfrank* became their Abbot, he ſoon brought his Houſe, to be even a Univerſity, flouriſhing with all Knowledge of good Letters. Hither *Arfaſt* came, after a pompous and bragging Manner, attended with a great Troop, *Lanfrank* who immediately eſpied his Ignorance, cauſed an A. B. C. to be laid before him, mocking the Pride of the Man, with a witty Jeſt, which *Arfaſt* took ſo to Heart, that he never ceaſed 'till he cauſed the Duke to baniſh him out of *Normandy*, howbeit, *Lanfrank* happening to ride on a lame Jade, when he came to take leave of the Duke, the Duke fell into ſuch a Laughter, at the halting of his Horſe, as in that merry Mood, by Reaſon of ſome Friends, he was quickly reconciled to him again. But tho' *Lanfrank* was afterwards in great Favour, yet *Arfaſt* 'tis plain, did not forget him, for at his Diſgrace, the King gave him good Part of *Lanfrank*'s Eſtate. *Arfaſt* ſat Biſhop 'till 1084, (*q*) and then dying here [*r*] was buried in his Cathedral, with this Epitaph on his Monument,

> Hic, Aꝛfaſte pie, Pater optime, et Aꝛca Sophie,
> Vivis per meꝛita Viꝛtutum Laude perita:
> Vos qui tꝛanſitis hic omnes atque reditis,
> Dicite, quod Chꝛiſti Pietas ſit pꝛomptioꝛ iſti.

he was ſucceeded by

WILLIAM (*ſ*) GALSAGUS, whoſe right ſirname, was *de Bello-Fago*, or *Beaufo*, who was nominated by the King to the See of *Thetford*, on *Chriſtmas-Day*, [*t*] 1085, and was conſecrated at *Canterbury* in 1086; he did all he could to adorn and enrich his See, both in

Buildings

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(*o*) See fol. 384.

(*p*) Fol. 785.

(q) Le-Neve in his Faſti, ſays he was buried in St. Cuthbert's Church, and quotes Weever for it, fol. 827, at which Place that Author not only tells us he was buried in St. Mary's, or the Cathedral, but gives us the Inſcription on his Monument there.

(*r*) 'Tis moſt likely, he as Founder, was buried before the High-Altar, and if ſo, the Place of his Sepulture is very eaſily diſcovered.

(*ſ*) I take it to be a Corruption only of Bel-fagus, or Beaufo. His Deſcendents were afterwards Lords of Weſt-Herling.

(*t*) Madox Hiſt. of Excheq. p. 5.

Buildings and Poſſeſſions, being a very wealthy Man, and a Perſon of much worth for his Learning and Conduct, he is ſaid by ſome Authors, to have been Chancellor to the King, as well as his Predeceſſor, but plain it is, he was in great Favour with the *Conqueror*, [*u*] who gave him no leſs than 30 odd Manors, in Fee to him and his Heirs, beſides Lands and Revenues in above 40 other Towns, ſome of which belonged to *Stigand*, who had took them from the See, others to Earl *Ralph*, others to *Guert*, others to the See, to which at his Death, he left all thoſe that ever did belong to it, with many others of his own Gift, being the greateſt Benefactor that the Biſhoprick ever had. In *Domeſday-Book* fol. 143, it's Revenues are deſcribed [*x*] under the Title of, *The Land of the Biſhop of* Tedford, *belonging to the Biſhoprick, in the* Confeſſor'*s Days*; and now, (that is in the *Conqueror*'s) belonging to *William*, Biſhop there, who holds them in right of his Biſhoprick, *viz.* the Manors of *Creſingham Magna*, *Gaywood*, *Thornham*, *Tofts*, *Elmham*, *Colkirk*, *Saxlingham*, *Thornage*, *Swanton*, *Hindringham*, *Egmere*, *Hemelinton*, *Hilderſton*, *Helmingham*, *Swafield*, and *Stratton* in *Depwade Hundred*, beſides ſeveral other Lordſhips and Revenues in many Places, of all which he left his See poſſeſſed at his Death, which was in or about 1091, in which Year, he was ſucceeded by

**Herbert** [*y*] **Losinga**, who was born at *Orford* in *Suffolk*, and was Prior of the Monaſtery of *Fiſcamp* in *Normandy*, and came back into *England*, at the Requeſt of *William Rufus*, who much favoured him, and kept him in his Court, where he was not Idle, for in three Years Time he had ſo feather'd his Neſt, (as Mr. *Weever* expreſſes it) that he could give the King 1900*l.* for this See, and alſo buy for his Father *Robert de Loſing*, the Abbacy of *Wincheſter*; for Satisfaction of which Simony, Pope *Paſchal* II. enjoin'd him to build certain Churches and Monaſteries, as a Pennance, all which he performed, and that in a moſt ſumptuous Manner, of which the Cathedral at *Norwich*, St. *Margarets* at *Lynn*, St. *Nicholas*'s at *Yarmouth*, the Church of *North-Elmham*, and St. *Leonard*'s *on the Hill*, over-againſt the Cathedral, on the other Side of the River, (which is now ruin'd) are ſufficient Witneſſes; he was an excellent Scholar, being Author of diverſe learned Treatiſes: [*z*] *Pits* in his Hiſtory of *Engliſh* Writers, gives him a great Character; he ſat in this See 'till *April* 9 1094, and then tranſlated it from *Thetford* to *Norwich*, to the great Detriment of this City, which hath been decaying by Degrees ever ſince. But that he might make ſome amends to it, he perſuaded *Roger Bigod* to build a Monaſtery for *Cluniac* Monks, and Place them in the Church of St. *Mary*, lately the Epiſcopal See of *Thetford*, which he did, tho' he deſign'd to remove them, (as his Son *Hugh Bygod* afterwards did) to a more convenient Place without the City. The Account of the Tranſlation of the See, is thus recorded in *Treviſa*'s *Policronicon*, fo. 275. " Abowte that Tyme, Robert Loſange that hadde ben ſometyme Abbot " of Ramſay, and was thenne Byſhope of Tedford, was a grete Moury for Symonye, for he had boughte the Byſhopryche of the Kynge, but afterwarde he was ſory, and bywept the unskylfull Reſte of his Yougth, and toke the Waye to Rome, and came home agayne; and chaunged and torned his See, from Tedforde to Norwyche. And he founded a ſolempne Abbaye with his owne Catayle, and not with the Catayle of his Byſſhopryche. But at Tedford, he ordeyned Monkes of Cluny, that were ryche in the Worlde, and clere of Relygyon to Godwarde." And from this Time to King *Henry* VIII. Days, there was no Biſhop here, 'till that King, made it a Suffragan Biſhoprick to the See of *Norwich*, for he appointed that in the larger Dioceſſes, there ſhould be *Suffragan* Biſhops, choſen after this Manner, the Biſhop ſhould preſent two Perſons to the King, who ſhould chooſe which he pleaſed: according to this Method, Biſhop *Richard Nix*, a few Days before his Death, nominated to the King, who elected

**John Salisbury**, late Prior of *Horſham*, who was conſecrated by the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, *March* 19 1536, and in 1539, became Dean of *Norwich*, and Archdeacon of *Angleſey*, in 1546, Rector of *Lopham*, in 1554, Rector of *Diſs*, and of *Thorp on the Hill* in *Lincoln* Dioceſs, all which he held by Licence from Archbiſhop *Parker*, dated in 1570. In 1571, he was confirmed Biſhop of *Sodor*, or *the Iſle of Man*, and died in *Sept*: 1573. After whoſe Death I meet with no Succeſſors in his Office, [*a*] though " the late Doctor *George* " *Hicks*, a Non-Juror, to uphold the Schiſm of that Party, after the ſeven Non-Juring Bi- " ſhops were dead, (which in the Judgement of Mr. *Dodwell* and *Nelſon*, did of Courſe ex-

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[*u*] Domeſ. fo. 148. Terra Willi: Epi: Tedfordenſis, de Feudo.

(x) Terra Willi: Epi: Tedfordenſis ad Epat: pertin: T. R. E.

(*y*) That is, the Liar. he is called by ſome William Herbert, by Confounding him with William his Predeceſſor, and Making them one Man, as Weever, and ſome others by Error, have done. he was ſome Time, Abbot of Ramſey.

(z) Pitſæus, De Illuſtribus Angliæ Scriptoribus.

(*a*) Atlas p. 339.

“ pire, and could not be upheld, without Degenerating into Presbytery, and ſo becoming “ ſinfull) aſſumed the Title of *(Suffragan)* Biſhop of *Thetford*,” and preſumed to ordain by that Title, as appears by an Inſtrument under his Seal, (which repreſented a Shepherd with a Sheep on his Shoulders, and a Crook in his Hand, with this Motto, *The good Shepherd*) in which he declares, that he ordain'd *Laurence Howel* A. M. Prieſt, in his Oratory in St. *Andrew's Holbourn*, *London*, *Oct*. 2. 1712, which Inſtrument, is printed in the *Daily Courant*, for *Monday*, *Sept*. 10 1716. And this is all that I find, as to this Biſhoprick, either in it's Superior or Inferior State.

## CHAP. XII. *Of* Thetford *Deanry and* DEANS.

This Town was always in the Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, but before the Diſſolution acknowledged no Archidiaconal Juriſdiction, for the Deanry of *Thetford*, contained all the City, the two *Snareſhills*, and *Santon* by *Downham*, and the ſole peculiar Juriſdiction over all the Churches, Monaſteries, and Inhabitants, except the Abby and Nunnery, which were exempted from it, and yet the Abby, tho' it did not acknowledge it ſelf ſubject to the Deans Power, claimed Exemption for ſome Places where they were concerned, from all other Spiritual Courts, otherwiſe, than that of this Dean, as for *Hockham &c.* 'tis to be thought, that this was made a Peculiar, with ſuch large Juriſdiction, by the Biſhop, when he removed the See, to ſatisfy the People as well as he could, by permitting them to have a Court of the ſame Juriſdiction, as well after his Removal, as before, by which means, they would not be forced to follow him to *Norwich*, to tranſact their Buſineſs; and from this Time the Biſhop's, or Archdeacon's Court, had nothing to do in this Deanry, except thus far, that all Perſons, that would prove any Will in their Courts, might do ſo, otherwiſe, they muſt prove it before the Dean, if a Spiritual Perſon, or before the Dean and Mayor, if he was a Temporal Perſon, and choſe to have it recorded, in both their Courts, as ſome did, tho' I find very many proved in the Biſhop's Office, the ſucceeding Biſhops did not like this Exempt, but bare with it, 'till *Richard Nick*, *Nix* or *Nikke*'s Time, who could not brook it, and ſo brought himſelf into a *Præmunire*; the Affair is thus related by [c] *Collier*, *Richard Nix*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, is ſaid to *have offended the King Signally*, by ſome Correſpondence with *Rome*, and was kept long in the *Marſhalſea*, and (*d*) convicted and found in a *Præmunire*. But this Relation goes only upon Conjecture, and look improbable even from *Nix*'s Age and Behaviour: for he was a very old Man, and had been blind many Years, and as he could have no proſpect of Advantage from ſuch a *Correſpondence*, ſo neither did he manage it like one, that would riſque his Fortune for any Religion. For as to regularity he was a Perſon of a very [*e*] ſlender Character; the true Cauſe of his Conviction and Impriſonment was this. The Town of *Thetford* in *Norfolk* made a Preſentment upon Oath, before the King's Judges in Proof of their Liberties. The Matter alledg'd was, that none of that Town, ought to be cited into any Spiritual Conſiſtory, but only into the Court of the Dean of *Thetford*, and that whoſoever cited any Inhabitant of that Town into another Spiritual Court, ſhould forfeit 6 *s*. 8 *d*. *toties quoties*. [*f*] The Biſhop taking this as a Check upon his Juriſdiction, cited *Richard Cokarel*, Mayor of *Thetford*, and ſome others, into his Court, and enjoin'd them under the Penalty of Excomunication, to ſummon a Jury of their Town, and cancel the former Preſentment. For this the Biſhop was proſecuted in the King's-Bench, caſt in a *Pramunire*, and had Judgement executed upon his Perſon and Eſtate, [*g*] purſuant to the *Statute*; this was done in the beginning of the Year 1534, [*h*] the King afterwards upon his Submiſſion, diſcharged him out of Priſon; however he was not pardoned without a Fine, with Part of which 'tis ſaid, the Glaſs Windows in King's College Chapel in *Cambridge*, were purchaſed: the [*i*] *Atlas* ſays, he was forced to purchaſe his Peace of the King, by exchanging the large Eſtates (*viz*. 30 good Manors and more) belonging to his Biſhoprick, for the Abby and Revenues of St. *Bennet of the Holme*, which ſeems indeed to be the chief Motive, of the whole Proceeding, for that this Agreement might remain firm for ever, the King got it ſetled by Act of Parliament, and 'twas after confirmed by *William Rugg*, or *Reppes*, his Succeſſor, under a Pretence indeed, of increaſing the Biſhoprick, tho' it decreaſed it very much, yet thus far we muſt ſay for this Biſhop, that his Confirmation was a means of increaſing it, for he got *Hickling* Priory with it's Revenues, and a Prebend in St. *Stephen*'s *Weſtminſter*, added to the Revenues of *Holme* Abby, by means thereof. But the Town enjoyed the Privilege but little while, for in or before 1540, the Rural Deanries, came all into the Biſhop's Hands, and their Juriſdictions, into the Archdeacon's, from which Time, there hath been no Dean of *Thetford*, and conſequently, the ſpiritual Juriſdiction thereof, hath ever ſince belonged to the Biſhop and Archdeacon of *Norwich*, as it now does. I never met with the Seal of this Deanry, but without doubt it had one, as well as the reſt.

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[c] Collier's Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory, Lond. 1714. vol. 2. fol. 130.

[*d*] Biſhop Burnet part 1. p. 215.

[*e*] See Godw: de Præſ: Angl.

[*f*] Rot. 15 Term. Hillarij 25. H. 8. Coram Rege.

[*g*] Vide Cokes 12. Reports 40. 41. Præmunire.

[*h*] Harmer p. 44. & deinc.

[*i*] Page 382.

The Patronage of it was in the Biſhop who collated the following Perſons.

## Thetford DEANS.

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| 1175, | *RANULF* the Dean of *Tetford*, *ROBERT* the Dean, his Aſſociate (or Deputy.) |
| 1318, 17 Kal: *June*, | *JOHN DE NORTHSTRETE de Bukleſham*, Prieſt. |
| 1319, 7 Id: *April*, | *ROBERT DE KERTLYNGETONE*, Sub-Deacon. |
| 1319, 15 Kal: *May*, | *ALEX. DE BETELE*, Sub-Deacon, who reſigned for *Sancroft* in *Suffolk*. |
| 1319, 4 Kal: *July*, | *HENRY DE UPEGATE de Wyleby*, Prieſt. |
| 1346, 15 *March*, | *ROBERT DE WALTON*, Accolite. |
| 1359, | *HENRY DE LYDINGTONE*, Prieſt. |
| 1360, 27 *May*, | *JOHN VERGEN* Clerk, on *Lydingtone*'s Reſignation. |
| 1374, Pen: *Nov.* | *WILLIAM DE BAKETON*, exchanged this for *Fordham* Deanry, with *JOHN DE CORYNGHAM*, Shaveling. |
| 1375, 17 *April*, | *THOMAS*, Son of *John Cotton* of *Cambridge*, Shaveling, on *Coryngham*'s Reſignation. |
| 1380, | *WILLIAM GALYON*, Clerk. |
| 1420, 5 *October*, | *WILLIAM DUCKET*, Clerk, who was the laſt that I meet with, tho' there were ſeveral others without doubt, before the Deanry expired, in 1540. |

## CHAP. XIII. *Of the* Dominion, Lordſhip, *or* Manor *of* Thetford, *commonly called*, LANCASTER'S MANOR.

The Earldom and Dominion thereto belonging, came to the Crown, upon Earl *Ralf*'s Forfeiture [k] as aforeſaid, and continued there, 'till King *Stephen* in the firſt Year of his Reign, made *Hugh Bigod* Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles*, or *Norfolk*, and aſſigned him the third Penny of all the Profits of the County, which belonged to his Earldom, reſerving to himſelf all other Revenues whatſoever, and thus the Earldom and Lordſhip became ſevered again. In 1139, this *Burgh* was in King *Stephen*'s Hands, and was aſſeſſed at 10*l.* towards raiſing the *Aid*, then granted to that King, but upon paying down 7*l.* the *Burghers* were pardoned the other 3*l.* and ſoon after, the King gave all the *Suffolk* Part, *viz.* 4 Carucates of Land, with the Advowſons of the Churches and Tithes thereto belonging, both within the *Burgh* and without, with all other Liberties and Privileges, to *William de Warren*, Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, the third of that Name, who founded the Priory of the Canons in *Thetford*, and gave the whole to that Houſe. The Dominion and Lordſhip with the Lands and Revenues, on the *Norfolk* Part, remained ſtill in the Crown, and in 1158, King *Henry* II. aſſeſſed this *Burgh* at 10 Marks, when he raiſed his ſecond *Aid* or *Scutage*, as the Record calls it. In 1160, it paid 10 Marks more to the *Tallage*, and thus it continued 'till *Richard* I. granted his [*l*] whole *Town*, and *Dominion* of *Thetford*, with all his Lands and Revenues there, to HAMELINE PLANTAGINET Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, [*m*] in exchange for his Lands in *Torone* (in *France*) *viz. Columbers*, *Balan*, and *Chamberi*, and *William* his Son and Heir conſented to it, immediately after *Hameline* had Poſſeſſion of this Place, the *Burghers* of *Thetford* complained that they had not Paſture for their Cattle, and therefore [*n*] applied by the Earl, to Sir *Ralf Plays* the firſt, and deſired him to have Paſture in *Croxton*, for which they would pay Yearly for every Cow 1 *d.* on *Lammas-Day*, by the Name of *Greſgovele*, and in Recompence for this, the Earl granted that the Men of *Croxton*, ſhould be quit of all *Toll* and *Tallage* in *Thetford* for ever. This Earl died ſeized of this Lordſhip about 1301, leaving it to

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[k] See Chap. ix.

(*l*) Dominus Rex Ricardus habuit totam Villam de Thefordia ut Dominicum ſuum, et dedit eam Comiti Hamelino in excambio de Columbris, &c. Servic: Ignorat. Feodar: Norf.

(*m*) Dug: Bar: vol. 1. fol. 76.

(*n*) E.regro. Thetford, fol. 23. b. int. Col. P.L.N.

WILLIAM Earl *Warren* his Son and Heir, who died ſeized in 1240, leaving

JOHN Earl *Warren* his Son and Heir. In his Time, the Bailiffs of this Lordſhip, were accuſed to the King of diverſe Tranſgreſſions committed againſt him, particularly, that they had ſeized the Goods of divers Felons, and detained them, upon which there was a Writ iſſued to the Sheriff, to take them from them, this was in 1256, but it ſeems the Earl claimed them, as belonging to his *Dominion* here, for the Sheriff did not proceed in it. In 1267, there was a Man tried in the Earl *Warren*'s own Court at *Thetford* and hanged, for which the Earl was impleaded, but juſtified the proceeding, by Proving that the Court of his *Lordſhip* and *Dominion* of *Thetford*, had that Power. In 1274, the Earl's Bailiffs took *Toll* in *Thetford* Market, of one of the Tenants of *Gerard de L'Iſle*, Lord of the Moiety of *Munford* Manor, for which, *Gerard* brought his Action againſt the Earl, and recovered upon it, by proving that almoſt all the Towns in *Grimſhoe* Hundred, and eſpecially every one of the Earl *Warren*'s Fee, were not to pay any *Toll* in *Thetford* Market. In 1275, the Tenants of the Prior of *Canterbury*, had 6*l.* 10*s.* *per Ann.* out of the *Toll* of *Thetford*, *Santon*, *Brandon*, *Barnham*, &c. but whether by Grant for a Term of Years, or that Year only, I can't ſay. In 1278, the Earl had Free-warren allowed him in all his Lands that he poſſeſſed, or that he or his Heirs ſhould ever purchaſe, [o] in regard of his Sirname *De Warrena.* [p] In 1286, the Jurors for the Half Hundred of *Teford* preſent, that *John de Warren*, Earl of *Surrey*, holds the Lordſhip of *Theford*, in Chief of the King, and hath belonging to that Lordſhip, *Thol*, *Them*, *Sok*, *Sak*, *Infangenethef*, *View* of *Frank-pledge*, *Aſſize* of *bread* and *Ale*, a *Pillory*, *Ducking-Stool*, *Weyf*, ſeparate *Coroner* for the Lordſhip, and a Market on *Wedneſday* and *Saturday* in every Week, beſides *Toll* and *Cuſtom* every Day in the Week.

In 1318, *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, by the King's Licence, granted this Lordſhip with all it's Appurtenances to

THOMAS, Earl of *Lancaſter* and his Heirs, who being attainted of Treaſon in 1320, forfeited it to King *Edward* II. who granted it to

Sir RALPH DE COBHAM Knt. and his Heirs Male, he died ſeized *Febr:* 5 1325, and left it to

JOHN DE COBHAM, his Son and Heir then one Year old, whom the King ſeized as his Ward, but he never enjoyed this Manor, for when

HENRY, Earl of *Lancaſter*, was reſtored, about 1327, he became Lord here, and ſoon after, there was a Survey of the Lordſhip, in which it was found, that all the aforeſaid Privileges belonged to it, beſides the *Ferries* and *Toll* at *Santon* and *Brandon*, after this, it was reconveyed by the Earl of *Lancaſter*, to *John* Earl *Warren*, for Life, Remainder to the Earl of *Lancaſter*, and his Heirs for ever, he died in 1345, [q] and the Earl *Warren* on *Tueſday* the Eve of St. *Peter* and *Paul* A° 1347, without Iſſue, being the laſt Earl of his Name and Family; at his Death there was an Inquiſition taken, concerning the Lordſhip, in which it appears, that he held the Manor and Town, of the King in *Capite*, in free *Soccage*, by the Yearly Service of a Roſe, and that there was [r] a Head Meſſuage, and 12 Score Acres of Land, valued at 10 Marks *per Ann.* 20 Acres of Meadow worth 33*s.* a Year, the Paſture incloſed and the Common, worth 26*s.* 8*d.* two Water-Mills value 5*l.* a free Fiſhery value 3*s.* 4*d.* the Rents of Aſſize 7*l.* a *Market* and *Travers* with the *Toll*, Yearly worth 10 Marks, two Fold-Courſes value 20*s.* the Pleas, Perquiſites, and Liberties of the Courts, with one [s] *Lete* to be held every *Eaſter*, value 5*l.* alſo the [t] Market or Fair at *Santon*, parcell of this Manor, valued with the *Water-Toll* there, at 18*s.* [u] alſo a certain *Cuſtom* or *Toll*, in *Brandon* called *Travers*, parcell of this Manor, valued at 13*s.* 4*d.* alſo at *Honeweton* or *Honington-Bridge*, a like *Cuſtom* or *Toll*, called *Travers*, worth 2*s.* 6*d.* *per Ann.* all which deſcended to

HENRY, Earl of *Lancaſter*, Son and Heir to *Henry*, Earl of *Lancaſter*, deceaſed, who in 1347, renewed his Charter of *Freewarren*, in this, and all his other Manors in the County; he was elected Knight of the Garter, [x] " And not long after, *viz.* 25 *E.* 3. [1350] having
" merited ſo highly, by his prudent Conduct, and renowned Exploits in the [*French*] Wars,
" he was farther advanced to a higher Pitch of Honour, by the King's ſpecial Charter,
" bearing Date the *6th* of *March*, the ſame Year, *viz.* to the Title and Dignity of DUKE
" of LANCASTER, which being done by the general Conſent of all the Prelates and

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(*o*) Dug: Bar: vol. 1. fol. 79. (*p*) Plita: Corone. 15. E. 1. rot. 33. (q) Inquis. in Cur. Recep: Sac: in Baga de Tenuris & Inquiſitionibus. (*r*) The Scite of the Manor, being the Earl Warren's Seat in this Town, was where Sir John Wodehouſe's Houſe, commonly called the King's Houſe, now ſtands, and the Earl's Barns ſtood againſt Earl's-Lane, which is now corruptly called, Alice's-Lane. (*s*) This was after called the Dutchy-Lete. (*t*) This is called Bromhill-Fair, and now belongs to the Corporation. (*u*) The Toll of theſe Bridges, now belong to the Corporation, who repair them. [x] Dug: Bar: vol. 1 f. 786.

“ Peers, then ſitting in Parliament at *Weſtminſter*, for his Life; he was inveſted therewith by the Cincture of a Sword, with Power to have a Chancery in the County of *Lancaſter*, and to iſſue out Writs there, under his own Seal, as well touching Pleas of the Crown, as any other, relating to the common Laws of this Realm: as alſo to enjoy all other Liberties, and Regalities, belonging to a County *Palatine*, in as ample a Manner as the Earl of *Cheſter*, was known to have within that County.” And thus, this Lordſhip became Part of the Dutchy, and ſoon after was called, *Lancaſter*'s or the *Dutchy Manor*, in *Thetford*.

This Noble Duke died *March* 24 1360, leaving his Eſtate to be divided between his two Daughters his Heirs, and this *Dominion* with the Advowſons of the *Canons*, of the *Friers-Preachers*, of *Magdalen* Hoſpital, and St. *John*'s, which always belonged to it, together with all other the aforeſaid Revenues, were aſſigned among others, to

Maud, his Eldeſt Daughter and Co-Heir, who married *William* Duke of *Zealand*, but upon her dying preſently after Marriage, without Iſſue, it deſcended to

Blanch her Siſter, who married

John of *Gaunt*, Earl of *Richmond*, fourth Son to King *Edward* III. who was created Duke of *Lancaſter*, in 1361, the very next Year after his Father-in-Law's Death. He held it during his Life, and dying in 1398, left it to

Henry, IV. King of *England*, his Son and Heir, by *Blanch* aforeſaid, and ſo the Ducal Title of *Lancaſter*, was drowned in the Regal Dignity, and the whole Inheritance of the Dutchy, became united to the Crown, and there continues, except ſuch Parts as have been granted off, by diverſe Kings, under their broad Seal, or the Seal of their Dutchy.

As for this Lordſhip, King *Henry* IV. left it to his Succeſſor

Henry V. who demiſed the Demean Lands, except the Manor Houſe, called the *Earl*'s *Houſe*, and the *Earl*'s *Barns*, to the Prior of the Monks of *Thetford*, and his Succeſſors in Fee, who were to hold them, by the annual *Fee-Farm* Rent of 28 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year. In 1414, he ſetled the Lordſhip on the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Biſhops of *Wincheſter*, *Durham* *Norwich*, and many other Truſtees, who were to hold it for him and his Heirs, during which Feoffment, we meet with Courts &c. held by many different Perſons, but they were only Feoffees or Farmers under them. [y] In 1415, *Edmund Oldhall*, Receiver of the Dutchy, received of *John Wirlingworth*, the King's Bailiff of *Thetford*, by the Prior of the Monks there, the Fee-Farm Rents of the Demeans, *viz.* 28 *l.* 06. 08. and alſo by the Hands of the Farmer of the *Toll* of the *Market* and *Bridges* 6 *l.* and by the reſt of the Profits of his Office for this Year, 4 *l.* 16 *s.* 7 *d. ob:* the Total being 53 *l.* 16 *s.* 7 *d. ob:* out of which, there was paid to *John Woodhouſe* Eſq; Head Steward of all the *Dominion*, of the King's Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, in *Norfolk* and *Cambridgeſhire*, 10 *l. per Ann:* and alſo 10 Marks more, which the King had added to his Yearly Pention, by way of Reward for his faithful Service, both which Sums he was to receive, as long as he held his Office, which was during the King's Pleaſure. The Bailiff of this Town alſo, paid 10 *l.* a Year to *William Caſton* Eſq; for Life, out of the Fee-Farm Rent of the Demeans, which Sum the King granted the ſaid *William*, when he retain'd him, on Condition that he was retain'd by no other Perſon, but ſerved the King only in his Wars, during his Life. The *Goal* for the Dutchy, as well as Lordſhip, was kept in this Town, and in 1455, *Edmund Clere* Eſq; was made (under) *Bailiff*, *Feodary*, and *Goal-Keeper*, of the Dutchy: After this King's Death it went to his Succeſſor

Henry VI. and from him to

KING Edward IV. who aſſigned it in Jointure to *Elizabeth* his Queen, after whoſe Death it continued in the Crown, during the Lives of

Edward V. Richard III. and

Henry VII. whoſe Succeſſor

Henry VIII. in 1511, demiſed to *William Dwyte* Mayor of *Thetford*, and the Commonalty thereof, the *Fairs* and *Markets*, the *Toll* of *Brandon-Ferry* and other Bridges, on Condition they took no more than 4 *d. per* Score for Sheep or Hoggs, &c. and paid the King his Rent, who was to maintain the Bridges; the Leaſe being for 40 Years. At his Death it went to

Edward VI. who was ſeized of the whole *Dominion* or Manor of *Thetford*, but did not long continue ſo, for by Letters Patents dated the 11 Day of *July*, in the ſecond Year of his Reign (1548) he granted to

Edward, Duke of *Somerſet* and his Heirs for ever, “ All that the *Domynion* and Mannor of *Thetford*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances thereof, Parcell of the Dutchie of *Lancaſtre*, and all Edifices, Waters, Landes, Tenements, Meddowes, Feedings,

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[y] E. Compot. Ducatûs Lancaſtrie in Com. Norf. &c. Penes me.

“ Commons, Waſtes, Hereditaments, &c. in *Thetford* or ellſewhere, to the ſaid Domynion
“ or Mannor, or any Part thereof belonginge or apperteyninge, or as Member or Parcel of
“ the ſame, before that Tyme reputed or uſed, and all Rents and Yearely Profitts whatſo-
“ ever, reſerved upon any Demyſes or Grauntes of the Premiſes or any Parcell thereof &c.
as largely as any Dukes of *Lancaſter*, or any of their Predeceſſors enjoyed the ſame, or that the King by Lineal Deſcent, or by any other Means, might have the ſame, *viz.* the King's Ponds along the Rivers, adjoining to the Grove of the Abby, and all that ſevered Fiſhing, ſometime in the Occupation of *John Corbett*, parcel of the *Dominion*, or *Manor* of *Thetford*, and alſo 400 Acres of the Demeans in *Wether*'s-*Courſe*, and *Halwick-Courſe*, and alſo all that Yearly Reſervation from the Monks, for other Tenements and Lands, that were the Tenant's Copyholds, gathered in by the Monks of *Thetford*, accounted parcel of the Value of *Thetford* Manor, which at about 2 *d.* an Acre, extend to the Yearly Value of 32 *s.* 1 *d.* *per Ann.* and alſo the Fiſhing of the Lord's River, uſed by the Abbot and his Holders, or Tenants, all which the ſaid Duke, by Deed inrolled, dated the laſt Day of *July*, in the ſame Year, conveyed to

Sir Richard Fulmerston, and his Heirs, who was to hold it of the Crown in *Soccage*, by Fealty only, as parcel of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, and ſoon after, the ſaid *Richard*, obtained a Leaſe from the Crown, under the Dutchy Seal, for 30 Years, at the Yearly Rent of 8 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* of the *Toll* of the Bridges in *Thetford*, *Brandon*, *Euſton*, and *Honington*, with the Profits of the Market, and ſuch other Things, as were not granted to the Duke, with the *Dominion* or *Manor*, but remained ſtill in the Crown, in right of the Dutchy, and there continued 'till Queen *Elizabeth* granted them in 1574, to the Corporation, as will afterwards be ſeen, when I come to ſpeak of the Charter, in which all theſe Things are included; and thus Sir *Richard* enjoyed the whole *Dominion*, and *Lordſhip* of this Town, and all the Rights belonging to the Dutchy, to his Death in 1567, and then left them to

Frances his only Daughter, who married Sir *Edward Clere*, Knt. who aſſigned the Remainder of the Term in his Leaſe, to the Corporation; he died *June* 4 1606, leaving the Manor to *Frances* his Widow, who died in 1616, and then it was found by the Inquiſition taken at her Death, that

Sir Edward Clere, Knt. her Son, was above 31 Years old, being Heir both to his Father and Mother, and that he held this Dominion, among other Things, of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*; and ſoon after, in performance of a Bargain that he had formerly made, he confirmed it with many other Revenues, to

Thomas Howard Earl of *Suffolk* and *Henry* Earl of *Northampton*, who ſetled it on *John Holland*, Eſq; *Robert Cauſfield* and other Truſtees; and thus all the Manors in this Town became join'd, and have continued ſo ever ſince, the Fee being always in that Honourable Family, tho' it hath been moſtly in Truſtees Hands.

In 1701, the moſt Noble THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*, kept his firſt Court, and afterwards conveyed it to his youngeſt Brother, the Honourable PHILIP HOWARD, who is now Lord.

## CHAP. XIV. *Of the* MANORS *of* Halwick, *or* Thetford Manor, Weſtwick, Brayes, *and* Northwic, *or* Norwick.

*Halwick* Manor was given to the Priory of the Monks of *Thetford*, by *Roger Bigot*, their Founder, and in 1286, return was made, that it was of the annual Value of 20 Marks, and that the Prior held it, by the Service of finding two Footmen in the King's Army, when ever he went into *Wales*, for 40 Days together, at his own Charge; to which the Prior anſwered, that he held this Manor in pure and perpetual Alms, of the gift of *Roger Bigod*, Steward to *William* the *Conqueror*, whoſe gift was confirmed by King *Henry* I. whoſe Charter he produced, and thereby proved the Rights belonging to the Manor, which were, *Sok*, *Sak*, *Toll*, *Tem*, *Infangenethef*, the Amerciaments and Forfeitures of all his Tenants, with Liberty of Free-Warren in all the Town, all which Privileges, except the Warren, he and his Predeceſſors always enjoyed, and as to the [z] Warren, he produced the Grant and Charter of King *Henry* I. which allowed him and his Succeſſors, the Liberty of Free-Warren, not only in this Town, but in all their Lands and Manors elſewhere. And from this Time, it remained in the Monaſtery, 'till it's Diſſolution, and then came to

King Henry VIII. who in 1539, among other large Poſſeſſions, granted it, with the Scite of the Monaſtery, to

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[z] Placita Corone, Rot. 33. 15. E. 1. 1286.

Thomas, Duke of *Norfolk* and his Heirs, in exchange for the Duke's Manors, of *Birdeſhurſt* in *Wilts*, *Kencote* and *Hardwick* in *Oxfordſhire*, *Wydeford*, *Brimeſnorton*, *&c.* but upon his Attainder, which was but eight Days before the King's Death, it was ſeized with the reſt of his Revenues, and ſo at

KING Henry's Death, it came to

Edward VI. who in the firſt Year of his Reign, granted it with many other of the Duke's Manors, to

Edward, Duke of *Somerſet*, who immediately after, had Licence to alien it to

Sir Richard Fulmerston, and his Heirs, but upon the Duke's Death in 1554,

Thomas his Grandſon ſucceeded, and being reſtored in Blood, had Livery of the Inheritance of his Grandfather, notwithſtanding the former Grants, and among others, of this and *Norwick* Manors, from which Time the Fee of it, hath been always in the *Norfolk* Family, tho' ſometimes in Truſtees, Mortgagees, and Leſſees Hands. About this Time, I find that the Scite of the Monks commonly called, the Abby, with the Manors of *Halwyk*, [*a*] *Brayes*, and *Norwick*, were valued at 23*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* the Manor of [*b*] *Weſtwick* at 31*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* the Caſtle Mill at 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the Pit Mill at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* the Free-Farm Rents and Pentions at 7*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* and the Rectories of St. *Mary*'s and St. *Nicholas*'s at nothing, becauſe they were in decay.

In 1603, Thomas Howard, Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*, ſetled on *John Holland* and other Truſtees, the Manors of *Weſtwick*, *Halwick*, *&c.* and in 1604, they purchaſed of Sir *Edward Clere*, Knt. to the Uſe of the ſaid Earls and their Heirs, the Scite of the *Canons*, and of *Maſon Dieu*, with the Feed and Common of Paſture for 12 Milch Cows or Neat, and a Bull, with their Followers, in *Faverton-Field*, *Baxters*, and *Thorro-Grounds* in *Weſtwick*, in *Thetford*, and *Downham*, [*c*] together with the Waters, Fiſhing, and keeping of Swans in *Thetford* River, and the Common Paſture, Soyle, Turbary, Reed, Bruary, and Paſture for great Cattle on the Heaths, and Lawns of *Weſtwick* and *Downham* aforeſaid, and all Commons, Profits, and Privileges, to the late diſſolved Monaſtery of Canons and *Maſon Dieu* and Scites thereof, belonging and appertaining, together with the Fairs, called [*d*] *Canons Fairs*, which were then worth 3*l.* *per Ann.* In 1641, 'twas ſetled on

Thomas, Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey* and his Heirs.

In 1642, Lionel Earl of *Middleſex*, *Henry* Lord *Peirpoint*, *Edward* Lord *Neirburgh*, *Will: Playters* Knt. and Bart. and *Richard Onſlow* Knt. held their firſt Court.

In 1682, Francis Lord *Howard* of *Effingham* and his Truſtees, lett to Farm, all that their Royalty of Fiſhing in the River *Weſſy*, alias *Ouze the Leſs*, running through the Town of *Thetford*, extending from *Melford-Bridge* to *Thetford-Bridge* upon the ſaid River, for 20 Years, at 10*s.* *per Ann.*

In 1691, the Honourable Henry Howard, Brother and Heir apparent of Thomas Duke of *Norfolk*, held his firſt Court.

In 1701, THOMAS Duke of *NORFOLK*, held his firſt Court, and ſome Time after, conveyed it to

The Honourable PHILIP HOWARD, his youngeſt Brother, who is now Lord.

The Customs of all the Manors in *Thetford* are, that the Eldeſt Son is Heir, the Free Tenants pay a Years Free Rent at every Death, by way of *Relief*, there is but very little Coppyhold. There is no *Lete* belonging to theſe Manors, neither do they pay any *Lete-Fee*.

## CHAP. XV. *Of the Pariſh* Churches *in this Town.*

Having given an Account of the Manors, I deſign to proceed now, to treat of the Pariſh Churches, which have been, and now are in this Place; It appears, as I have before obſerved, that there were in the [*e*] *Confeſſor*'s Time 13 Pariſh Churches, if not more, but in *Edward* III. Time, I find there had been and then were, no leſs than Twenty, whereof 13 ſtood on the *Suffolk*, and ſeven on the *Norfolk* Side of the River, of all which, in their Order.

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[*a*] I need not Mention any thing more of Brayes, or Norwick, they being only Members of this Manor, tho' they are called ſometimes, Manors by themſelves. [*b*] I need Mention this Manor no more, only inform my Reader, that it was a Manor which belonged to the Canons from it's Foundation, and was granted ro the Duke of Norfolk at it's Diſſolution, and join'd to Halwick, with which, it hath ever ſince continued.

[c] Hence it appears, that the Rents only of Weſtwick Manor, belonged to the Duke, before this Purchaſe was made.

[*d*] Theſe two Fairs, are ſtill kept on the Suff. Side of the Town, according to the Grant of the Founder, of the Canons of the Holy Croſs, the firſt on the third of May, being the Feaſt of the Invention of the Holy Croſs, and the Day after, the ſecond on the Feaſt of the Exaltation of the Holy-Croſs, being Sept. 14 and the Day after. [*e*] See fol. 400.

## 1. St. MARY's *the* GREAT, *or the* Mother Church,

Was without doubt the moſt Ancient Church in this Town, it being Parochial before the *Confeſſor*'s Time, but it doth not appear when, or by whom, it was firſt founded; it belonged to the Biſhoprick, 'till *Stigand* retain'd it with other Revenues of the See, at whoſe Diſgrace it came to the King, who gave it to Biſhop *Arfaſt* and his Heirs: He pulled it down, [f] and built his Cathedral Church in it's Room, from which Time it ceaſed to be Parochial, it's Pariſh being laid to the Church of the *Holy-Trinity*, which that Biſhop is ſaid to have built, for the Pariſhioners, in Room of this.

## 2. St. PETER's,

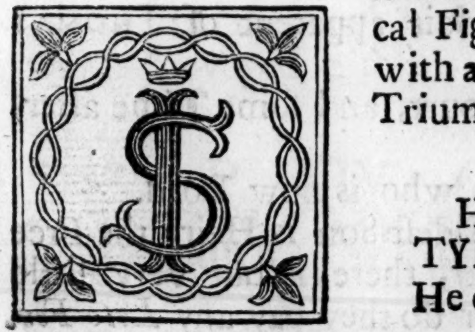
Is now ſtanding, on the *Norfolk* Side, in the moſt publick Part of the Town, and is reckoned the Head Church of the Three that are now in Uſe. It is a Rectory in the Deanry of *Thetford*, and Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, valued in the King's Books at 5 *l.* 1 *s.* 5 *d. ob*: and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 29 *l.* is diſcharged of firſt Fruits and Tenths. It was valued at the *Norwich* Taxation, at 5 Marks: in the *Confeſſor*'s Time, 'twas appendant to the Mother Church, and paſſed with it, 'till Biſhop *Arfaſt* gave it in Fee and Inheritance, to one of his Sons, but how it went afterwards I can't certainly tell. For tho' it be ſaid by ſome, to be given to *Lewes* Monaſtery, by *William de Pigchenie*, I own I can't think ſo, for it is odd it ſhould not be mentioned in the *Monaſticon*, [g] where he is ſaid to give an Orchard in *Thetford*, but no Notice taken of the Advowſon; Indeed I rather think it came to the Earl *Warren*, and was given by him to that Monaſtery, for it's certain from the Inſtitutions, that it belonged to the Prior of *Lewes* 'till the Diſſolution, and was then granted among other Things to *Thomas*, Duke of *Norfolk*, in whoſe Family it hath ever ſince continued, the Honourable PHILIP HOWARD being now Patron, by Grant from *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, his eldeſt Brother.

The preſent Building is of Freeſtone and Black Flint, and by the Appearance of it, don't ſeem to exceed the Time of *Edward* III. it hath ſix Bells in a ſquare Tower, ſo cracked that it ſeems very weak, the Nave, North Iſles, and the two Chapels are leaded, but the Chancel is tiled. On the South Porch, near the Foundation, was this Inſcription cut in large Stone Letters, which have been lately much defaced, *viz.*

**Tu es Petrus, et ſuper hanc Petram, edificabo meam Eccleſiam.**

That is. *Thou art* Peter, *and upon this Rock I will build my Church.*

It being quoted from the 16 Chap. of St. *Mathew*, v. 18, in Alluſion to it's being dedicated to that Apoſtle. And at the End of theſe Words, was this Emblematical Figure, ſignifying, JESUS SALVATOR, (*i. e.*) *Jeſus the Saviour*, with a Crown over it, included in a Chaplet or Garland, to ſignify his Triumphant Victory over all his Enemies.



*In the Nave near the Pulpit, lies a Stone thus inſcribed.*

Here reſts in hopes of a bleſſed Reſurrection, the Body of JOHN TYRREL, Gent, who was 8 Times Mayor of this Ancient Borough. He died December the 16 Anno Dom: 1718 Ætat. 68.

TYRREL's Arms, *viz. Arg.* 2 Chev: *Az.* in a Bordure ingrail'd *Gul.*

*On a mural Monument againſt the South Wall.*

Juxta hunc Locum jacet ſepulta JANA PEIRSON,
Filia Natu Major JOSEPHI SHARPE Armigeri, hujuſce
Burgi Majoris, nupta fuit THOMÆ PEIRSON de WISBECH
Generoſi, Ex quo, duos ſuſcepit Liberos, JANAM et GULIELMUM,
Heu autem! Ambos immaturo Fato abreptos ſuperſtes deflevit,
E quibus, Illa obijt, octavo Die Januarij, Anno Dom:
Mileſimo Septingenteſimo et Decimo Quinto, Unum Annum,
Quinque Menſes et Novem Dies nata; Hic, Viceſimo Quinto Die Junij,
Anno Dom. Mileſimo Septingenteſimo et Viceſimo; Tribus Annis, totidem
Menſibus, novendecim Diebus, perfectis; Quorum Reliquiæ intra
Cancellos de WISBECH Sancti Petri inhumantur.

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[f] See fol. 404.    [g] Monaſt. vol. 2. fol. 99.

Singularem Illa in Deum Pietatem coluit, honeſte de
Ejus Numine et Mente ſentiens; omni Virtute
Inſtructa, rariſque Ingenij Dotibus ornata vixit.
Mortuam quærunt Amici, deſiderant Pauperes,
Lugent Propinqui, Cognatique.
Diu Tabe inſidiante laborans, tandem inter
Vivos eſſe deſijt, Decimo Tertio Die Aprilis,
Anno Dni: Mileſimo Septingenteſimo et
Viceſimo primo, Ætatis ſuæ 34.
Poſuit THO: PEIRSON mœſtiſſimus Maritus.

In the Chancel I find nothing, ſave a Hatchment with the Arms of Shelton and Kemp in a Lozenge.

At the Weſt-End of the North Iſle lies a large Stone, with the Effigies of a Prieſt in his proper Habit, in the midſt, and a Circumſcription, with the Emblems of the four Evangeliſts at each Corner, but there remain only thus much legible.

:::. Rector huius Eccleſie, qui :::: Marie Virginis, Anno
Domini Milleſimo Quadringenteſimo ::::::::::::

[h] This was laid for, Sir *William Balles* Chaplain, who was Rector above 34 Years, and died in 1499.

Near him lies buried [i] *Robert Rokwode* of *Thetford*, Gent. Brother to *Roger Rokwode*, of *Ewſton* Eſq; he died in 1487, and hath no Memorial remaining, but his Arms impaling his Wives, in the Weſt Window of the Iſle, which is near his Grave, *viz.*

1. Rokewode, *Arg.* 3 Cheſs Rooks *Sab.* a Creſcent for difference.
2. Imperfect, but hath been, *Sab.* on a Feſs *Gul.* between 3 Mullets peirced *Arg.* 3 Croſlets Botoné *Or.*

In the Midle of the Iſle are 2 Stones diſrobed of their Braſſes, but in Mr. *Weever*'s Time had theſe broken Inſcriptions.

Hic iacet Willelmus Knighton ::::: MCCCClxix.

:::::: Peter Larke and Eliſabeth his Wyff, on whos Souls ſweet Jeſu have pite.

At the Eaſt-End of this Iſle, is a Chapel dedicated to St. *Anne*, in which there was held a Gild, to the Honour of that Saint, 'till the Year 1547, and then it was ſuppreſſed.

In 1483, *Thomas Reynberd*, was buried in this Chapel, and gave a Legacy to new Glaze the Windows in it, with the ſame Images they had formerly, and alſo a Sum of Money to paint St. *Paul*'s Tabernacle, and ſuſtain the Gild of St. *Anne*.

In 1511, *Robert Love*, Burgeſs of *Thetford*, gave to the Rood-Loſt in St. *Peter*'s Church, 40 *s*.

On the South Side of the Chancel, is a neat Chapel, dedicated to our *Lady* and St. *Catherine*, founded by *William Tyllys* of *Thetford*, and other Benefactors, in the Year 1500, when he was buried (as I take it) in the [l] Altar Tomb which now ſtands between the Chapel and Chancel. He ſetled two Acres of Land to repair it for ever, as [m] his Will ſhews me, out of which I extracted the following Clauſe.

"*Item* I will be buried in the Chapell of our Lady and St. Catherine, in St. *Peter*'s Church
" qweche newly I have begunne to make, the wech Chapell I wyll that yt be made up &
" fenyſhed, to the Reparacon of the wech, I geive perpetuall my ij Acr of Lond qweche
" I bowte of *Will: Inkepenne*, after the Deceſſe of *Sybly* my Weyff."

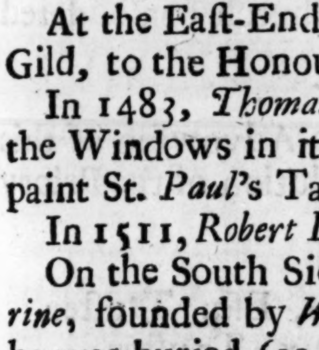
On the Outſide of this Chapel, upon and under the Battlements, is this Inſcription in large Stone Letters.

Orate pro Animabz Willi: Tillis & Sibille Conſortis ſue Edmundi Hieſey et Eliſabet filie Roberti Rokwood Quorum animabz propicietur Deus.

From which 'tis evident, that *Edmund Hieſey*, and *Eliz.* Daughter of that *Rob. Rokwood* who is buried in the Iſle, helped to finiſh it after *Tillis*'s Death.

On the Weſt End, the Names of Jeſus and Mary, are carved in Stone.

In the Eaſt Window of this Chapel are theſe Arms.



Rookwood, &c. as in the North Iſle Window.

France and England.

Herling, as in the Margent, but much broken. This makes me think one of that Family, was a Benefactor.

Rookwood, impaling *Arg.* a Chev. between 3 Eſcalops *Sab.*

The Apoſtles were neatly painted on the Screens, each having a Sentence of the Creed, iſſuing from his Mouth.

Under the Bell-Sollar is an Altar Tomb for Mr. *John Wright* Senior, who was Mayor, in 1701, and 1707.

## RECTORS *of* ST. PETERS.

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| 1310, 4 Kal: *Dec.* | *William Newman* Prieſt, was inſtituted to the Rectory of St. *Peter's* Church at *Thetford*, at the Preſentation of the Prior of St. *Pancrace*, at *Lewes*. | |
| 1313, 9 Kal: *Aug.* | *Godfride de Kylvarſton* Prieſt. *Ditto.* | |
| 1338, 27 *Oct.* | *John de Fakenham* Accolite, was preſented by JOHN Earl *Warren*, to whom the King had granted the Advowſons, of all the Churches belonging to *Lewes* Monaſtery, for a certain Time. | |
| | *William Teſtard. Ditto.* | |
| 1343, 6 *Nov.* | *Hugh de Homelyerd* Prieſt, on *Teſtard's* Reſignation. JOHN Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, Lord of *Bromfield* and *Yal*, Patron of this Turn by the aforeſaid Grant. | |
| 1350, 25 *July*, | *Will: de Hopton*, Prieſt, on *Homelyerd's* Reſignation. The Prior of *Lewes*. | |
| 1374, 4 *Decem:* | *Thomas Larke*, Prieſt, *Ditto.* | |
| 1396, 2 *Decem:* | *John Bette*, Accolite, the Sub-Prior of *Lewes* Monaſtery, *John de Cariloco*, late Prior there, being now dead. | |
| 1402, 1 *July*, | Maſter *William Ymflete*, S. T. B. on *Bette's* Reſignation. | The Prior of Lewes. |
| 1403, 20 *Decem:* | Maſter *Robert Walys*, Prieſt. | |
| 1408, 2 *May*, | *John Skynner*, Prieſt. | |
| 1427, 27 *Febr:* | *John Kevelon de Theford*, Prieſt, on *Skynner's* Death, he was Rector of St. *Audry's*, and Dean of *Thetford*, in 1422. | |
| 1435, 14 *Jan:* | *Richard Pyke*, Clerk, | |
| 1465, 5 *March*, | Sir *William Balles*, Chaplain. He was buried here. | |
| 1500, 13 *March*, | † *Walter Ordemer*, on *Balles's* Death. | |
| 1430, 17 *July*, | The Prior having preſented a Perſon, not fit for the Office, the Biſhop collated Sir *Nicholas Manne*, Chaplain. | |
| 1547, 24 *April*, | *Henry Simond* Clerk, Rector. He had St. *Nicholas's* Church conſolidated to St. *Peters*. | |
| 1555, 29 *Nov:* | *Richard Chipper*, Prieſt, by Lapſe. | |
| 1571, 13 *July*, | *Simon Bronde*, Clerk. THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*, the Advowſon of this Rectory being granted to the Duke, after the Diſſolution of the Priory of *Lewes*, to which it formerly belonged. | |
| | *Jeffery Robert*, Rector. *Ditto.* | |
| 1588, 17 *July*, | *Robert Burnett*, on *Robert's* Death, JOHN HOLLAND, Eſq; Truſtee. | |
| 1592, ult *Aug:* | *Robert Browne*, on *Burnett's* Reſignation. WILLIAM DIX, Truſtee. | |
| 1592, 10 *Sept:* | *Will: Jenkinſon*, Clerk, MILES CORBET, WILLIAM DIX, *&c.* Truſtees. | |
| 1593, | *Jenkinſon*, was deprived and *Robert Browne* inſtituted, WILLIAM DIX, and JOHN HOLLAND Truſtees, *&c.* | |
| 1617, 16 *May*, | *John Weſt*, A. M. united to *Illington*, THOMAS HOLLAND Knt. Truſtee. | |
| 1624, 21 *July*, | *Cooper Reynolds*, on *Weſt's* Death. THOMAS Earl of *Arundell*. | |
| 1641, 19 *Mar.* | *Thomas Le Neve*, on *Reynolds's* Death. LIONEL Earl of *Middleſex*. | |
| 1662. | Mr. *John Burrell*, he had St. *Cuthbert's* and St. *Mary's*. DUKE of *Norff.* | |
| 1686, 13 *Apr.* | *Theophilus Williams* A. M. on *Burrell's* Reſignation. HENRY D. of *Norff.* | |
| | The Rev. Mr. *Henry Bee*, Sequeſtrator. | |
| 1713, 5 *June.* | The Rev. Mr. *John Price*, held it by Sequeſtration only, to his Death. | |
| 1736. | The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Vaughan*, is the preſent Sequeſtrator. | |

## 3. ST. CUTHBERT'S

Church is now ſtanding, on the *Norfolk* Side, near the Croſs, called St. *Cuthbert's* Croſs, but in ancient Evidences, the *Graſs-Market*, it being formerly, the Place where the Market for Herbs, and Garden-Stuff, was uſually kept. I know nothing of it's Foundation, but find it was given by King *Stephen*, to *William de Warren*, Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, who gave it to the Canons of the *Holy-Croſs*, when he founded that Houſe, to which it became annexed,

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[b] Lib. Inſt.

[i] Regr. Caſtone, fol. 342. b.

[k] There is a Tradition that a King's Son lies under it, but there is no ſuch Thing.

[l] Regr. Popye. Decan. & Capit. fol. 114

† Regr. Cant. in Cuſt

annexed, and appropriated, and the Prior received all the Tithes, and ſerved the Cure by one of the Canons, to the Diſſolution, when it became a Donative, the Tithes being granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, with whoſe Daughter and Heireſs, they paſſed to the *Cleres*, and were ſold by Sir *Edward Clere*, to the Duke of *Norfolk*, in whoſe Family they have continued ever ſince, the Honourable EDWARD HOWARD, being the preſent DONOR, by Grant from his Eldeſt Brother, the late Duke of *Norfolk*.

In EDWARD III. Time, it was a Rectory, valued at 40*s. per Ann*: the Prior of the Canons of *Thetford*, being perpetual Rector. It is in *Thetford* Deanry, and *Norwich* Archdeaconry, but there being no Inſtitution, we have none of it's Curates Names, before the Diſſolution preſerved, neither is it ſo much as mentioned in the King's Books.

From the Time of the Suppreſſion, it hath always been given to the Rectors of St. *Peters*, and now is ſerved by the Rev. Mr *Thomas Vaughan*, Sequeſtrator there.

The preſent Building conſiſts of a Square Tower, a Nave, and Chancel, which are thatched, a South Iſle, South Porch, and South Chapel, which are leaded, there are five ſmall Bells, the leaſt being given and run'd, by *Thomas Draper*, a Bell-Founder, who was Mayor in 1503.

There are a great many Stones, but all their Braſſes are reaved, under one of them lie, *John* and *Elizabeth Bernard*, one of which was buried in 1511, as Mr. *Weever* tells us fo. 827.

On the Screens, there were painted ſeveral Saints, and the Hiſtory of our Saviour's Paſſion, but they are now much defaced, and on the North Wall of the Chancel, were many Hiſtorical Peices, out of the New-Teſtament, but they alſo, are whited over.

In the Chancel there is a ſmall Black Marble, for *Jonathan Browning*, who was Mayor in 1694, 1700, 1708, and 1713, he died *Decem*: 21 1720, aged 63 Years.

* In 1524, *John Seman*, the Elder of *Thetford*, was buried in this Chancel, he gave a Legacy of 3 *l.* and all his Debts, and Subſtantial Timber in his Yard, towards the new Roof of the Church, which was then making.

The Chapel of St *Cuthbert*, in the Church of St. *Cuthbert*, is join'd to to the South Side of the Chancel, and the diſrobed Stones, with which it is paved, ſhew that many People of worth have been interred in it, but I meet with none of their Names, except that of *John Judy*, who was a Benefactor to it, as appears from the following Clauſe of his Will.

[b] *John Judy*, of *Thetford* Burgeſs (he was Mayor in 1493) by Will dated in 1509, ordered his Body to be buried in the Chapel of St. *Cuthbert*, annexed to the Church of St. *Cuthbert*, " Alſo I Wyll and Bequeath, to the Uſe of the ſeyd Chirche iiij Acres of Land A-
" rable, called *Pykyſland*, as they be lyeing in the Fields of *Thetford* forſeyd, nere the Clay-
" Pitts, to that intent, the Churche-Wardonys for the Time being, ſhall be Coe-Feſyes in
" the ſeyd Londs, wit ſuch other as they ſhal Elect to them, to the Uſe her followyng,
" that is to knowe, the v Tapers or Candells on the Trone hangynge in the Chapell of St.
" *Cuthbert* forſeyd, may be ſuffyciently contenued for evermore, and ſo that I ſhall have
" myne Obyt Yerley kepte in the ſaid Chirche, for me and my Benefactoures, by the Pro-
" fyghts of the ſame for evermore, yf the Law will thus admitt, or elys to be at the good
" Diſpoſicon of my Executors." *Roger Baldry*, Prior of our *Lady*'s Monaſtery in *Thetford*, was Superviſor.

In 1511, *Robert Love* Burgeſs, who was Mayor in 1506, gave 20*s.* towards the Repair of this Church.

On the Out-Side of the Butreſſes, there is the beginning of an old Inſcription, but 'tis imperfect, nothing but the Words, Pray for, now remaining.

*In the Church Porch is a ſmall Mural Monument, thus inſcribed,*

Under this Place lyes interred ELIZABETH, late the Wife of HENRY COCKSEDGE, of this Town, Gent. one of the Daughters of ROBERT LONGE, late of this Town, Eſq; who departed this Life the 31ſt of July 1723, in the 47th Year of her Age.

Quarterly. 1. *Arg.* a Cock *Gul.*
2. *Or*, 3 Croſlets in Feſs *Gul.*
3. *Vert*, 3 Pair of Wings *Or.*
4. *Gul.* a Saltyr ingrailed *Or.*
} Creſt, a COCK.

In the South Weſt Part of the Church-Yard, is a Freeſtone Altar-Tomb, under which lie buried Mr. JOHN WRIGHT of *Thetford*, who died *April* 24, 1736. And alſo SARAH his Wife, one of the Daughters of JOHN BLOMEFIELD of *Ferſfield*, Gent. with HANNAH their eldeſt Daughter, and 3 other Children, cloſe by them.

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[*] Regr. Briggs, fol. 142.

[b] Regr. Spiltimer, fol. 159.

On the South Side of the Church-Yard, is another Altar-Tomb, for Mr. RICHARD BATCH, who was Mayor in 1699, 1710, 1715, and 1717.

Cloſe by the Middle Buttreſs of the South-Iſle Wall, under a Stone (†) without any Inſcription, is buried, the Rev. Mr. JOHN PRICE, late Curate of this Pariſh, Sequeſtrator of St. *Peters*, Rector of *Santon* in *Norfolk*, and *Honington* in *Suffolk*, and Maſter of the Free-School in this Town; a Man of ſound Learning, and great Eloquence, an excellent Preacher, diſcreet Maſter, agreeable Companion, and true Friend, and above all, of unlimited Charity to the Poor and Diſtreſſed. He died *Feb.* 27, 1736.

## 4. St. MARY's,

Antiently called, St. *Mary's the Leſs*, is in the Deanry of *Thetford*, and Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, and was taxed at 3 *l.* but there being no Inſtitution, 'tis not mentioned in the King's-Books, neither do the Names of it's antient Curates appear. It is the only Pariſh Church now ſtanding on the *Suffolk* Side of the Town; it belonged to *Roger Bigod* at the Conqueſt, and was given by him, to the Priory of his Foundation in this Town, the Prior being Rector of the impropriate Parſonage, the Cure was always ſerved by one of the Monks 'till the Diſſolution, and then it was granted with that Houſe, to the Duke of *Norfolk*, and became a Donative: Soon after, the Duke conveyed it to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, but the Church being in decay, continued without Service, 'till he repaired it, after he determined to be buried in it. He endowed a Preacher to ſerve here, as will be ſeen, under the Account of the Free-School, which he alſo founded; at his Death the Right of Donation, went with his Heireſs to the *Clere's*, and was ſold by Sir *Edward Clere*, to the Duke of *Norfolk*, in whoſe Family it hath continued ever ſince, the Honourable *Philip Howard* being now Donor, by Grant of his Brother *Thomas*, late Duke of *Norfolk*, deceas'd. But the Nomination to the Curacy of the Stipend, of the Weekly Preacher here, which was founded by Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, was ſetled by Act of Parliament in K. *James* I. Time, on the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of *Thetford*, who appoint the Curate or Preacher, and preſent him to the Biſhop, by whom he muſt be allowed (or licenced) before he takes upon him the Place of Preacher, after which, he muſt be allowed by the Juſtices of Aſſize of that Circuit, for the Time being.

I am informed that *Henry Campion*, Eſq; hath lately augmented the Curacy.

In the Grand Rebellion, the Church was turned into a Stable by the Rebels, who afterwards defaced it, and pulled down the Roof, but at the Reſtauration, it was repaired by the Corporation, with the Aſſiſtance of THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*, who gave 50 *l.* towards the new Roof.

### CURATES *and* PREACHERS.

1610, *Thomas Atkinſon*, A. M.

1627, Mr. *Smith*.

1662, *John Burrell*, A. M. who had the three Pariſhes, and the Rectories of *Kilverſton*, and *Santon*, which he afterwards reſigned for *Great-Creſſingham*.

The Rev. Mr. *William Martin*, who was Rector of *Great-Livermere* in *Suffolk*, where he is buried.

The Rev. Mr. *John Wright*, Rector of *Euſton* in *Suffolk*, is the preſent Curate and Preacher.

The Building conſiſts of a Nave, Chancel, and South Porch, all covered with Reed, a ſquare Tower, and a good Peal of 5 Bells.

*Againſt the North Wall of the Nave, near the Eaſt End, is a very large Altar-Tomb of Free-ſtone, having* CLERE's *Arms at the Head and Feet, and on the South Side, the Arms of* FULMERSTON.

CLERE, *Arg.* on a Feſs *Az.* 3 Eagles diſplay'd *Or.*

FULMERSTON. See his Arms on the common Seal of the School and Hoſpital.

On the Arms at the Head are theſe Letters. *T. L. F. L.*

(*) In. memoriam. Ricardi. Fulmerston. Aequitis. aurati. Domineque. Alicie. Uxoris. ejus. Heredis. ipsius. Ricardi. Maritus. Edwardus. Clere. Armiger. Hunc. Tumulum. erexit. Anno. Dom. 1567.

TRANSIT SICUT FULMERSTON GLORIA MUNDI.

At the Feet theſe Words, much batter'd, but ſtill legible.

Propitietur Deus Animabus Mortuorum.

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(†) Finding no Inſcription on this Stone, I could not without Ingratitude omit doing Juſtice, to the Character of my deceaſed Maſter, there being few, that have had better Opportunities of knowing the Man, than my ſelf, who was brought up under him above 10 Years.

(*) Mr. Weever fol. 827, hath this Inſcription, but very faulty.

On the Screens.

**Aue Maria : : : gra. Uirgines Sancte Dei orate : : :**

There hangs a Hatchment between the Church and Chancel, *viz. Arg.* a Feſs between 3 Croſlets Formy Fitché *Sab.* Crest, a Demi Lion *Or.* holding a Shield *Arg.* on which a Croſlet Formy Fitché *Sab.* It was the Hatchment, for Sir *Philip Ryley* Knt.

In the Chancel is a Stone joining to the North Wall, under which are interr'd, *William Tyrrell* Gent. and *Bridget* his Wife, the Rev. Mr. *John Tyrrell* their Eldeſt Son, ſometime School-Maſter of the Free-School in this Pariſh, and Rector of *Santon* in *Norfolk*, and alſo Mr. *George Tyrrell*, their ſecond Son, who was baptized *Jan:* 7 1668, and died *Oct:* 25 1732.

*On a Mural Monument over the Chancel Door.*

In a Vault under this Place, lie the Remains of Mrs. FRANCES LE STRANGE (Daughter of GEORGE COOK, Gent. who lies in the ſame Vault) ſhe was firſt married to JOHN MONK Eſq; of Bokenham Houſe in Suſſex, by whom ſhe had Iſſue two Sons and three Daughters, of whom ANN and FRANCES, the only two ſurviving, in great Reſpect to the Memory of their dear Mother, cauſed this to be erected, ſhe died Febr. 19 1725-6, aged 49 Years.

In the Church-Yard by the Porch, on it's Eaſt-Side, is an Altar-Tomb for *Iſaac Faux*, and another not far from the Porch Door, for *Mary* Wife of Mr. *John Toſtuck*, who died *Dec.* 17 1712, aged 48 Years.

There are diverſe Head-Stones, in the Eaſtern Part of the Church-Yard, erected to the Memory of the following Perſons, *viz.*

LEONARD, Son of LEONARD, and ELIZABETH SHELFORD, died *Mar:* 22 1734, aged 8 Years 8 Months.

He was not beloved by one, but all,
He left this World when God did call,
Knock'd at the Door Death did, ſo ſoon,
His Morning Sun, went down at Noon.
Grieve not for me, my Parents dear,
For I lye here, 'till Chriſt appear.

JOHN SPURLING died 8 *Sept.* 1732, aged 57 Years.

Loaded with Years, oppreſt with Pain and Grief,
The King of Terrours, brought him kind Relief,
His Body fall a Victim to the Duſt,
To riſe Immortal, with the Good and Juſt.

THO. ROLF, died 21 *March* 1735. aged 49 Years.

Weep not for me, my Glaſs is run,
It is the LORD, his Will be done.

ELIZ. Wife of *Stephen Rowning*, died 17 *Decem.* 1727. aged 33 Years.

Let my Children ceaſe their Tears,
For I lye here, 'till CHRIST appears.

## 5. St. Etheldred, *or* St. Audry's Church,

Stood on the *Suffolk* Side, being in the Deanry of *Thetford*, and Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, it was a Rectory, in the Preſentation of the Biſhop of *Ely*, [m] valued in King *Edward* III. Time, at 20*s.* but was not taxed to any thing but Firſt Fruits only, I find it in ſome of the *Valors* about *Henry* VIII. Time valued at 47 *s.* 9 *d.*

## Rectors *of* St. *Etheldred.*

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| 1303, Prid:Kal: *Jul:* | *John de Gunthorp* Chaplain, was inſtituted to the Rectory of the Church of St. *Etheldred* in *Thetford*, at the Preſentation of the Biſhop of *Ely*. |
| 1308, Id: *May*, | *William* ſirnamed *Moryn*, Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1317, | *William de Adereſton* Prieſt. Lapſe. |
| 1349, 20 *Dec.* | *John de Debenham.* John de Ee, Vicar General to the Biſhop of *Ely*, who was in foreign Parts. |

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[m] Theford Decan. Eccleſia Sancte Etheldrede æſtimabatur ad 20 Sol. In hac Eccleſia eſt Camiſia Sancte Etheldrede. Regr. Archid. Norwici.

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| | *John de Chippele.* |
| 1358, 16 *Jan:* | *Adam Palmere*, of *Thefford* Prieſt. The King, the Biſhoprick being void. |
| 1391, | *Adam Foxele* Prieſt. |
| 1394, | *Peter at Hethe*, alias *at Fonthe* Prieſt. Biſhop. of *Ely*. |
| 1427, 16 *April*, | *John Kevelon* Prieſt. Lapſe. He was Rector of St. *Peters*, and Dean of *Thetford.* |
| 1416, 17 *Sept.* | *Thomas Gunwayte.* Lapſe. He had *Santon* alſo. |
| 1528, 14 *Sept.* | Sir *Richard Wadnowe* Chaplain, on *Gunwayte*'s Reſignation. NICHOLAS, Biſhop of *Ely*. |

At his Inſtitution he was to pay 20 *s.* Firſt-Fruits, but the Living being very mean, the Biſhop forgave him half.

This Church, was one of the three, which the Abbot of *Ely* held at the *Confeſſor*'s Survey, as belonging to his Poſſeſſions here, which we ſuppoſe, were given by King *Cnute*, at the Requeſt of *Ailwin* Biſhop of *Elmham*, who had formerly been a Monk of *Ely*. The Advowſon was always in the Abbot, 'till the Erection of the See in *Henry* I. Time, and then it was allotted to the Biſhop's Share, who at that Time had nothing elſe in this Town, but the [n] Mill, called *Biſhop*'s or St. *Audrie*'s *Mill*, and the Nomination to St. *Margaret*'s Church, the [o] other Churches and Temporalities of the Abby, being either taken away, or aliened, before the Erection of the See.

In 1511, *Robert Love* of *Thetford* Burgeſs, gave 20 *s.* to the Reparation of this Church.

[p] In 1515, *Richard Coteler* of *Thetford*, was buried in St. *Audry*'s Church there, to which he was a Benefactor, as the following Clauſe of his Will ſhews us. "*Item* I gyff and plenarly Bequethe to the ſaid Church, xi Acres of Arybyl Lond, as they be in ſeveral Peces, in the Felds of St. *Mary Magdalen* in *Thetford* forſaid, and alſo my Tenement called the *Bern* with the Appurtts: in the Pariſh of the *Holy Trinyty*, in a certeyn Waye called *Reymondſtrete* in the ſeid Town, that myne *Obite-Day* ſhal be Yerly and perpetually kept in the ſd: Chirch of *Audry* after my deceſſe, wyth the Revenues or Yerly Profyghts therof, and at the *Dirige* and *Maſſe*, the Pryſt or Curate, ſhal fynd Yerly vi Lights of Wax Candle ſet upon the Herſe. But yf the ſeid Chirch, ſhould be approperyd to any other Paryſh Chirch, or Place of Relygyon within the ſd: Town, in Tyme comyng, then the ſeid Londs and Tenements to return to my Heirs. Alſo I bequethe my Tenement late *John Vales* to the forſeid Chirch of St. *Audry*, wyth the Appurts: ſytuate in the Paryſh of our *Lady* in the ſeid Town, and alſo my Cloſe late *Margarett Adams*'s, being annexed to the ſeid Tent: in Part, and alſo in the Paryſh of *Awdry* forſeid, in the other Part, that the *Yer-Day* of *Agnes Coteler*, ſhal be perpetually kepte in the ſeid Chirch, with the Revenuſe of the Yerly Ferme therof, with Lights to be found as before &c."

From which it appears, that this Pariſh was then ſo much in decay, that 'twas thought it would be annexed to ſome other, which happened accordingly, for at the Diſſolution, the Church was pulled down, and the Pariſh joined to that of St. *Mary the Virgin*, with which it now continues; the Scite of the Church, is called St. *Audries Church-Yard*, and is the Cloſe lying on the Right-Hand of the Lane, going from St. *Mary*'s Church, to the *Place*, over againſt the Houſe, that ſtands at the Corner of the Paſſage, leading down to the Paper-Mill. 'Twas granted by the Biſhop of *Ely*, to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, and after ſold by Sir *Edw. Clere*, and hath been a private Property ever ſince. There are no Ruins, not ſo much as one Stone upon another, the whole having been ploughed over many Years.

It was always a ſmall Pariſh, the Tithes never exceeding (that I can find) above 10 *l per Ann.* But yet it was no deſpicable Rectory, the annual Offerings amounting to a good Value, occaſioned by the Precious Relique of a Maid's Smock, which was conſtantly viſited by many People, from all Parts, by Reaſon of the great Virtue that was ſaid to proceed from it, but as the Church, had been ſupported by the Offerings, made on Account of the Smock, for a long Time, ſo it was pulled down at the Diſſolution, upon the ſame Account, that ſuch trifling Pilgrimages and fooliſh Errors, might be the ſooner and more effectually ſuppreſſed.

But leaſt the pretended Vertues of this Smock ſhould be forgotten, I will give you an Account of them in [q] *Becon*'s own Words.

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[n] This is now the Paper-Mill, and was then a Fulling-Mill.

[o] Being not named in Domeſday, we can't tell which they were.

[p] Regr. Spurling, fol. 60.

[q] See Becon's Book, Entitled, The Monſtruous Merchandiſe of the Romiſh Biſhop's, or the Reliques of Rome, among his Works in folio. p. 181. b,

“ In Thetford a Mayer Towne in Norfolke, there was a Pariſh Church, which is
“ now deſtroyed, called St. Audriſe: In this Church, among other Reliques, was the
“ Smock of St. Audrice, which was there kept as a great Jewell, and precious Re-
“ lique. The Virtue of this Smock, was mighty and manifold, but ſpecially in put-
“ ting away the Toth-ach, and the Swellyng of the Throte, ſo that the Pacient were
“ fyrſte of al ſhiven, and hard Maſſe, and did ſuch Oblations, as the Prieſt of the
“ Church enioyned.

## 6. *The* CHURCH *of the* HOLY-TRINITY,

Stood in *Suffolk*, and join'd to the South Side of the Cathedral Church-Yard, and was [r] founded (as 'tis ſuppos'd) by *Arfaſt*, Biſhop of *Thetford*, and *Roger Bigot*, the Church of St. *Mary* being taken from the Pariſh, and made the Epiſcopal Seat, and this the Parochial Church, of which the Biſhop and *Roger* were Patrons, it being [s] the half Church, as it is called in *Domeſday*, that belonged to the Biſhop. The Foundations are viſible, in the Cloſe over-againſt the Houſe that belongs to the Schoolmaſter, and Uſher of the Free-School, tho' there are no Walls, but two ſmall Pieces of the Steeple now remaining above Ground; it came afterwards to the Earl *Warren*, by whom it was given to the Prior of the *Canons* of the *Holy-Sepulchre*, [t] who was impropriate Rector of it, in Right of his Houſe, and ſerved it by one of the *Canons*, 'till the Diſſolution, and then it was granted to the Duke of *Somerſet*, and by him to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, who was obliged to find a Curate to ſerve this, and his other impropriate Rectory of St. *Cuthbert*; and upon this Account it was, that from the Time of the Diſſolution, it was called, [u] *The Chapel of the Holy Trinity*, in the Pariſh of St. *Cuthbert*. It is evident, this Church and Pariſh had been in Decay, ſome Years before the Diſſolution, for [x] in 1511, *Robert Love* of *Thetford*, Burgeſs, made his Will in which is this Clauſe, “ Alſo I wol that if the Subſtauns of *Trinity* “ Pariſh, will make a new Chirche Roffe, I aſſigne xx *l.* toward the Leding of it, yf it can “ be brought aboute in the Space of v. Yere,” but it could not, and ſo his Bequeſt was of no force; however it remained a Church, with Weekly Service performed in it, 'till 1547, and then Sir RICHARD FULMERSTON, Patron and Parſon imperſonate, of the Pariſh Churches of the *Holy Trinity* and St. *Cuthbert*, and *Thomas Gent*, Mayor of *Thetford*, petitioned the Biſhop of *Norwich*, that the two Churches might be for ever conſolidated, and that the Service and all Divine Offices, might be tranſlated to St. *Cuthbert*'s, and the Pariſh of the *Trinity* might be effectually united and incorporated to the Pariſh of St. *Cuthbert*, becauſe the ſaid *Richard* received the Profits of both the Pariſhes, ſo that there was not ſufficient to pay two Salaries; upon which the Biſhop granted their Petition, and a Conſolidation paſſed the 24*th* of *April*, 1547, and ſoon after, the Church of the *Trinity* was entirely demoliſhed, and the Pariſh join'd to St. *Cuthbert*'s. The Scite, or Church-Yard of the *Holy-Trinity* being poſſeſſed by the ſaid *Richard*, was afterwards ſetled by him, on the Preacher, or Maſter of the Hoſpital of his Foundation, who now enjoys it.

## 7. St. JOHN's

Was one of the four Churches appendant to the Mother Church, in the *Conqueror*'s Time, as we learn from *Domeſday*, and was given with that, to Biſhop *Arfaſt*, and by him aſſigned to one of his Sons, who in all appearance, granted it to the Earl *Warren*, who founded the Priory of the *Canons* of the *Holy-Sepulchre* in this Pariſh, but did not aſſign the Advowſon of St. *John*'s to it, for that continued appendant to the Dominion of *Thetford*, and paſſed to the Earl of *Lancaſter*, and was given in King *Richard* II. Time, to *John* of *Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaſter*, who gave it to the Prior and Convent of the *Auguſtine* Friers in *Thetford*, which he had founded, and ſoon after it became a Chapel only, the Pariſh being join'd to that of the *Holy-Trinity*; afterwards, it was repaired by the *Friers*, and made a Houſe for Lepers, and continued ſuch, 'till the Diſſolution, when it was demoliſhed, and the Scite of it granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, and afterwards ſold by Sir *Edward Clere*, to the *Norfolk* Family, in which it now continues. There are no Walls above Ground, but the Foundations are very viſible, cloſe by the Road, leading to *Brandon*, on the Left-Hand, between the *Canon*'s Barn, and *Red-Caſtle*.

[r] See fol. 412.

[s] That is, half the Advowſon belonged to one, and half to the other.

[t] It was in Norwich Archdeaconry, and Thetford Deanry, in Edward III. Time, and was taxed at half a Mark. Regr. Arch. Norw.

[u] Regr. Godſalve, fol. 296.

[x] Regr. Johnſon, fol. 108

## 8. St. MARGARETS.

Stood alſo on the *Suffolk* Side, being another of the appendant Churches in the *Confeſſor*'s Time, and remained ſo at the *Conqueror*'s, whither it was given by Biſhop *Arfaſt*'s Son, who had it of his Father's Gift, or afterwards purchaſed by the Biſhop of *Ely*, I can't ſay, but after the Erection of that Biſhoprick, it belonged to the See: about *Edward* III. Time, it was called, *the Chapell of St. Margaret*, the Pariſh being annexed to St. *Marys*, in the beginning of *Richard* III. the Pariſh was quite decayed, and then it became an Hoſpital, or Houſe of Lepers, to whoſe uſe the Church was aſſigned, [y] in 1390, 20 *March*, *John Fordham* Biſhop of *Ely*, granted an Indulgence of 40 Days Pardon, which was to laſt 3 Years, to all Perſons that would help, and aſſiſt the poor Men and Lepers, living in the Hoſpital of St. *Margaret* by *Thetford*. This Hoſpital was diſſolved in *Edward* VI. Time, and granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, and ſo paſſed to the *Cleres*, and was ſold by Sir *Edward*, with the *Canons* Farm, to which it now belongs. It ſtood on the Left-Hand of the *Elden* Road, cloſe by the City-Ditch, and tho' there are no remaining Walls above the Earth, the Place it ſtood on, is much higher than the adjoining Ground, and the great Number of large Stones, which came out of the Building and lie ſcattered round the Hill, will plainly direct any one to it's Scite.

## 9. St. MARTIN's,

Was another of the Churches appendant to St. *Mary*'s *the Great*, in the *Confeſſor*'s and *Conqueror*'s Days, and was alſo given by Biſhop *Arfaſt* to his Son, but how it went afterwards, where it ſtood, or when demoliſhed, I can't find; it is ſaid to be on the *Suffolk* Side, and is often mentioned, tho' I can't ſay, but I think, it ſome way or other ceaſed to be Parochial, about *Edward* III. not finding it number'd among the Pariſh Churches, ſince that Time.

## 10. St. EDMUND's

Alſo ſtood on the *Suffolk* Side, but whereabouts I don't know, it belonged to the *Lordſhip*, after to the Earl *Warren*, who gave it to the *Canons*. [z] In *Edward* III. Time, it was returned, that St. *Edmund*'s was a Rectory, appropriated to the *Canons*, the Prior of that Houſe being perpetual Rector, who ſerved it by himſelf or one of his *Canons*, it being in *Thetford* Deanry, and *Norwich* Archdeaconry, and taxed at two Marks. In *Henry* IV. Time, the Pariſh was united to ſome other, for then it is called, *the Chapel of St. Edmund*, it was demoliſhed at the Reformation, or ſome little Time before, the Pariſh being deſtitute of Inhabitants.

## 11. St. MICHAEL's

Was a Pariſh Church on the *Suffolk* Side, but I could never make out, whereabouts it ſtood. It [a] was a Rectory in *Thetford* Deanry, and *Norwich* Archdeaconry, taxed at half a Mark, and appropriated to the Prior of the Monks of *Thetford*, who was returned as perpetual Rector of it, in *Edward* III. Time. It was demoliſhed before the Reformation: the Scite belonged to Sir *Rich. Fulmerſton*, and was ſold by Sir *Edward Clere*, with the *Canons*, in which Farm it is now included.

## 12. ALL-SAINTS.

Was a Rectory belonging to *Bury* Abby, in which it remained 'till *Hugh*, Abbot there, founded the Nunnery of St. *George* in *Thetford*, to which he gave this Church, at the Foundation, and being appropriated to that Houſe, it was always ſerved by a Stipendary Curate, who was paid, and appointed by the Prioreſs, the Foundations of it may be ſeen (as I take it) within that outward Gate of the *Place*, which is Part walled up on the Right-Hand, at the very Entrance. It was demoliſhed at the Suppreſſion, and given to Sir *Rich. Fulmerſton*, and hath paſſed with the *Place*, to which it belongs at this Time. It was returned in *Edward* III. Time, to be in *Thetford* Deanry, and *Norwich* Archdeaconry, that it was taxed at two Marks, being a Rectory Appropriate to the Prioreſs of *Thetford*.

## 13. St. BENNETS

Alſo, belonged to *Bury* Abby, and was a Parochial Church in *Edward* III. Time, and ſtood on *Suffolk* Side, but where I don't find. I believe, 'twas demoliſhed and united to ſome other Pariſh, in the beginning of *Edward* III. Time, for I don't find it mentioned in the Archdeacon's Regiſter.

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[y] Regr. Fordham, fol. 175. a. Inter Archiv. Epi: Elien. [z] Regr. Archid. Norwic. [a] Ditto.

## 14. St. LAURENCE.

Was a Rectory on the *Suffolk* Side, given to the *Canons* by their Founder, the Archdeacon's Regiſter tells me, it was taxed at half a Mark, that the Prior was perpetual Rector, and ſerved it by a ſtipendary Curate in *Edward* III. Time. Where it ſtood, how, or when demoliſhed, I know not, but find it's Scite given to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, and ſold by Sir *Edward Clere*, with the *Canons*, in which Farm it is now included.

## 15. St. GEORGE's,

Was that Church belonging to *Bury* Abby, mentioned in *Domeſday*, given (as is ſuppoſed) by King *Cnute*, near which the Abbot placed a Cell for a few Monks, it continued Parochial, 'till the Erection of the Priory, by Abbot *Hugh*, and then became the *Nuns* Church. It was afterwards re-built and augmented, but yet continued it's antient Name, the Priory it's ſelf being dedicated to St. *George*, as well as the Church.

## 16. St. NICHOLAS's,

Stood on the *Norfolk* Side, and was a Rectory, given by *Hugh Bygod* to the Priory of Monks of his own Foundation here. In *Edward* III. Time it was valued at three Marks and an half, being then appropriate to the Prior, who ſerved it by a ſtipendary Curate, 'twas in *Thetford* Deanry, and *Norwich* Archdeaconry, and was a Pariſh of ſome Value at that Time. In 1499, *John Fyſhere*, Burgeſs of *Thetford*, who was Mayor in 1487, was bury'd in this Church-Yard, by his Wife, and gave a new *Cope* to the Church. In 1506, *Edmund Schilde* of *Thetforde*, was buried here, by Sir *Robert Sweyn*, then Pariſh Prieſt. In 1511, the Church was new paved, and *Robert Love*, Burgeſs of *Thetford*, gave 40 *s.* towards it; at the Diſſolution it went with the Priory to the Duke of *Norfolk*, was afterwards forfeited to the Crown, and was granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, by *Edward* VI. in 1546, by Virtue of which, he became ſeized of all the Tithes, Revenues, &c. belonging to this Church, and the Year following, he, the Mayor, and *Henry Simond*, Clerk, Rector of St. *Peter*'s, petitioned the Biſhop for a Conſolidation, which paſſed [b] *April* 24, 1547, the Service being then removed, and the Pariſh united to St. *Peter*'s; the whole of the Great and Small Tythes of St. *Peter*'s Pariſh, were agreed to belong as formerly to the Rector, on whom all the Tythes of St. *Nicholas*'s Pariſh were now ſetled, except the Tythes of Hay, Corn, Wooll, Lambs, Calves, and other Cattle, all which were reſerved to Sir *Richard*, as Impropriator of St. *Nicholas*, and afterwards were ſold by Sir *Edward Clere*, to the *Norfolk* Family, which always enjoyed them, the greateſt Part, if not all the Land which belonged to the Pariſh, being included in the *Abbey-Farm*. Upon this Conſolidation, the Church was demoliſhed, and the Church-Yard became Glebe to the Rectory of St. *Peter*'s, as it now remains, great Part of the Tower, which is ſquare, ſtands on the Left-Hand of the Street, leading from the *Bell-Corner*, to the Brick-Kilns, which is ſtill called St. *Nicholas*'s-*Street*.

## 17. St. ANDREW's,

Sometimes called the Church of St. *Andrew the Leſs*, to diſtinguiſh it from the Abby Church, which was often called, St. *Andrew the Great*, was a Rectory valued in the *Norwich* Taxation at 10 *s.* and ſtands now in the King's-Books, [c] as one of the Livings remaining in Charge in *Thetford* Deanry, valued at 2 *l.* 8 *s.* 9 *d.* the Yearly Tenths being 4 *s.* 10 *d.* *ob:* It is on the *Norfolk* Side, and was impropriate to the Prior of the *Canons*, who ſerved it by a ſtipendary Curate 'till the Diſſolution, when it was granted to Sir *Rich. Fulmerſton*, who about 1546, got it conſolidated to St. *Peter*'s, and then the Church was demoliſhed, and the Church-Yard ſetled as Glebe, on that Rectory, to which it now belongs; It is hired by Mr. *Henry Cockſedge*, to whoſe Garden it joins, and the Foundations being taken up, is made a pleaſant Plantation, commonly known by the Name of the *Wilderneſs*, it being almoſt oppoſite to the *Blackſmith*'s Shop, which ſtands on a Hill by the *Fleece-Tavern*, and is placed directly on the Scite of St. *Andrew*'s-*Croſs*, which is much ſpoken of in the antient Evidences of this Town.

In 1511, this Church was repaired, for then *Robert Love* of *Thetford*, gave 20 *s.* towards it.

## 18. St. GILES's

Church ſtands on the *Norfolk* Side, on the Left-Hand of the Street, leading from St. *Peter*'s to St. *Cuthbert*'s Church, it faces the Lane called St. *Giles*'s-*Lane*, which leads from the aforeſaid Street, to *Alice*'s-*Lane*. It was a Rectory in *Thetford* Deanry, and *Norwich* Archdeaconry, valued in *Edward* III. Time at 16*s.* given to the Prior of the *Canons*, by the Founder, who paid a ſtipendary Curate to ſerve it, 'till about *Edward* IV. Time, and then the Pariſh was annexed to St. *Cuthbert*'s, and the Church lett to a Hermit, who lived in it, and performed Service there for his own Profit; at the Diſſolution it was given to Sir *Rich. Fulmerſton*, and was ſold afterwards by Sir *Edward Clere*, and is now the Property of Mr. *Hatch*, it is turned into a Barn, the Steeple (if there was one) being quite down, and a new Gable in it's Place.

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[b] The ſame Day that St. Cuthbert's, and the Holy-Trinity were conſolidated.

[c] Ecton's Lib. Val. p. 216. Edit. Lond. 1723.

## 19. St. HELEN's

Church at the *Conqueror*'s Survey, was endowed with a Carucate of Land, and one Villain, and as much Land as might make another Carucate; it then belonged to the King's Manor of *Methwold*, [*d*] which had alſo belonging to it another half Carucate of Land in *Thetford*, and five *Bordars*, in the *Confeſſor*'s Time, which were reduced to three, and two void Manſions, with one Church; they belonged formerly to the See, for the King ſeized them with *Methwold* Manor, and the reſt of *Stigand*'s Eſtate, and committed them to the Cuſtody of *William de Noiers*, [*e*] as *Domeſday* ſhews us, in the following Words,

Terre Stigandi Epiſcopi, quas Cuſtodit W. de Noiers in Manu Regis.

GRIMESHOU Hund. METHELWALDE, tenuit Stigandus T. R. E. &c. Hic iacet ſemper i. Berwita, &c. et in Tedforda dim: Car: Terre et v. Bord: T. R. E. modo iii. & ii. Manſure ſunt vacue: & i. Eccleſia. & i. Eccleſia, Sancte Elene, cum una Car: terre, et i. Vill: & i. Car. poſſet eſſe.

This Church ſtood on an Hill, at the Extremity of the Bounds of *Thetford*, as we go to *Santon*, it being near two Miles from *Thetford* Town, and was built there on Account of a remarkable Spring at the Foot of the Hill, commonly, but corruptly called, *Tenant*'s-*Well*, for St. *Helen*'s *Well*, and by the Shepherds, *Holy-Well*; it ſeems there were only five Houſes to farm the Land belonging to it, in the *Confeſſor*'s Time, and two of them were down in the *Conqueror*'s. This afterwards belonged to the Earl *Warren*, and paſſed as *Methwold* Manor, but when it was demoliſhed, I can not learn: Which was the other Church that then belonged to *Methwold* Manor, I could never find.

## 20. *St.* MARY MAGDALEN's

Was firſt a Pariſh Church, and afterwards converted into an Hoſpital, by *John* Earl *Warren*, in the Time of King *Henry* III. [*f*] It was valued in the King's-Books at 1*l.* 13*s.* 6*d. ob:* and ſo paid 3*s.* 4*d. ob:* Yearly Tenths, and to this Day it ſtands in *Ecton*'s *Valor*, as one of the Livings [*g*] ſtill remaining in Charge, in *Thetford* Deanry.

And theſe are all the Pariſh Churches, that were ever in this City, whoſe Memorial are delivered down to us; and indeed they ſtood exceeding thick, ſo that the Pariſhes were but ſmall, as their Valuations ſhew us. But we muſt not imagine that they were ſuſtained by their Parochial Incomes only, for 'tis certain that in all populous Places, the Maſſes, Offerings, and other Oblations, were of much ſuperior Value to the ſetled Revenues, elſe the Religious would not have thought it worth while to get them appropriated to their Houſes, as they generally did, there being no more in this large Place, than two of it's Pariſh Churches that were Rectories not appropriated; and to this it is owing, that in moſt large Towns, where the ſetled Revenues were but ſmall, even thoſe are often leſſened, by ſuch Appropriations, the Religious being deſirous to get them to themſelves, not for the ſake of their Endowments, (as they did the Country Pariſhes) but of the caſual Offerings, Maſſes, and Oblations. And indeed had they ſtill have gone on, as they did for many Years, preceeding their Diſſolution, I may be bold to ſay, there had been few Pariſhes in Town or Country of any Value, but had been appropriated to ſome Houſe or other, before this Time.

# CHAP. XVI. *Of the* HOSPITALS *in this Town.*

There were ſix Hoſpitals in this *Burgh*,

## 1. St. MARY-MAGDALEN's

Which ſtood out of the Town, on that Peice of Land, lying at the Diviſion of the Road, leading from the *Fleece* to *Norwich*, where the *Kilverſtone* Road ſtrikes of to the Right-

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[*d*] There are ſtill divers ſmall free Rents paid to Methwold Manor, iſſuing out of the Premiſes that belonged to it.

[*e*] Fol. 47, 48.

[*f*] See St. Mary Magdalen's Hoſpital.

[*g*] That is, ſtill chargeable with Tenths.

Hand, it being ſome diſtance beyond the preſent Lime-Kilns, it is ſtill called in Evidences, *Mawdlin-Acre*; right before it, at the Conjunction of the three Roads, ſtood *Magdalen-Croſs* at which *Shropham* Hundred Court, was ſometimes kept, after it was granted from the Crown: there are no Remains of the Hoſpital to be ſeen, only one Peice of old Foundation, which the Plough hath not yet conquered; It was at firſt a Pariſh Church, but it's Pariſh being annexed to St. *Cuthberts*, in *Henry* III. Time, it became a Chapel, which *John* Earl *Warren*, who built the Hoſpital, gave to the Maſter and Bretheren for their Uſe, and endowed it with Lands and Revenues, to a conſiderable Value, he continued Patron during his Life, and it went afterwards to the Earl of *Lancaſter*. In 1360, *Henry* Duke of *Lancaſter*, died ſeized of the Advowſon, which paſſed with the *Dominion* of *Thetford*, 'till it came to the Crown, and ſoon after, was granted to the Mayor and Commonalty of *Thetford*, who preſented, or nominated the *Cuſtos* or *Maſter*, 'till the Diſſolution of it, by *Edward* VI. who by Letters Patents dated the third Day of *May*, in the third Year of his Reign, (1549) granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, Knt. and his Heirs, all that Hoſpital or Free-Chapel, of St. *Mary Magdalen*'s, together with the Scite, Chapel and Manſion thereof, in the Pariſh of St. *Cuthberts*, in *Thetford* in the County of *Norfolk*, with all Houſes, Liberties, Lands, &c. thereto belonging, with all Rents reſerved &c. together with the Fair, called [h] *Mawdlin Fair*; but the Corporation putting in a Claim, to the Hoſpital and Lands, by vertue of their being Patrons, Sir *Richard* was forced to ſatisfy them immediately, which being done, the Mayor and Commonalty releaſed the whole to him and his Heirs, *viz.* the Scite of the Hoſpital and Chapel, and Land adjoining to *Reymond*'s-*Wong* at *Blackdon-Hill*, *Magdalen-Beane-Houſe* and *Cloſe*, Liberty of Common in *Kilverſtone*, and *Thetford* Grounds, 40 Acres in *Halwick-Field*, 5 Acres at *Small-Marſh*, 40 Acres which were given to the Hoſpital, by *John* of *Woddington*, 28 Acres &c. in *Kilverſtone*, and other Revenues, containing in the whole as the Releaſe expreſſes, 260 Acres of Land, and 604 Acres of Paſture, and Bruery, with Liberty of 4 Fold-Courſes, that ſometime were called, *Gallions* Liberties of Fold-Courſe, in *Thetford*, *Kilverſtone*, *Croxton* &c. And thus they came to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, who died ſeized among other Things, (as the Inquiſition taken after his Death informs me) of the Fair or Market, called *Mawdlin-Fair*, and 25 Acres of Ground, with the Scite of the Chapel of St. *Mary Magdalyne*, and *Mawdelyne* Barn, &c. all which was held of the Queen in *Soccage*, as of her Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, by Fealty only, and alſo of a [i] Capital *Meſſuage* or *Tenement*, in *Croxton*, which belonged to this Hoſpital, called the *Chapel-Houſes*, with all the Lands, Paſtures, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, and particularly, the Fold-Courſes, called the *Chapel*, young Sheeps Ground, and *Chapel* Hogg's Ground, otherwiſe *Gallion*'s Liberties of Fold-Courſe, which are held of the Queen in *Capite*, by the Service of a 40*th* Part of a Knight's Fee. Part of this Farm, *viz.* a Meſſuage and 43 Acres and an half of Land, with a Fold-Courſe in *Croxton*, was ſetled in 1250, by [k] *Richard de Surrie*, and *Sara* his Wife, on *Stephen*, [l] Maſter of this Hoſpital, and his Succeſſors. There was a ſmall Religious Foundation, near *Croxton* Church, called *Domus Dei*, or *God*'s *Houſe*, which ſhould ſeem by ſome Evidences to belong to this Hoſpital, but by what I can ſee, I rather think it belonged to *Domus Dei* Hoſpital in *Thetford*, and after to the *Canons*: moſt of the other Lands of this Hoſpital, and all the Liberties thereto belonging, were ſold to the *Norfolk* Family, and joined to the Manors, with which they remain at this Day.

## 2. *St.* JOHN-BAPTIST'S *Hoſpital.*

Is ſuppoſed to be founded by *Roger Bigod*, and to ſtand at the Corner of *Earl*'s or *Alice*'s Lane, againſt St. *Cuthbert*'s Croſs, it's Church being in the Orchard belonging to that Houſe, the Dove Houſe there, ſhews as if it was fixed on Part of it's round Steeple; it was a Houſe of Lepers, and as the Town increaſed that Way, was ſeated too much in it, for which Reaſon in all appearance, *John* Earl *Warren*, when he founded *Magdalen* Hoſpital, ſuppreſſed this, and carried the Bretheren thither, after which we often find that Houſe, called St *Mary Magdalen*'s, and St. *John Baptiſt*'s Hoſpital in *Thetford*, and is rightly ſo named, [m] by Mr. *Speed* in his Catalogue. There was a Gild belonging to it, kept in Honour of St. *John Baptiſt*, which was tranſlated to *Magdalen* Hoſpital, and kept there, 'till it's Diſſolution, and great Numbers of People were admitted Bretheren of it.

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[h] This Fair is now removed, and kept by St. Cuthbert's-Croſs, at the End of Magdalen-ſtreet, every Year, on the 22 Day of July, which is St. Mary Magdalen's Day, and the Day after, the Grant of it being procured by their Founder.

[i] This whole Farm was ſetled after his Death, according to his Will, on the School and Hoſpital, of his Foundation at Thetford.

[k] I imagine he was a Deſcendent from the Family of Earl Warren and Surrey, the Founder, who gave the reſt of the Land here,

[l] I take it he was the firſt Maſter, and that it was not made an Hoſpital 'till about 1247.

### 3. *The Hoſpital of the* VIRGIN MARY *and St.* JULIAN

Commonly called St. *Julian*'s Chapel, was founded in *Henry* I. Time, and moſt likely by that Prince himſelf, for the Advowſon of it came with the Lordſhip to the Earl *Warren*, [n] who always preſented to it. *Will. Hardyng*, was *Maſter* or *Cuſtos* in 1325, and the Year following reſigned, to *Robert de Worceſter*, who was confirmed Maſter or Rector at *Hardyng*'s Reſignation, 4 Non: *Aug.* 1326, being preſented by King *Edward*, as Gaurdian to the Heir of *Ralf de Cobham*, Knt. in right of the Lordſhip of *Thetford*. The Hoſpital-Houſe, which was dedicated to St. *Mary*, is now ſtanding, at the Bridge-Foot on the *Norfolk* Side, being a dwelling Houſe, but the Chapel, which was dedicated to St. *Julian*, and ſtood in the Yard, is quite demoliſhed, ſo that the exact Place of it's Scite is not known, it was a ſort of an Inn, for the Reception of Pilgrims and poor People: I don't find when it was diſſolved, nor who it was granted to, but it hath been a private Property, as it now is, for many Years. It was ſometimes called, St. *Julian*'s *Hermitage*, at the Bridge.

### 4. *Domus Dei, Maiſon Dieu, or* GOD'S-HOUSE Hoſpital.

Stood on the *Suffolk* Side, at the very Corner of the *Canons* Cloſe, the River waſhed it's Walls on the North, and the Eaſt-Side fronted the Street, this was a very ancient Houſe, founded I believe when the See was removed, by *William Rufus*, who then had the Lordſhip, for it appears to be erected by ſome Lord of the Town, becauſe the Advowſon always belonged to the Lordſhip; it was well endowed with Lands, and other Revenues, *viz.* [o] a Houſe, and Lands of conſiderable Value in *Croxton*, a great Number of Acres in *Thetford*, with a Fold-Courſe and Sheeps Paſture, called *Brayes*, with Lands in *Lynford*, *&c.* all which were taken from the Hoſpital, by *John* Earl *Warren*, in the Time of *Edward* I. and ſetled on the Canons, of the *Holy Croſs* in *Thetford*, and there continued to the Diſſolution. The Hoſpital ſtill remained as before, in the Gift of the Earl *Warren*, but had nothing to maintain it, but the Charity and Alms of the People, beſides ſuch Goods as were given to it, by diverſe Perſons at their Deaths; about this Time, [p] *William de Norton*, was *Maſter* or *Cuſtos* of it, who endeavoured all he could, to hinder it's total Suppreſſion, by leaving his whole Subſtance to it, he died in 1318, and the ſame Year, *viz.* 2 Non: *Oct.* the Biſhop, at *Thorp* by *Norwich*, admitted *William Hardyng* of *Thefford*, Prieſt, to the Maſterſhip or Cuſtody of *Gods-Houſe* in *Thefford*, at the Preſentation of the Noble *John de Warren* Earl of *Surrey*. At his Admiſſion he ſwore canonical Obedience to the Biſhop. At his Entrance upon the Maſterſhip, he received 3 Scots, value 60 *s.* 10 Milch Cows, Value 8 *s.* each. 100 Wethers, Value 2 *s.* each. 60 Lambs, Value 12 *d.* each. 12 Silver Spoons, Value 10 *s.* each. one Mzaer [or Copper] and other Braſs and Wooden Utenſils, beſides Linnen, Corn *&c.* all which the Biſhop aſſigned to be converted to the Profit of the Houſe, they being the Goods of *Will. de Norton* Chaplain, late Maſter, who by his great Prudence and good Management had purchaſed, and left them in the Biſhop's Hands to diſpoſe of, for the good of his Soul, for which Reaſon, he ſwore the Maſter at his Admiſſion, to leave them, or their Value, to his Succeſſor, and not Alien, part with, or bequeath them by Will to any one, but leave them to the Houſe as he found them.

And from this Time, the Goods of the Hoſpital Daily increaſed, it being known that they had no certain Revenues to depend upon, occaſioned a greater Number of Gifts to them than they had before, and ſo the Houſe revived and flouriſhed, 'till the 22d of *Edward* III. (1347) and then *Henry* Duke of *Lancaſter*, who was Patron of it, granted the Scite of the Hoſpital of *Domus Dei*, and all that belonged to that Houſe, to the *Friers Preachers*, that he had founded cloſe by it, and from that Time, the whole Scite was laid into the *Friers Preachers* Yard, and the Hoſpital-Houſe only, left ſtanding, in which one or two of their Bretheren reſided, to get what Alms they could of the Paſſengers, for the Profits of the Houſe; and this is the Reaſon, that the *Friers* Monaſtery, and this, is often confounded in old Evidences, it being called ſometimes, *Domus Dei*, *Maſon Dieu*, or Scite of the *Friers Preachers of the old Houſe*. It went as the *Friers Preachers* did at the Diſſolution, to which I Refer you.

### 5. *Of St.* Margaret's *Hoſpital*, ſee fol. 420.

### 6. *Of St.* John's *Hoſpital*, ſee fol. 419.

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[m] Speed fo. 815. [n] Lib. Inſt. 2 fo. 8.

[o] I take it Domus Dei in Croxton, was a ſmall Place erected by ſome Maſter of this Hoſpital, on their Lands in that Town, and had always two or three Bretheren of this Houſe, Reſident there.

[p] Lib. Inſt.

## CHAP. XVII. *Of* St. MARY'S COLLEGE, *in* BAILY-END.

There was only one *College* in this Town, dedicated to the Honour of the *Bleſſed* VIRGIN, which was firſt a *Gild* only, the Bretheren and Siſters having a Prieſt, which they called their *Chaplain*, to whom they paid an annual Stipend, to pray for the Welfare of the Members of the *Fraternity*, while living, and their Souls when dead, and to officiate for them at the General *Gild-Days*, or annual Feaſts, or on the Anniverſaries or *Obit-Days* of ſuch Bretheren, as ſetled ſufficient on the *Fraternity*, to keep them perpetually, at this Time, and even to the Diſſolution, it was ſometimes called, the *Gild* of St. *Mary* in *Baily-End*. In this State it continued 'till *Edward* I. Time, and then it became a *College*, for a Maſter and two Chaplains or Bretheren, who had a convenient Manſion-Houſe, and a Chapel by it, built and endowed by Sir *Gilbert de Pykenham*, Senior, who gave the Patronage, or Nomination of the Maſter and Fellows, to the Mayor and Commonalty of the *Burgh*, and alſo ordered, that the *Gild* ſhould be continued as formerly, and that the Maſter and Fellows for the Time being, ſhould continually ſerve, and Daily officiate for the Bretheren thereof, and that all Perſons, both Men and Women, might be admitted into the Society, upon their being elected by the Majority of the Bretheren, and entered into the *Gild* Book by the Maſter and Fellows, paying for ſuch their Admiſſion, one quarter of Barley, [q] or more, according to their Ability, beſides a Fee in Money; by means of which, this *College* greatly increaſed in Revenues, the cheif Perſons in the Corporation, being generally Members of it, beſides other Perſons of Diſtinction in the Neighbouring Towns. [r] In the Year 1337, being the 11*th* of *Edward* III. I find by the Account-Roll of the Houſe, that it was endowed with Lands and Tenements, to the Value of 26 *l.* 6 *s. per Ann. viz.* in Rents iſſuing from divers Tenements in *Thetford*, 13 *s.* 6 *d. per Ann.* part of which, *viz.* 4 *d.* from the Tenement of *John Le-Gooſe*, and 1 *d.* from the Tenement of *Margaret de Stanford*, and 20 *d.* from *Peter Le-Meyſters*, were given and ſetled particularly on the Maſter, to receive Yearly, and expend in keeping the *Anniverſary* of the Founder, with a Wax Taper, and a Lamp burning in the Chapel that whole Day: They had a Tenement in the *Greſs-Market*, and about 9 Shops in *Baily-End*, and three in *Nethergate-Street*, beſides their *College* and new Dove-Houſe, and *Gild-Hall*, which was built this Year. At this Time, the Admiſſion Fee was 3 *s.* 4 *d.* beſides the Barley. The Yearly Quit-Rent paid for their Shops to the Earl *Warren*, then Lord of the Town, was 1 *s.* 9 *d.* and the *Maſter*'s Salary 3 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and 13 *s. per An.* which the Maſter paid to a poor Woman annually, by way of Alms. Among the Bretheren admitted this Year I find theſe Perſons, who were Clergy in the Town, *viz. Will. Hardyng* Chaplain, *Thomas Buchard* Chaplain, *Richard de Snyterton*, Brother *John de Fordham*, and Sir *Reginald Purry* Chaplain, and *Edmund Caſton*, was expelled the Society at the ſame Time, which then conſiſted of about 36 Members.

[s] This Houſe at the Archdeacon's Survey, in *Edward* III. Time, was found to be in the Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, and Deanry of *Thetford*, but was not taxed for any of it's Revenues, it being founded ſince the Taxation was made. And this was the Condition of the Houſe at this Time, which did not continue long thus meanly endowed, for in 1370, the Mayor and Commonalty, obtained Licence from King *Richard* II. to purchaſe diverſe Lands in *Aſhwyken*, and ſetle them in *Mortmain*, ſo that they did not exceed 10 *l. per Ann.* And in 1392, they were ſetled on the *College*, on Condition the Maſter founded a Chantry, [t] in the Chapel of St. *Bartholomew*, in the *Gild-Hall*, which he did, and ſerved it by the Fellows of the *College*, who officiated for the Welfare of the Corporation, and the Souls of the departed, which had been Members of that Body.

In 1416, the Maſter accounted for the Revenues of the College, as he was Annually obliged to do, and it appears they amounted now to about 40 *l.* a Year; they had a Houſe in *Bridge-ſtreet*, lett at 10 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year, and 4 *l.* a Year in *Aſhwyken*, &c. There were 9 new Members admitted, among which *Margaret Camplyon*, a Nun, and *Tho. Hogg*, Chaplain, were the Chief, beſides one *John Crane* who lived at *Ipſwich*, which ſhews it muſt be a noted Society, or elſe Perſons ſo far off would ſcarce have ſought for Admiſſion; but what confirms it more to be ſo, was the Annual Number of Perſons, who left Legacies at their Deaths to this Houſe, to have their Names enter'd in the *Bead-Roll*, in order to be partakers of their Prayers, as well as the Bretheren: For this Year there were ſeveral entered in the Roll, upon their Executors paying their Legacies, according to their Wills, and beſides this, there were many Legacies given by other Perſons every Year, which often much added to the ſetled Revenues, [u] among others, *John Auſtyn*, Rector of *Wangford*, was bury'd this Year in the Chapel, and gave x Marks to adorn it, with a *Portifory*, two Board-Cloths, and two Towels to ſerve at the Little (or low) Altar, and alſo a *Coverlyth*, to ſerve in the Chapel, which was to be laid every Year, on the Day of his *Anniverſary*, over his Grave, and alſo he order'd *John Gylot*, Rector of *Weſt-Wrotham*, his Executor, to pay the Maſter of the Chapel a Legacy of 13*s.* 4*d.* The Maſter's Stipend now, was 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the two Fellows 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and the Expences at their *Annual Feaſt*, or *Great Gild*, amounted to 56*s.*

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[q] I find ſome paid 7 Quarters, and ſome more, beſides the Fee in Money, which was alſo in Proportion to the Condition of the Perſon admitted.

[r] E. Compot: Bonor: Capelle beate Marie in Balliva Theford. Rot: penes T. M.

[s] Regr. Archid. Norw.

[t] It is called the Chantry of St. Bartholomew, by, and ſometimes, in, the Gild-Hall, and was an Oratory or Chapel where the Burgeſſes, when they came to do Buſineſs, performed their Devotions.

In 1420, *John Banham*, Rector of *Little-Livermere* was bury'd in the Chapel, and gave two new *Antiphonars*, and one *Gradual*; and this Year alſo, *John Gylot*, of *Thetford*, Chaplain (a Member of this College I ſuppoſe) late Rector of *Weſt-Wrotham*, was bury'd in the Chapel, and gave to the Altar 3*s.* 4*d.* to repair it 6*s.* 8*d.* to every Chaplain ſerving in it 12*d.* and ſmall Legacies to the Religious Houſes in the Town.

In 1422, [x] *John Olyver* of *Weſt-Toftys* was bury'd in the Yard of this Chapel, and gave a Legacy to this *Gild*, and another to the *Gild* of *Corpus Chriſti*, in *Thetford*.

In 1473, *Peter Benne*, Chaplain, was burry'd in the Chapel, and gave a Legacy to the Painting the Tabernacle of the *Virgin Mary* in it, and another to St. *Mary*'s-*Gild* that belonged to it.

In 1499, *John Fyſhere*, Burgeſs, who is bury'd in St. *Nicholas*'s Church-Yard, gave them a Legacy. It appears that *John Chaa* was a Benefactor, of whoſe Gift they had 9 Acres in *Croxton*, 2 Acres by St. *John*'s-*Hoſpital*, and other Barley-Rents: they paid Annual ſmall Rents for their Shops, Houſes, and Lands, to the Priors of *Bromhill*, of the *Canons*, and of the *Monks* in *Thetford*. In 1446, the Mayor and Commonalty obtained another Licence to ſetle 10*l.* *per Ann.* more, in *Mortmain*, and after this, [y] the Rents became ſo conſiderable, that there were two *Chamberlains* Annually choſen by the Fraternity, who received the Rents and paſſed their Accounts, before the Mayor for the Time being, and by an Account paſſed in 1541, it appears that the *Auſten Friers* held a Tenement of them, by the Rent of 12*d.* a Year, and that the Yearly Profits were much enlarged; they had then a Cloſe and certain Lands in *Hocham*, and one Acre in the Field there, held of that Manor, by the Rent of 4*d.* *per Ann.* and alſo divers Lands and Revenues in *Giſlam*, *Ruſhmere*, and the adjoining Towns in the County of *Suffolk*, which added to the other Revenues, made up the Annual Income of [z] 109*l.* 7*s.* which was the Value of it, at it's Diſſolution in 1547, when it was reſigned into King *Edward*'s Hands, by *John Gunnel* the laſt Maſter, who had a Pention of 5*l.* *per Ann.* aſſigned him for Life, which was paid in 1555, and not afterwards that I can find, which induces me to think, he died in 1556. At it's Diſſolution the Chapel and College were entirely demoliſhed, and the Revenues which came to the King, were divided the next Year in the following Manner: The Scite of the *College*, and Chapel, called *Chapel-Yard*, and 80 Acres of Arable Land and Paſture thereto belonging, with all Meſſuages, *&c.* lying in *Thetford* and *Croxton*, and all Rights thereto belonging, were given to the Duke of *Norfolk*, and by him forfeited to the Crown, and ſoon after granted to Sir [a] *Richard Fulmerſton*, and his Heirs, who laid the Land [b] to *Maiſon Dieu* Fold-Courſe, and ſold the Scite, Houſes, and Curtilages, to *Nicholas Hoode*, but how it went after I can't ſay, 'till the 7 *James* I. 1608, and then the King at the Humble Requeſt of Sir *William Rider*, Knt. granted to *Maurice Francis*, Eſq; and *Francis Philips*, Gent. the Scite of the Chapel, with divers Tenements and Curtilages belonging to it, all which were to be held of the Crown by him and his Heirs, in free *Soccage*, as of the King's Manor of *Eaſt-Greenwich*, by Fealty only; and from this Time it hath been a private Property, and as ſuch continues, it belonging at this Time, to the Son and Heir of *Robert Pierſon*, lately deceas'd. It ſtands near the River, directly behind the common *Goal* for the *Burgh*, there being no Ruins of any Account.

The other Revenues in *Aſhwyken*, *Giſlam*, *Ruſhmere*, *&c.* continued in the Crown, 'till the 29 *Eliz.* and were then granted by that Queen to *Edward Wymark*, Gent. and his Heirs, to be held by the Rent of 3*s.* 4*d.* *per Ann.*

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[u] Regr. Hyrning.

[x] Regr. Hubbert, fol. 99.

(y) In 1511, Rob. Love, Burgeſs, gave 5 Marks to the Repairs of this Chapel, and Will. Berdewelle was a Benefactor.

(z) Weever fol. 828. Speed, &c.

(a) E. Lit: Pat: dat: 3. E. 6. 17. May.

(b) The Lands and every thing but the Scite, Houſes, and Curtilages in the Town, were conveyed by Sir Edward Clere, to the Norfolk Family, which now enjoy them.

CHAP.

## CHAP. XVIII. *Of the* FRIERYS.

There were two Houſes of *Friers* in this *Burgh*, called in antient Evidences, *The Friers of the Old, and New Houſe*.

### 1. *The* Friers *of the* Old Houſe,

*Friers Preachers*, *Dominicans*, or *Black Friers*, (for they were known by all theſe Names) had their Monaſtery on *Suffolk* Side, in the *Canons-Cloſe* as it is now called; it was firſt the Pariſh Church [*c*] of St. *Mary the Great*, but by Biſhop *Arfaſt* was made the Cathedral of his See, and when that was tranſlated to *Norwich*, *Roger Bygod* who had purchaſed the Church of St. *Mary*, or the Cathedral, with the Land and all that belonged to it, by way of Exchange, of *Richard*, Son of Biſhop *Arfaſt*, who had the Inheritance of it, by the Advice and Conſent of King *Henry* I. and at the Requeſt of Biſhop *Herbert*, [*d*] placed *Cluniac* Monks in it, and erected a Timber Building for their Reception, but ſoon after, he began a Cloiſter of Stone, the Area of which, is now viſible, between the Church and the River, the Walls of the Refectory, which was on the North Side of the Court, not far from it, are now in a great Meaſure ſtanding; this Cloiſter was near three Years building, and was then left unfiniſhed, becauſe the Prior and Monks, had perſuaded their Founder, to build them a Monaſtery out of the City: this being ſo much in the Heart of the City, and ſo pent up with the *Burgeſſes* Houſes, that they could have no Quiet, and the Place being ſo ſtrait and ſmall, they could have no opening to the Street, nor Room to perfect any Monaſtery, that would be convenient for them, upon which, their Founder began to build them a Church and Monaſtery (which is now called the *Abby*) on the *Norfolk* Side, in a pleaſant Place juſt without the City, which being finiſhed, the Monks left this Houſe, according to ſome in 1107, and others in 1114, tranſlating all their Revenues, and carrying all their Moveables of Value, both out of the Church and Monaſtery, to their new Houſe, leaving the Church, and their unfiniſhed Cloiſter, to the Cuſtody of two or three of the Monks, who kept it as a ſort of a Cell to their new Monaſtery, for ſome Time, but afterwards forſook it, and then it was exchanged for Lands that laid convenient for the Monks, and ſo became joined to the *Dominion* or *Lordſhip*, and continued in this deſolate Condition, 'till *Edward* III. Time, when [*e*] Sir *Edmund Gonvile*, Parſon of *Terrington* in *Norfolk*, who had been Steward to *John* Earl *Warren*, and was then Steward to *Henry* Earl of *Lancaſter*, perſuaded the Earl not to ſuffer that ancient Church, which had been the Mother Church of the Dioceſs, to continue in ſuch a ruinous and deſolate Condition, upon which, the Earl by his Advice and Management, repaired the Church and old Convent, or Cloiſter, that the Monks had formerly dwelt in, and introduced [*f*] *Friers Preachers*, of the Order of St. *Dominick*, and ſetled them here; and it is plain, that this was done [*g*] after the Year 1327, for then the Earl was reſtored, and before 1345, for then he died: It ſeems *Gonvile* deſigned this, while he was under the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl conſented to it, which is the Reaſon, that ſometimes he is called the Founder, ſometimes the Earl of *Lancaſter*, but moſtly *Gonvile* himſelf, whom indeed they looked upon as the Principal, becauſe it was done at his Motion, tho' in their *Oriſons* and *Maſſes*, they were all three eſteemed as Founders. And from this Time, it became a *Priory* of *Friers Preachers*, and the Priors were always nominated by the Lords of the *Dominion* of *Thetford*, to which the Earl annexed the Patronage, and confirmed by the *Superior* of their Order, [*h*] Mr. *Weever* tells us, that it was dedicated to St. *Sepulchre*, but he confounds it with the Priory, of *Canons* of that Order, whoſe Scite joined to the Weſt Side of the Scite of this Houſe, for the Dedication was not alter'd, but continued as he himſelf rightly obſerves in the preceeding Page, to the *Holy-Trinity* and St. *Mary*. In 1347, the Scite of [*i*] *Domus Dei* or *God's Houſe*, which ſtood between their Cloiſter and the High-Street, and all that then belonged to it, was given them by *Henry* Duke of *Lancaſter*, the Patron, and then they cleared the Scite of it, except the *Hoſpital-Houſe* only, and made an opening from the Street to their Monaſtery, placing a Brother or two in the Hoſpital, who Daily begged what he could of the Paſſengers, for the Profit of the Houſe; and from this Time, the Monaſtery it's ſelf, was as often called the *Priory* of *Maiſon Dieu*, *Domus Dei*, or *God's Houſe*, as it was the *Preachers*, *Dominicans*, or *Black Friers*. Not long after this, Part of the old Revenues of *Domus Dei*, which had been formerly [*k*] ſetled on the *Canons*, were aſſigned towards ths Maintenance of theſe *Friers*, but ſo that they received it at the Hands of the Prior of that

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(c) See Chap. xv. (*d*) See fol. 405. (*e*) See Hiſt. Norf. fol. 192. (f) This Order of Begging Friers, was confirmed in 1220, they went in a White Coat, with a Black Cope and

Coule. Becon, fol. 317. b. (g) See fol. 408. (*h*) Fol. 828. (*i*) See fol. 424. (k) Ibid.

Houſe: in 1359, the Advowſon was ſetled by Fine, to paſs with the *Dominion* of *Thetford.* In 1370, they had purchaſed all the Houſes between their Convent and the Street, and had Licence from the King to enlarge their Houſe, and pull down thoſe they had purchaſed, and now their Monaſtery became ſpacious and open, there being nothing but a Court between the Street and Cloiſter, for the old Hoſpital-Houſe of *Domus Dei*, which ſtood at the very Corner, by the River, did not hinder their View, and could the Monks have done this, 'tis to be preſumed they would never have removed hence. They had diverſe ſmall Tithes in *Suffolk* and elſe where, which they hired of the Abbot of *Albemarle* and others.

In 1381, being the 5*th* of *Richard* II. there was an Act which ſets forth, "**That there "were divers evil Perſons within the Realm, going from Countie to Countie, and "from Towne to Towne** in certain Habits, **under Diſſimulacion of great Holines, "and without the Licence of the Ordinaries of the Places, or other ſufficient Authoritie, preaching dailie, not onlie in Churches and Church-Yards, but alſo in Markets, "Feirs, and other open Places, where a great Congregation of People is, divers Sermons conteining Hereſies, &c. and Matters of Sclaunder, to engender Diſcorde and "Diſſention betwixt divers Eſtates of the Realme, as well Spirituall, as Temporall, "&c.** [wherefore] **It was ordeyned and aſſented to in Parliament, that the King's "Commiſſions ſhould be made, and directed to the Shiriffes, &c. to arreſt all ſuch** "Preachers, **and alſo their Faitours, Mainteinours, and Abettors, and to holde them "in Arreſt and ſtrong Priſon, 'till they would iuſtifie them, according to the Lawe "and Reaſon of Holie Church**". Upon this, the *Friers* of this Order, whoſe Habit theſe *Preachers* had taken upon them, kept themſelves cloſe in their Monaſteries, and did not go ſo much about as uſual, and in a few Years after, they thought it neceſſary, to get the Privileges of their Order confirmed by the King, to ſhew they were not the Perſons, the King might think them to be, but that they deſired to live, and have their Order protected by him; and among others, in the Year 1386, being the 10*th* of the King's Reign, the *Prior* and Convent here, obtained a Confirmation of the Privileges of their Order, and in particular, that no other Order of *Begging Friers*, ſhould inhabit within a certain Diſtance of their Monaſtery, and this the King undertook to defend them in, againſt all Men. The Reaſon of their procuring this Grant was, becauſe *John* of *Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaſter*, their Patron, was a great Favourer of the *Auſtin Friers*, and they feared leaſt they ſhould be expulſed from their Monaſtery, to make Room for them, or elſe that he would found them a Monaſtery in this Part of the Town, which would have been prejudicial to them, by taking off good Part of the Alms of the Paſſengers, as well as by being in more Repute, their Order having not fully recover'd the Favour they had loſt, ſince the aforeſaid Act; but however, tho' 'tis certain the King did not like them, he thought it beſt not to diſturb the Order, but confirm the Privileges, to ſuch as applied for his Confirmation: And upon this, the Duke who was reſolved to introduce the *Auſtin Friers* here, placed them at the further End of the Town, as far off the *Preachers* as he poſſibly could, and ſo far, as not to be within the Space limited by the King's Privilege. In 1471, the Prior and Convent of *Friers Preachers* had Liberty of *Free-Warren* allowed them in all their Lands in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, [*l*] *Weever* tells us, it was valued at the Diſſolution at 39*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* and makes the *Friers Preachers* and *Black Friers*, two diſtinct Houſes, when they were in Reality the ſame. The Biſhop having nothing to do, in confirming the Priors, I meet with few of their Names: [*m*] I have ſeen a Wrighting under the common Seal of this Houſe, by which Brother *Peter Oldman*, D.D. Prior of the Convent of the *Friers Preachers* at *Thetford*, admitted *Thomas Hurton*, and *Margery* his Wife, to be ſecular Brethren of the Convent, and to partake of their Prayers and Devotions while alive, and of their Maſſes when dead, in as ample a Manner, as the reſt of the *Friers* of the Houſe, and that they might, by the Grant of Pope *Inocent* VIII. granted to this Order, chooſe their own Confeſſor, when and where they pleaſed, and it is plain, that they had choſen him, by the Abſolution indorſed on the Inſtrument, which is dated at *Thetford*, 1 *Jan.* 1475. It was ſurrender'd to King *Henry* VIII. the Prior and five Bretheren ſigning the Surrender, tho' I ſuppoſe there were a greater Number in the Monaſtery, that would not Conſent to it. [*n*] *Willis* tells us the Church of the *Dominicans* at *Thetford*, was 36 Paces long; it was granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, by the Name of, *The Scite of the Friers Preachers*, formerly called, *The Hoſpital Houſe of God in Thetford*, who was to hold it in *Capite* of the Queen, by the Service of the 20*th* Part of a Fee, and 5 *d. ob: per Ann.* Rent. He left it to his Heireſs, and it deſcended to Sir *Edward Clere*, who ſold it with the *Canons* Farm, to which it now belongs.

(*l*) Fo. 827.

(*m*) Autog: in Ciſta Feofator: Parochiæ Sci: Jacobi de Icklingham in Suff.

(*n*) Willis's Collections, Vol. 2 p. 330 addenda.

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[*o*] *Weever* tells us theſe Perſons of Diſtinction, were buried here, *viz.* † *Arfaſt* Biſhop of *Thetford*, Sir *John Bret*, Knt. Dame *Agnes Hovell*, Dame *Maud Talbot*, Wife to *Peter*, Lord of *Rickinghall*, and Dame *Anaſtaſia*, Wife of Sir *Richard Walſingham*; beſides theſe, I find the following Perſons (who were all Benefactors) interred in this Church. [*p*] Sir *Thomas Hertford*, Knt. in 1370. 1419, 24 *Feb. Tho. Walter* of *Thetford*, he gave 13*s.* 4*d.* to the *Friers*, to St. *Cuthbert*'s High-Altar 6*s.* 8*d.* to the *Canons* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 20*d.* to every ſeparate *Canon*, [*q*] to *Corpus Chriſti Gild* 6*s.* 8*d.* to St. *Mary*'s *Gild* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the *Nuns* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the *Auſtin Friers* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Prior of the Monks 6*s.* 8*d.* to *Will. Bernham* a Monk 20*d.* to *Jeffery* the Monk 20*d.* to every other Monk 12*d.* to every Prieſt that will come to his Burial 4*d.* and 20*s.* to be divided among the Poor on his Burial-Day, for his Soul's good, and 10*s.* every Year on his *Anniverſary*, as long as his Goods would laſt; to the *Hermit* at *Newbrigge* (in *Ickburgh*) 12*d.* and 8 Marks for *John Roos*, and *John Northwold* Chaplains, to ſing for his Soul. In 1477, *Elizabeth*, Wife of *Roger Oldman* (Mother I ſuppoſe to the then Prior) was buried in the Church, and gave a Legacy to the Light of the *Virgin Mary*, which burn'd before her Image in it. *John Auſtyn*, Rector of *Wangford*, in 1416, gave 40*s.* to build a [*r*] *Perke* in this Church: [*ſ*] In 1494, *John*, Lord *Scroop* of *Bolton*, died at *Eaſt-Herling* and was buried here, as was *William Skepper*, in 1499.

Benefactors to this Houſe were, Sir *William Berdewelle* the Elder, about 1455. *John Elingham* of *Ferſfield* in 1478. *John Fyſchere*, Burgeſs, in 1499. *Robert Wyſet* of *Barton* by *Mildenhall*, who in 1504, gave a Legacy to the Bretheren of St. *Dominick*'s Order in *Thetford*, to celebrate *Placebo*, *Dirige*, and *Maſs* of *Requiem*, and 10 Maſſes in their Church, for 10 Days next following his Deceaſe. *William Onge* of *Hepworth*, in 1516, [*t*] and *Will. Keye* of *Garboldeſham* in 1531, who ſetled Lands to find a Brother of this Houſe, to preach every *Eaſter-Tueſday*, in St. *John*'s Church at *Garboldeſham*.

In 1504, 12 *March*, the Biſhop licenced Brother *Tho. Croſs*, to be a *Penitenciary* throughout his whole Dioceſs, and to preach where ever he would, with an *Indulgence* of 40 Days Pardon, to all that would aſſiſt him; and this he did out of Love and Reſpect to [*u*] Maſter *Driver*.

## 2. *Of the* Auguſtine, *or* Auſtin FRIERS.

The *Auſtin-Friers*, *Friers-Eremites*, or *Hermits*, the *Mendicants*, or *Begging-Friers* of the *New Houſe*, (for by all theſe Names I find them called) were introduced here, about the 11*th* of *Richard* II. (1387.) by *John* of *Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaſter*, who much favoured the Order: He built them a Church and Convent, or Cloiſter on it's South Side, on part of the old Intrenchments of the *Caſtle-Hill*, which was Demean of his *Lordſhip*, to which he annexed the Patronage of the Houſe, I don't find he gave any other Lands beſides the Scite, and the Chapel, or [*x*] Church of St. *John*, which they turn'd into a Houſe for *Lepers*, govern'd by one of their Bretheren; and by this means, they got a Place to beg in, at the Entrance of the Town this Way, and in ſome Meaſure defeated the [*y*] Privilege of the *Friers Preachers*, that no other Order of *Begging-Friers*, ſhould inhabit within a certain Diſtance of their Monaſtery, upon which Account the Duke was forced to place the Monaſtery as far off the *Preachers* as he poſſibly could. [*z*] Mr. *Weever* tells us, it was founded by *John* of *Gaunt*, and *Blanch* his Wife, tho' he ſays, that ſome ſaid, by *Henry* Earl of *Lancaſter*, Father of the ſaid *Blanch*, for which there is no Ground at all. In 1389, *Tho. de Morle*, Knt. and others, alien'd to the Brothers *Heremits* of St. *Auſtin*, in *Thetford*, one Meſſuage, and four Acres of Land, with Tenements in *Hengham*, *Aldebye*, *Hockering*, *Swanton*, *Folſham*, and *Buxton*. [*a*] The Tenement in *Thetford*, paid 12*d. per Ann.* to St. *Mary*'s *Gild* or *College*, and was annexed to the Houſe [*b*] by Licence of *Richard* II. [*c*] In 1407, they had Poſſeſſion of another Houſe which ſtood between the Street and Scite of the Monaſtery, for immediately after, they obtained Licence of the King, to pull it down and enlarge the Scite of the Church and Monaſtery, and then built a *Hermitage* at the Weſt End of the Church, which faced the Street, where they continually received Alms.

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[*o*] Fol. 827, 828. † See fol. 404.

[*p*] Regr. Heydon, fol. 16. a.

[*q*] This ſeems to be kept in St. Mary's College, and to be ſuſtain'd by the Corporation.

[*r*] This is either a Rood-Loft, or a Pedeſtal for ſome Image to ſtand on. He was buried in the College.

[*ſ*] See fol. 192. 217.

[*t*] See fol. 182, 183.

[*u*] I imagine he was Prior here.

[*x*] See fol. 419.

[*y*] See fol. 428.

[z] Fol. 828.

[*a*] Fol. 426.

[b] Pat. 13. R. 2. part. 1. m. 16.

[c] Pat. 9. Hen. 4. part. 2. m. 24.

In 1412, they had Licence to hold in Mortmain, a Meſſuage, *(d)* Chapel, and *Hermitage,* (*e*) in *Thetford* and *Bernham,* with a *Fair* thereto belonging. *(f)* In 1469, by an Indulgence dated at *Thetford,* Brother *John Potch,* Prior of this Houſe, and *Provincial* of the Order of the *Friers Hermites,* of St. *Auguſtine* in *England,* admitted *Thomas Hurton* and *Margery* his Wife, to be full Parrakers of all the *Maſſes* and other Devotions performed by the *Order* in *England,* in as ample a Manner as the Bretheren of the *Order* partake thereof, further adding of his ſpecial Favour, that as ſoon as their Deaths ſhould be declared in their Provincial *Chapter,* that the ſame *Offices* ſhould be performed for them, as for their deceaſed *Bretheren.* The Seal of his Office is ſaid to hang to it, but it is now loſt; the Inſtrument is neatly written, illuminated, and ſigned at Bottom, Prior Potche.

[*g*] Mr. *Weever* tells us, this Houſe was valued at the Diſſolution, at 312 *l.* 15 *s.* 4 *d.* which is a grand Miſtake, and whence he could imagine ſo, I cannot gueſs; I am certain it never had many Revenues more than are already mentioned, and can't think it was ever endowed to the Value of 20 *l.* a Year, the Monaſtery was a very ſmall one, and had never above 6 Bretheren, the Church was not larger than an ordinary Pariſh Church, as may be ſeen by the Foundations, which are ſtill viſible in the Cloſe, called the *Friers Cloſe*: it conſiſted of a Nave only, two Tranſepts, and a Choir, and there don't appear, to have been many Perſons buried in it, for in digging croſs, we diſcovered not above two or three Graves; and indeed at the Diſſolution, it had no more Revenues, that I can ſee, than thoſe already mentioned, otherwiſe than *Pitt-Mill,* which they held by Leaſe of the Abbot or Prior of the Monks here. It's Surrender lies in the *Augmentation-Office,* and has no Seal, and tho' it is ſaid in the common Form, to be ſealed, with the Common Seal, I beleive this Houſe never had one, which I conjecture, not only becauſe I never ſaw it, but becauſe the *Priors* uſed to ſubſcribe their own Hands, to their Inſtruments, which was not uſual, where they had a Seal. The 27 *Sept.* 30 of *Henry* VIII. A°. 1538, *Nicholas Prat,* Prior of the Priory of the *Auſten Friers* in *Thetford,* and the Convent of the ſaid Place, ſurrendered their Monaſtery, Church and Hermitage, with St. *John*'s Chapel, *&c.* into the King's Hands; The Inſtrument was ſigned by the Prior, Brother *Thomas Parmyter,* and Brother *Roger Schyrwood.* It was afterwards granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton,* [*h*] who died ſeized of the Houſe and Scite of the late Priory, of the *Auſten Friers,* and the Land thereto adjoining and belonging, with one Acre ſurrounded with a Stone Wall, 10 Acres in *Barnham,* the Chapel called *St. Johns Chapel,* in *Thetford-Field,* a Peice of Land near the *Market-Sted,* and 2 *d. ob:* Yearly Rent in *Barnham,* all which belonged to the ſaid Houſe, and were held of the Queen in *Capite,* by the Service of a 20th Part of a Fee, and 1 *s.* 9 *d.* Yearly Rent.

The Benefactors were, [*i*] Dame [*k*] *Margery* Daughter of Sir *Tho. Jenney,* firſt Wife of Sir *John Herling,* and after that of Sir *John Tuddenham,* Knt. ſhe was buried in the Chancel of the *Auſten Friers* Church in *Thetford,* cloſe by the Tomb of her Daughter Dame *Elizabeth,* late Wife of Sir *Thomas Hengrave,* to whoſe Son *Edmund,* ſhe left a Legacy, and another to the Church. In 1499, *William Fyſchere* Burgeſs, gave them a Legacy: In 1504, *Robert Wyſet,* of *Berton* by *Mildenhall,* gave them 10*s.* to ſing, *Placebo, Dirige,* and *Maſs* of *Requiem,* and other *Maſſes* for him at his Death. In 1515, *Robert Wyxle* of *Hildercle,* was a Benefactor. (*l*) In 1526, there were Legacies given, for *Maſſes* to be ſaid at a Place called *Scala Cœli,* in the *Friers-Auſtens* in *Thetford.* In 1531, *William Keye* of *Garboldeſham,* and many others, gave them ſmall Sums to ſing for their Souls; and indeed, the Cheif of their Subſiſtance, muſt be from what they begged, and from ſuch Legacies as were given them. This *Monaſtery* was on the *Norfolk* Side, by the *Market-Street,* in the Incloſure called, the *Friers-Cloſe.*

## CHAP. XIX. *Of the* NUNNERY.

This Monaſtery was the oldeſt of any in the Town, for it was Originally founded by *Uvius* the firſt Abbot of *Bury,* in the Time of King *Cnute,* in Memory of the *Engliſh* and *Danes,* that were ſlain (*m*) not far off, in the great Battle between King *Edmund,* and the *Daniſh* Captains, *Ingwar,* and *Hubba*; 'twas placed (*n*) juſt by the Church of St. *George,* which *Cnute* had given to his *Abbey* at *Bury,* but upon the Land that Earl *Turkil* gave to

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[*d*] This was St. John's Chapel and Hermitage, which they got confirmed to them by Henry V. when he came to the Dominion, and then it had a Fair belonging to it, which is now diſuſed. [*e*] Pat. 1. H. 5. par: 1. m. 19. [f] Autog. penes Feoſat. Paroch: Sci: Jacobi de Icklingham in Suff. (*g*) fol. 828.

(*h*) Inquiſ. poſt. Mort, Rici. Fulmerſton, Mil. 9° Eliz.

(*i*) See fol. 224. (k) See fol. 215, ſhe is often called Margaret, but having lately ſeen her Will, find her Name was Margery. (*l*) Regr. Groundesburgh, fol. 236. [*m*] Between the Monaſtery and Euſton, near Tut-Hill, See fol. 195, 398.

(*n*) See fol. 421.

that Monaſtery; in this Houſe, (*o*) the Abbot placed a few *Canons* or *Monks*, who held it as a *Cell*, to the Abby, and officiated in the Church of St. *George*, which was then a Pariſh Church: and from this Time the *Canons* continued here, 'till at laſt they were reduced to two only, and their Revenues being almoſt diſſipated, they requeſted *Hugh*, Abbot of *Bury* their Patron, by the Interceſſion of *John* of *Oxford*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, *Jeffry Ridel*, Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, Keeper of the King's Seal, and *William de Camera* (or *Chambers*) then Sheriff of *Norfolk*, and *Suffolk*, that the *Nuns*, which then lived by the Chapel of *St. Edmund* at *Lyng* in *Norfolk*, might be removed hither, (*p*) and accordingly about 1176, the two *Canons* reſigned all their Poſſeſſions into the Hands of the aforeſaid *Abbot*, who immediately granted them to the *Nuns* of *Lyng*, who afterwards removed hither, into the Monaſtery, that Abbot *Hugh*, built for them, who by this means became their Founder, and gave them the Church of *St. George*, [*q*] which he alſo rebuilt, and from a Parochial, made it their Conventual Church; beſides this, he aſſigned them the Pariſh Churches of *St. Benedict*, and *All-Saints*, and got the Biſhop to appropriate them to the Monaſtery, with all other Lands, Immunities, and Privileges, that the Abbots of *Bury* ever had in the *Burgh* of *Thetford*, by means whereof, [*r*] this Monaſtery, with all it's Lands and Revenues, were totally exempt from all Juriſdiction of the *Burgh*, and enjoyed the Liberties and Privileges, of *St. Edmund* their Patron, even to it's Diſſolution. But leaſt we ſhould miſtake as to the Founder, I muſt obſerve that it was that *Hugh*, who was firſt Prior of *Weſtminſter*, and was elected Abbot of *Bury* in 1157, and confirmed by the Biſhop of *Wincheſter*: he governed the Abby 24 Years, (*s*) and died 17 Kal: *December*, in the Year 1180. The next Addition that I meet with, as to the Revenues, was made [*t*] by *Maud*, Counteſs of *Norfolk* and *Warren*, eldeſt Siſter and one of the Co-heirs of *Anſelme*, Mareſchal Earl of *Pembroke*, who firſt married *Hugh Bygod* Earl of *Norfolk*, and afterwards became ſecond Wife to *William* Earl *Warren*, after whoſe Death, in 1240, ſhe became a great Favourer of theſe *Nuns*, and among other Teſtimonies to ſhew her Love to the Monaſtery, ſhe granted an annual Rent of three Marks out of her Mill, by her Manor-Houſe in *Ceſtreford* (or *Cheſterford*) in *Eſſex*, towards finding the *Nuns* Cloathing for ever. Sir *Roger Bygod* Earl of *Norfolk*, Sir *Ralf Bigod*, Sir *William de Hengham*, Sir *Osbert de Caily*, and others being Witneſſes to it, ſhe died in 1247, ſo that the Deed muſt be made before that Time. [*u*] In 1286, Sir *Peter de Melding*, Knt. gave to God and the *Nuns* of St. *George* in *Thetford*, a Yearly Rent of 5 *s.* out of his Tenements in *Norwich*, for the Health of his Soul, and the Soul of *Joan* his Wife. In 1359, there was a change made between the *Prioreſs* and *Prior* of the Monks of *Thetford*, whereby, diverſe Lands in *Rougham* were ſetled on the *Nunnery*, and other Lands and a Mill, on the Prior. In 1375, the King granted Licence, that they might Appropriate the Church of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, at *Little-Livermere* in *Suffolk* to their Houſe, that Church being then a Rectory in their Patronage, but the Biſhop not conſenting, it was not done. In 1400, the Jury on a Writ of *ad quod Damnum*, returned anſwer, that it would be no Prejudice to the King, if *Nicholas Wichingham* ſetled on the Convent, one Meſſuage, 110 Acres of Land, two of Meadow, four of Paſture, a free Fold Courſe, and two free Fiſheries, in the Waters and Fields, in *Fernham* in *Suffolk*, upon which, it was ſetled by the King's Licence. In 1416, *John Auſtyn* Rector of *Wangford*, who was buried in the *College*, gave them a Legacy. [*x*] In 1438, there was a long Suit between the Lady *Alice Weſenham*, Prioreſs of this Houſe, and *Rob. Popy*, then Rector of *Lyng*, by which it appears, that when the *Nuns* firſt removed from *Lyng*, they were endowed with a Meſſuage in which they dwelt, cloſe by the Chapel of St. *Edmund* in *Lyng*, which ſolely belonged to them, together with 60 Acres of Land, and 3 Acres of Meadow, adjoyning to their Houſe, with Annual Rents, amounting to 5 *s.* 9 *d.* and two Hens, all which was held in *Capite* of the Crown, and was enjoyed by the *Nuns*, from the Time they left it, who received the Profits, and paid a Chaplain, (who is ſometimes called the *Prior* of St. *Edmund*'s *Chapel*) with Part of the Revenues, but for many Years paſt, the Prioreſs had lett all to the Rector of *Lyng*, who ſerved in the Chappel, and received an Annual Rent for the Premiſſes, upon which, this Rector claimed only to pay that Rent, refuſing to acknowledge any further Right belonging to the Prioreſs; but after a long Suit, and the Prioreſs's Recovery, he was glad to come to a Compoſition, and accordingly this Year, the King licenced the Prioreſs to convey the Chappel and all the Premiſſes, to the ſaid *Robert Popy*, Rector of *Lyng*, and his Succeſſors for ever, on Condition that he and his Succeſſors ſhall for ever pay a clear Annual Pention of 4 Marks a Year to the Prioreſs, and her Succeſſors for ever, which was conſtantly paid

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[*o*] Cartulary of Bury, fol. 20.

(*p*) John of Oxford, was conſecrated Dec. 14. 1175. Abbot Hugh died 1180.

(q) See fol. 420.

(*r*) See fol. 419.

(*s*) Dug. Bar. vol. 1. fol. 77.

(*t*) Dug. Mon. vol. 1. fol. 295.

[*u*] This Deed is enrolled in the Court of the City of Norw.

[x] Regt. Curteys, fol. 299.

to the Diſſolution. In 1499, *William Fyſhere*, Burgeſs, was a Benefactor, [y] with many others, whoſe Names I do not meet with; they had many Revenues in *Rowdham*, *Bury*, and other Towns, both in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, as appears by their Certificate returned to King *Henry* VI. when he taxed all the Religious, except the poor *Nuns*, and ſuch other Houſes as were in decay, for they certified, that the Revenues of their Monaſtery in *Hingham* and *Thetford* Deanries in *Norfolk*, and in *Thetford*, *Thingo*, and *Clare* Deanries in *Suffolk*, were much decayed by the late Mortality, and thoſe in *Cranwich* Deanry, by Inundations, and had continued ſo ever ſince the Year 1349, upon which they were excuſed from the Tax: *Dugdale* values this Monaſtery at 40*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* *Speed* at 50*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* which was the Value returned at it's Suppreſſion, but far under the clear Annual Income, for beſides their Monaſtery, divers Meſſuages, Barns, Stalls, Dove-Houſes, Orchards, Water-Stews, Ponds, Common of Paſture, Waters, Fiſhings, Liberty of Free-warren, *&c.* they had no leſs than 4 *Bovates*, or *Oxgangs*, and half a *Carucate*, or *Plough-Tilth* of Land, in *Thetford* only.

The Patronage always belonged to the Abbey of *Bury*, and at every Vacancy, the *Sub-Prioreſs* ſent to the *Abbot* for Licence to elect a new *Prioreſs*, and after they had elected one, they returned their Election to the *Abbot*, who thereupon directed his Letters of Confirmation to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, to admit the Perſon elected, and if the *Abbot* refuſed to grant either Licence or Confirmation, it lapſed to the Biſhop. So that tho' the Houſe was exempt from the Juriſdiction of the *Burgh*, it was not from that of the Biſhop, who would have the ſame Power over it, that he had over St. *George*'s Church, when 'twas Parochial, otherwiſe he would not have ſuffer'd them, to have made it *Conventual.*

## PRIORESSES *of the Monaſtery of the* Benedictine *or* Black Nuns, *of* St. GEORGE, *in* Thetford.

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| 1310, 7 Kal: *March*, | The Biſhop in the Pariſh Church of St. *Mary the Virgin*, in *Theford*, examined the Election, made in the Monaſtery of St. *George* at *Theford*, as it were by Inſpiration of the Holy Spirit, concerning the Perſon of the Lady ELLEN DE BERDEWELL, a Nun of that Monaſtery, who then was unanimouſly elected *Prioreſs*, which Election, tho' as to the Form, it was found defective, yet by the ſpecial Favour of the Biſhop, the Fitneſs and Morals of the Perſon being conſider'd, ſhe was confirmed *Prioreſs* there, and had all the Spirituals and Temporals belonging to the Houſe, committed to her Management, and Letters were directed to the Archdeacon of the Place, or his Official, commanding him to inſtall her into her Office. |
| 1329, 6 Id: *Jan.* | The Lady MARGARET BRETOUN, a Nun here, was inſtalled *Prioreſs*. |
| 1330, Id: *June*, | The Lady BEATRICE DE LYSTONE, a Nun of this Houſe, was inſtalled *Prioreſs*, at the Death of *Margaret Bretoun*. |
| 1339, 13 *April*, | The Lady DAMETTA DE BAKETHORP, Nun here, was inſtalled *Prioreſs*, at *Beatrice de Lyſton*'s Death. In 1343, *Anne*, Daughter of Sir *John Furneaux*, Knt. Lord of *Middle-Herling*, became a profeſs'd Nun here. In 1390, Lady *Dametta de Bakethorp*, or *Bagthorp*, was grown ſo very old and decrepit, that ſhe reſigned her Office, into the Hands of ELIZABETH JENNY, then third *Prioreſs* of the Houſe, and *Preſident*, who called the Nuns together, declared the Reſignation, and ſent for a Licence for a new Election. |
| 1390, 24 *Octob.* | The Lady MARGARET CAMPLEON, Sub-Prioreſs, was inſtalled *Prioreſs*; ſhe reſigned in 1418. |
| 1418, 1 *Auguſt*, | The Lady MARGARET CHYKERING, Senior, was preſented to the Biſhop, in the Church of St. *Etheldred* at *Theford*, and was admitted Prioreſs, being choſe into that Office, by Lady *Elen Hardyngham*, Sub-Prioreſs, Lady *Margaret Campleon*, late Prioreſs, Lady *Julian Bluton*, third Prioreſs, Lady *Alice Howard*, Lady *Agnes Rokelond*, |

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[y] In 1511, Robert Love, Burgeſs, gave to the Friers Auſtens, Friers Preachers, and the Nuns 20s. each.

Nuns, Lady *Margaret Chykering* Junior, Refectoreſs, Lady *Alice Weſenham* Infirmareſs, Lady *Cicily Wychingham*, and Lady *Lucy Ixworth*, Nuns, being the whole Number belonging to the Houſe. Upon which ſhe had Letters for Inſtallation.

1420, 27 *Novem.* Lady Alice Wesenham was inſtalled Prioreſs, at *Margaret Chickering*'s Death.

1466, Lady Margaret Copyng, (or *Margery Copinger*) Nun here, was inſtalled Prioreſs, on *Weſenham*'s Reſignation.

1477, 10 *Decem.* Lady Joan Eyton, Nun here, was elected by all the Nuns, and inſtalled Prioreſs, at the Reſignation of *Margaret Copyng*.

1498, 15 *Septem.* Lady Eliz. Mownteneye, Nun here, was inſtalled Prioreſs, at the Death of *Joan Eyton*. [z] She died 20 *April* 1518, and was buried in the Church of *Banham*, by her Anceſtors.

1518, Lady Eliz. Gournay was inſtalled Prioreſs.

1519, 8 *June*, The Biſhop collated the Lady Sarah Frost, a Nun of this Houſe, who was inſtalled Prioreſs, at the Death of *Eliz. Gournay*. At her Admiſſion ſhe was ſworn to alien nothing, and not to make any new Feoffments to the Damage of the Monaſtery, which was now in a declining State, by ſuch former Alienations. It was forced to be a Collation, becauſe there were not a ſufficient Number of *Nuns* to have an Election.

1534, Dame Eliz. Hothe, *alias* Heath, was inſtalled, and was the laſt Prioreſs, being a Perſon of Sincerity and Reſolution, for they could never bring her to reſign her Houſe, from which ſhe had ſworn to alien nothing; [*a*] and indeed 'tis particular, that none of the *Nuns* are accuſed of any thing, but *Margaret Legget*.

*Joan Thompſon* was Sub-Prioreſs, when it was ſeized into the King's Hands in 1536. And a Pention of 5 *l. per Ann.* ſetled on the Prioreſs. In 1553, it was thus returned, [*b*] "*Eliz. Hooth*, "of the Age of an Hundreth Years, and now dwelling in the Pa-"riſh of St. *James* in *Norwich*, Prioreſs of the late Priory of *Thet-*"*ford*, liveth continentlie, and hath a Pention of 5 *l.* paid her "Yearly, at *Norwich* and *Bury*, at two Terms in the Year by even "Portions, and hath nothing to live upon but the ſame Pention, "and is reputed a good and Catholick Woman."

"And *Robert Howſe* of *Thetford* Prieſt, lately a Religious Man of "*Bury*, hath a Pention of 8 *l.* by Letters Patents, 31 *Henry* VIII. "he was married, and is now divorced."

(*c*) Moſt Authors that have treated of this Monaſtery, have been miſtaken as to it's Dedication, and ſo call it St. *Gregory* inſtead of St. *George*, and alſo in making it granted to the D. of *Norfolk*, which it never was, *The Scite of the Monaſtery of Thetford*, not meaning this, as they imagine, but the *Abbey*. For in 1537, the King leaſed the Scite of the *Nuns* in *Thetford*, to [*d*] *Richard Fulmerſton* of *Ipſwich*, Gent. for 21 Years, at the Yearly Rent of 2 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d. per Ann.* and in 1540, he had an abſolute Grant of it, and all the Lands belonging to it, with a Fold-Courſe for 300 Sheep in *Bodeſling*, and a Field of Arable Land called *Campfield* in *Thetford*, with other Revenues in *Fouldon*, &c. all which were held of the King by Knights Service. Sir *Richard* left it to *Frances* his Daughter and Heir, who married Sir *Edw.* [*e*] *Clere*, of *Bickling* in *Norfolk*, Knt. and at his Death, it deſcended to Sir *Edw. Clere* his eldeſt Son and Heir, who held it by the 20th Part of a Knight's Fee, [*f*] he was Knighted at *Norwich*, *Aug.* 22 1578, when Queen *Elizabeth* went her Progreſs into thoſe Parts, and next Year was Sheriff of *Norfolk*, and was afterwards a great Traveller, being in ſuch eſteem in the *French* Court, that he was made a Knight of the *French* Order of St. *Michael*, [*g*] but affecting much Grandeur, he by degrees conſumed his Inheritance, and was forced to ſell his chief Seat at *Blicking*, to Sir *Henry Hobart*, Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common Pleas, in the Reign of King *James* I. his eldeſt Son *Hen. Clere* of *Ormesby* Eſq; to whom he aſſigned that ancient Family Seat, was created a Baronet, 27 *Feb.* 1620, 18 *James* I. but dying without Iſſue the Title ceaſed in this Family. [*h*] As for the Monaſtery, Sir *Edward* firſt mortgaged it to Mr. *Godſalve* of *Bokenham-Ferry* in *Norfolk*, with whom it was afterwards exchanged for that Manor. Mr. *Godſalve* put it over among other Lands, to Mr. *John Smith* and *Owen Shepherd*, they had a long and chargeable Suit about Mr. *Godſalve*'s Eſtate, and ſold the Monaſtery to Sir *William Campion*, and 'tis enjoyed by his Deſcendent, *Henry Campion*, Eſq; the preſent Owner.

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[z] See fol. 242.

[*a*] Prioratus Monalium de Thetford. Margareta Legget fatetur Incontinentiam, petunt omnes exonerari, excepta Prioriſſa.

[b] MSS. Regr. Norwic. Weever fol. 828. Tanner Not. Mon: &c.

[*d*] He was afterwards Knighted, and came and lived here. Autog. in Curia Augment: in Scaccario.

[*e*] Not Clark, as Stephen's hath it, and the Atlas, from him.

[f] Stephen's Additions to the Monaſticon, Vol. 2. fol. 523. Atlas p. 415.

[g] Baronettage, Vol. 2. p. 273.

At the Diſſolution, this Monaſtery did not ſuffer ſo much as the Generality of them did, the Church, was a large one, and when Sir *Rich. Fulmerſton* came to dwell here, it was turned into Lodgings, and other convenient Rooms, Sir *Edw. Clere* new regulated the Weſtern Front of the Houſe, and opened a Paſſage into the Road, after which, it aſſumed the preſent Name of the *Place*, but the whole Monaſtery remained 'till the Year 1737, without much Alteration, their common Hall, Vaults, Buteries, &c. being the ſame, as when the *Nuns* left them, except their Pavement, which was new laid with Grave-ſtones, when the Church was demoliſhed, their private Chapel was whole and entire, the Reading-Desk, Partition at the Altar, and Gallery for the *Nuns* remained, in it were three large Coffin-Stones, with Croſſes on them, no doubt but they were laid over ſome of the Prioreſſes, who were here interr'd; it was a Crypt, or Vault, arched over with fine ſtrong Arches, and had only a handſome large Eaſt Window over the Altar: The Church itſelf is now ſtanding, being uſed for a Barn, and the Font that came out of it, lies ſtill in the Court-Yard. The Monaſtery is now quite demoliſhed, and a new Farm Houſe built by it's Scite, I ſaw ſeveral Pieces of Stone Coffins, and Monuments, ſome with Arms on them, and ſome without, beſides divers Parts of Images, which had been formerly painted, taken out of the Ruins. The Cheſt in which the *Nuns* Evidences were kept, ſtood lately in the *Long Gallery* or *Ambulatory*, which was a fine Room, of a great Length, extending thro' the whole Building, facing the Court on the North Side, the Weſt Window ſurveyed the Fields, and the Eaſt, their pleaſant Grove, Fiſh-Ponds, and River: It had two or three Chimneys on the South Side, and a fine View all the Way up the River to *Bernham*, but this was ſpoiled, by the ſmall Lodging Rooms, that were made the whole Length of it in Sir *Edward*'s Time. In this Gallery, they pretended to ſhew you the Blood of an unhappy Youth, who was here ſlain, by a Fall from a Wooden Horſe, that he uſed to vault or ride on, which they tell you, Sir *Richard* was deſignedly the Cauſe of, by having the Pins of one of the Wheels taken out for that Purpoſe, in order that at his Death, he might enjoy his Eſtate, and this is the Occaſion of the frightful Stories among the Vulgar, of that Knight's appearing ſo often, to the Terror of many: But 'tis meer Fiction, for the Spots on the Wall, were nothing more than is ſeen in many Plaſterings.

The Riſe indeed of this Story is too true, tho' the Additions made to it are falſe, for it was no manner of Intereſt to Sir *Richard*, to be the Author of ſuch a Villany, he never enjoying any Part of the Eſtate, of the Perſon killed.

The Truth is, THOMAS, Lord DACRE, who died in 1565, was ſurvived by *Elizabeth* his Wife, ſecond Daughter of Sir *James Leiburne*, Knt. who after his deceaſe, married THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*, by Means whereof, the Duke became Guardian to *George Dacre*, Lord of *Gilleſland* and *Grayſtock*, who was then a Minor, being only Son and Heir, to *Thomas* Lord *Dacre*, his Lady's firſt Husband: This Youth was with the Duke at *Thetford* a good while, who finding the Air and Place agreed with him, committed him to the Care of Sir *Richard Fulmerſton* his intimate Acquaintance, with whom he lived ſome Time; He did what he could to divert the [*i*] ſprightly Youth, with ſuch Exerciſes as were agreeable to his Age, and among others, he had a Wooden Horſe in this Gallery, for him to vault or ride on, but as he was at his Diverſion, on the 17*th* of *May* 1569, he fell from it, and beat out his Brains, leaving his Eſtate to his three Siſters his Heireſſes. [*k*] Mr. *Dugdale* in his *Baronage*, ſays, that he was unhappily killed by the Fall of a Wooden Horſe, whereupon he practiſed to leap.

The Invidious Part of the Story, ſeems to be raiſed afterwards, by *Leonard Dacres*, next Heir Male of the Family, or his Friends, who did all he could againſt the young Ladies to get the Eſtate from them, but they being all three married to the Sons of the ſame Duke, had Power and Friends ſufficient to withſtand his unjuſt Deſigns, and therefore, 'twas given out that Sir *Richard* did it, in order to make thoſe Ladies the better Fortunes, for his Friends Children. But as this was not ſo much as ſurmiſed, 'till ſome Years after, when *Leonard* brought his Action for the Eſtate, 'tis to be looked upon as envy, invented only to ſerve a Turn, and make his Proceedings appear with a better Face.

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[*h*] See Sir Henry Spelman's Hiſtory of Sacrilege, p. 277. Edit. Lond. 1698.

[*i*] Dug. Bar. Vol. 2. 918.

[*k*] Vol. 2. fol. 24. A° Domini 1569, 17 Maij, Objit Georgius Dacre, Dominus de Gilleſland & Grayſtok, puer Magnæ Spei & optimæ Indolis, ex caſu Equi Lignei Saltatorij, repentine corruit Thetfordiæ in Com: Norff. infra Ætatem, tum exiſtente in Cuſtodia Thomæ Ducis Norfolciæ,

## CHAP. XX. *Of the* CANONS.

In 1139, the *Burgh* was in [l] King *Stephen*'s Hands, who ſoon after gave all the Demeans on the *Suffolk* Side, *viz.* four Carucates of Land, with the Advowſons of all the Churches, and Tithes thereto belonging, both within the *Burgh* and without, with all other Liberties and Privileges to WILLIAM DE WARREN, Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, the third of that Name, who immediately built a Monaſtery and Church upon the Premiſes, and dedicated them to *God*, the *Holy Sepulchre*, and *Holy Croſs*, and placing [m] *Canons* of the Order of the *Holy Sepulchre* there, he endowed them with whatever the King had given him in the Town, granting them *Soc*, and *Sac*, *Tol*, *Team*, and *Infangenthef*, with his Churches and Tithes in *Theford*, and all his Men, Lands, Fold-Courſes, Paſtures, and other Things, both within the *Burgh* and without, [n] with two *Fairs* in a Year, one on the Day of the *Invention of the Holy Croſs*, and the other on the Day of the *Exaltation* thereof, both which, were to be *Toll* free, for all Comers and Goers whatever, under the Penalty of 10 *l*, to be levied upon any that ſhould attempt the Contrary. This Order of *Canons*, was eſtabliſhed in the Year 1109, when the Chriſtians recovered the *Holy Land* from the *Turks* and *Sarazens*, and placed them in the Church of the *Holy Sepulchre* at *Jeruſalem*, they wore the ſame Habit with the other *Canons Regular*, without any other Diſtinction, than a double croſs of Red, upon the Breaſt of their upper Garment, but the Order was of ſhort Duration, becauſe *Jeruſalem*, was ſoon after loſt, at which Time there was only this Houſe, and another in the Suburbs of *Warwick*, in all *England* of this *Order*. The Founder at the Time he built the Monaſtery, was a *Devotee* for the *Holy Land*, which cauſed him to dedicate it to the *Holy Sepulchre* and *Croſs*, which he was then going to viſit, as is plain from the Concluſion of his Foundation Deed, in which he earneſtly requeſts, his [o] *Palm-Bearing* Bretheren, *Burgeſſes*, and true Friends, that they would to the utmoſt of their Power, defend his *Canons* in all things he had ſetled on them, in free Alms: *Ralf* and *Reginald de Warren*, his two Brothers, were Witneſſes to his Foundation, for whoſe Welfare jointly, with his own and his Mother *Iſabell*'s, the *Canons* were Daily to pray as long as they lived, and after their Deceaſe, were bound Daily to ſing for their Souls, and that of *William* Earl *Warren* his deceaſed Father. After this Foundation was compleated, [p] he prepared for his Journey, and went in that great Expedition to *Jeruſalem*, with *Conrade* the Emperor, *Lewes*, King of *France*, and many other brave *Engliſh*, *French* and *Normans*, againſt the *Pagans*, to which they were Principally incited, by the Venerable *Bernard*, Abbot of *Clerevaulx*, but being intercepted by thoſe Infidels, he was killed [q] in *Jan.* 1148, leaving only one Daughter, named *Iſabell*, who firſt married to *William*, natural Son to King *Stephen*, and after to *Hameline Plantagenet*, natural Son to *Jeffry*, Earl of *Anjou*, who with the Conſent of *Iſabell* his Wife, and of *William de Warren* his Son and Heir, confirmed the Monaſtery and Church of the *Holy Sepulchre* to the *Canons* ſerving God there, with four Carucates of Land, and all things elſe that *William de Warren* his Predeceſſor had ſetled on them, [r] together with the Tithes of his whole *Dominion* of *Theford*, and of all thoſe Lands which he had given his Men and Tenants there, with the ſame Eccleſiaſtical and other Liberties, that King *Richard* had, when he gave it him; together with three Fairs, one on the *Feaſt* of the *Holy Sepulchre*, and the others as before ſpecified; and further, for the Salvation of his, and his Wife *Iſabell*'s Soul, and thoſe of King *Henry* his Brother, and *Jeffry* Earl of *Anjou* his Father, and of all the Earls and Counteſſes of *Warren* deceaſed, he gave them an annual Rent of 10 *s.* iſſuing out of his Mill, called *Brendmilne* in *Thetford*, which they were to receive by the Hands of his Bailiff of *Thetford*, on St. *Andrew*'s and *Lady-Day*, and alſo another Rent of 20 *s.* *per Ann.* out of his other Mills in this Town; this Earl died the *Nones* of *May* [s] 1202, leaving

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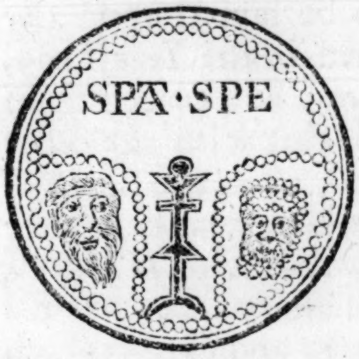
[l] See fol. 407. [m] Dug. Mon. Vol. 2. fol. 574.

(n) See fol. 411. (o) Or Palmers, who were Pilgrims or Soldiers, that had ſerved in the Cruſade, or Holy-War, to which he was a Devotee. They were ſo called, becauſe they generally brought home a Branch of Palm, of the Growth of Paleſtine, and wore it as a ſacred Badge and Token, that they had performed their Vows, either by Fighting againſt the Infidels, or viſiting the Holy-Sepulchre. (p) Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fol. 75.

(q) E. Rot. Antiq. (r) See fol. 407. (s) This will correct a falſe Print at fol. 407. where he is ſaid to die about 1301, which ſhould be 1201, for at that Time I had not met with the exact Time of his Death.

WILLIAM Earl WARREN, his Son and Heir, who confirmed the Foundation and alſo the Gift of all the Lands and Tenements in *Faverton-Field*, which were given them by *Thurſtin* Son of *Algar*, and *Osbert* Son of *Stanard*, who were Tenants and held them of the *Canons*, in Fee, together with Common of Paſture, and [t] *Bruary* in the ſaid Field, which they had Liberty to dig or cut for all Neceſſaries, at their Pleaſure, all which was confirmed by King *Henry* III. and the ſaid *William*, further gave the Tithes of his Mills, called *Pit-Milne* and *Hindolve*'s-*Milne* in *Theford*.

In 1281, [u] JOHN Earl WARREN the firſt of that Name, granted to the *Canons* the Advowſon of the Church of *Greſham* in *Norfolk*, which belonged to his Manor there, and was held in *Capite* of the King, but yet the Prior did not preſent to it for ſome Years after, 'till it was confirmed by *John* Earl *Warren* his Son and Heir, in 1329, and from that Time they preſented the Rectors. In 1331, *Edward* III. licenced them to appropriate the Rectory to their Monaſtery, but they could not get the Biſhop's Conſent, and therefore in 1339, they applied to Pope *Boniface* IX. to appropriate it to them, who the ſame Year granted them leave at the next Vacancy, to take Poſſeſſion of, and retain in their Hands, all the Profits of that Church, on Condition they ſerved it by one of their *Canons*, or any other Secular Curate, which ſhould be removeable at their Pleaſure, and alſo paid all Epiſcopal Dues whatever: This Bull is dated at *Rome*, and hath a Seal of Lead hanging to it, on one Side of which are theſe Words, BONIFATIUS PP. VIIII. and on the other Side, the Faces of St. *Paul* and St. *Peter*, as in the Figure, which is the ſame on all *Bulls* I ever ſaw, the Pope's Name only being alter'd. But notwithſtanding this, the Biſhop would not agree to the Pope's Appropriation, but obliged them to endow a Vicarage, and be content with the Corn Tythes, and Parſonage-Houſe, and Lands, which they were no ſooner in Poſſeſſion of, but by Deed dated on the *Purification* of the *Bleſſed Virgin*. A° 1400, *Robert* then Prior, and the Convent, granted a Leaſe to *Richard Man* Clerk, and *John Caperon* and their Heirs, of the *Parſonage* and *Croft* adjoining, which was late *Richard Augyrs*, lying in *Greſham*, for 200 Years, Conditionally that they performed all Services due to the *Priory*, if no Heir by right of Inheritance diſ-ſeized them, and that at the End of the Term, it ſhould be peaceably given up to the *Priory*.



In 1457, *July* 30, the Vicarage was conſolidated again to the Rectory, a Pention of 6 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year, being reſerved to the Prior, to be paid by the Rector; and in *Sept.* following, the Prior and Convent, under their Common Seal, convey'd the Advowſon of the Rectory, to *John Paſton*, Eſq; and his Heirs for ever, and ſo it became joined again to the Manor: Some Time after, there was a Copy of the Deed required of the Prior, who gave one accordingly, but not under the Common Seal, but another Seal that the Houſe had, for particular Cauſes, by which it appears that they had two Seals from their Foundation. The Common Seal exhibits our Saviour's Riſing from his Sepulchre, having his Croſs in his Hand. The other hath our Saviour ſtanding, with his Right-Hand held up, and a Croſs in his Left-Hand, on his Right Side is a Shield of the Founder's Arms, and on his Left, a Star and Creſcent, the uſual Badge of all ſuch as ſerved in the *Holy War*.

In 1315, the ſaid [x] Earl *Warren* for the good of his Soul, and of [y] *Maud de Nerford*'s, and their Children, confirmed all the Grants made to the Houſe, by any of his Predeceſſors, as appears from his Deed, dated at *Methwold*, where he often reſided.

Other Benefactors to this Monaſtery were, *Richard de Felbrigge*, [z] who gave the Homage and Service of *Alfred Kokerboll* his Villain, in *Eaſt-Herling*, [a] *Odo* Son of *John de Herling*, by another Deed without Date, gave a Rood of Land in *Eaſt-Herling*. In 1202, *William Eſtun*, ſetled Lands in *Huningham* and *Thorp* by *Huningham*, on the Houſe. In 1207, the Prior owed King *John*, 100 Marks for the Manor of *Lodcombe* in *Berkſhire*. In 1234, *Herbert de Alencon*, acknowledged that he held his *Free-Tenement* in *Gayzle*, *Hegham*, and *Kavenham* in *Suffolk*, of the *Prior*, by diverſe Services, in lieu of which he agreed to pay him a Rent of 5 *s.* 6 *d. per Ann.*

[c] Sir *Jeffery de Furneaux*, Knt. Lord of *Middle Herling*, died about 1234, and was buried by *Amy* his Wife, in the Church of the *Canons* in *Thetford*, to which Houſe, he gave the 9th Sheaf of all his Demeans in *Bircham* and *Middle-Herling*, with a Meſſuage and 12 Acres of Land there, which Grant was afterwards confirmed by his Son and Grandſon, theſe Temporals were taxed at 2 *s.* but the Spirituals were never taxed, becauſe the *Prior* always

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[t] Bruary, is Furze and Ling.

[u] Autog. penes me.

[x] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 82.

[y] The Monaſticon by Miſtake calls him William.

[z] See fo. 214.

[a] See fo. 215.

[b] He was Sheriff of Norff. & Suff. in 1227.

[c] See fo. 211.

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received a Compoſition of 23 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year, in lieu thereof. [d] The Tenement was after held of the *Prior* at 1 *s. per Ann.* Rent.

[e] About 1250, *Alice* Wife of Sir *Michael Furneaux*, Knt. a Benefactrix, was buried in the *Canons* Church.

In 1253, King *Henry* III. granted the *Prior* Liberty of *Free-Warren* in all his Lands, in *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, and *Cambridgeſhire*.

About 1272, King *Henry* III. gave them Land in *Thetford* to the Value of 20 *s. per Ann.*

In 1274, *Thomas de Burgo*, (or *Burgh*) gave the 9*th* Sheaf of all the Demean Lands of his Manors of *Somerton* in *Suffolk*, and *Burgh* in *Cambridgeſhire*, in exchange for the Advowſon of *Somerton*, which the Prior conveyed to him. The Prior was taxed for his Portion in *Burgh*, at 53 *s.* 4 *d.* and for all his *Spirituals* in *Suffolk*, at 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and for all his Temporals 79 *s.* 1 *d.*

In 1278, *Robert* eldeſt Son of Sir *Simon de Furneaux*, was buried in this Church, as was *Cecily* his Mother, and Sir *Simon* his Father in 1286. And alſo Sir *John de Furneaux* Son and Heir of the ſaid *Robert* about 1318, with *Mary*, Daughter of *Nicholas de Twinſted* his Wife.

In [f] 1347, the Hoſpital Houſe of *Domus Dei*, was ſetled on the *Canons*, the ancient Revenues of which had been ſetled on them before.

In 1364, [g] the Prior had Licence to receive in *Mortmain*, Lands in *Bernham*, *Barningham*, and *Knatiſhall* in *Suffolk*, and in 1392, the Abbot of *Bury* licenced the Prior of St. *Sepulchre* at *Thetford*, to purchaſe the Tenement called *Pleyfords* in *Bernham*, ſtanding near the Rectory Houſe of St. *Martins* Pariſh, with the Homages, Services, Rents, and Fold-Courſe for 400 Sheep, thereto belonging, with 7 ſcore Acres of Arable Land, worth a Half-Penny each Acre, all which formerly belonged to Maſter *Walter* of *Elveden*, being held of the *Fee* of St. *Edmund*, and were purchaſed of the ſaid *Walter* to the Uſe of the *Prior*, by *Peter*, Rector of *Fakenham Parva*, *Adam Foxele* Rector of St. *Etheldred* in *Thetford*, and *John Dauntre* Rector of *Broome*, for which Licence, the Abbot reſerved a Releif of 2 *s.* 9 *d.* at the Inſtallation of every Prior beſides the old Services.

In 1400, Sir *Will. Berdewelle* the Elder gave them a Legacy.

In 1442, *Henry* VI. granted Licence, that 240 Acres of Land, 600 Acres of Paſture and Heath, with the Liberty of four Fold-Courſes in *Croxton*, with a Meſſuage and Garden in *Thetford*, might be ſetled to found a Chantry in the *Canons* Church.

In 1464, the Prior ſued *John Legat* Rector of *Tudenham* by *Berton*, [h] *Togryng* (or *Barton-Mills*) for an annual Pention of 6 *l.* due to the Prior, which had been detain'd ſome Years, but the Prior recovered it, by proving that he was always taxed at 12 *s.* to the Tenths, for this Portion. This with their Portion in *Wratting Parva*, which was taxed at 4 *d. ob: q.* and that at *Somerton*, were granted to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, and after belonged to Sir *Edward Clere*.

About this Time they were taxed at 10 *s.* for their Temporal Rents in *Wigenhall* St. *Germans*.

In 1499, *Will. Fyſhere* Burgeſs, gave them a Legacy.

In 1511, *Robert Love* of *Thetford* Burgeſs, gave the Prior 13 *s.* 4 *d.* " *Item* I wol and aſſigne to the Honor and Wurſhipp of St. *Saviour* at the *Chanons* an hool Veſtyment with all the Pertin: the Pryce of xx *l.*

In 1537, when the Houſe was diſſolved, it was returned according to Mr. *Dughdale*, to be endowed with 39 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d. per Ann.* but according to Mr. *Speed*, with 49 *l.* 18 *s.* 1 *d.* both which Accounts fell very ſhort of it's real Value; immediately after the Diſſolution, Sir *Richard Fulmerſton* obtained a Leaſe for 21 Years, of the Scite and Lands belonging to it, at 15 *l.* 8 *d.* a Year, and tho' the Duke of *Norfolk* had a Grant of it, to him and his Heirs, yet in 1540, Sir *Richard* procured another to him and his Heirs for ever, of the Scite of the *Canons* and the following Revenues which belonged to it, the Duke agreeing thereto, *viz.* a Fold-Courſe, two Miles Round for 340 Sheep in *Bowdeſling*, the *Common-Field*, containing 160 Acres, a Piece of Paſture of 6 Acres, within the Monaſtery Walls, 4 Acres of Paſture adjoining to the Monaſtery Walls, diverſe rights of *Commonage* and *Fiſhings* in the River, *Maſon Dieu*, Fold-Courſe Furlong and Lands, *Great-Norwick* or *Sotheries* Sheeps Paſture, *Dudwell-Valley*, and Lands which contain ſeven-ſcore Acres, *Mayes* Meadows 10 Acres, *Blackdon* Sheepes Paſture, *Chanons* Leaſures, and Furlongs, the *Canons* Lands in *Halwick* Sheepes Paſture and *Erles-Courſe*, 83 Acres in *Kilverſton*, the *Canons* Lands and Furze in *Croxton* and *Lynford*, the Tenements *Colles*, and *Stanfords*, their Paſture and Lands in St. *Edmund*'s-*Croft*, their Lands and Paſture in *Bowdeſling*, and *Favertonfield*, otherwiſe called *Weſtwick*, and the *Reed-Fen* there, with Feed as well for their Sheep and great Beaſts, with their Followers, as other their Cattle there. The Tithes of all the Poſſeſſions, and of all other Poſſeſſions, of the late Duke of *Lancaſter*, and Earle's *Warren*, and of all other Farmers and Tenants, and all Tithes belonging to the Impropriate Churches of the *Canons*, as well of Fiſhings, as Griſt of Corn, and other Tithes, the *Canons* Liberty of Common in *Downham*, and Surpluſage of Lands which the Monks took in Farm of the *Canons*, with the Advowſons and [i] other Things, all which deſcended with Sir *Richard*'s Heireſs, and were ſold by Sir *Edward Clere* of *Bukenham-Ferry*, to *Robert Cauſfield* and others, in Truſt for the Earl of *Arundel*: and thus they came to the Noble Family of the *Howards*, in which they have continued ever ſince, the Honourable PHILIP HOWARD of *Bukenham-Houſe*, being the preſent Owner.

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[d] See fo. 213.

[e] See fo. 211.

[f] See fo. 427.

[g] Regr. Curteys fo. 306.

[h] i. e. Twa Grind, becauſe there were two Mills, or elſe one Mill had two Pair of Stones, which was not uſual in thoſe Times.

The Advowſon of the Priory always belonged to the *Dominion* or *Lordſhip*, it is ſaid by [k] Mr. *Weever*, to be dedicated to St. *Mary*, and St. *John*, and to be founded by a *Bygod*, which Miſtake was occaſioned, by his confounding it with [l] St. *John Baptiſt*'s Hoſpital, tho' it is ſometimes called St. *John*'s, becauſe it ſtood in that Pariſh, and not far off the Church. [m] Mr. *Willis* tells us, that the *Canons* Church was 90 Paces long, and the Nave 15 Paces wide. There is a Barn built on the Scite of the Nave, but the Ruins of the Quire are heaped together, and make a large Hill, from which, we can ſee a great Diſtance about us, and ſo anſwer the End they were deſigned for; this is now called the *Canons-Hill*, the whole Scite being on the *Suffolk* Side, at the Weſt End of the Town.

## PRIORS *of the* AUGUSTINE CANONS *of the* Holy Sepulchre, *and* Holy Croſs.

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| 1202, | RICHARD the Prior. |
| 1274, | WILLIAM, Prior. |
| 1329, 5 Id: *May*, | Brother RICHARD DE WYNTRINGHAM, *Canon* here, was elected *Prior* by the Sub-Prior and Convent, and confirmed by the Biſhop, and inſtalled by the Dean of *Theford*, according to the uſual Cuſtom. |
| 1338, 20 *Dec.* | Brother JOHN DE THEFFORD, *Canon* here, inſtalled Prior, at *Wyntringham*'s Ceſſion. |
| 1349, 15 *July*, | Brother ROBERT EDWYNE of *Thefford*, a *Canon* here, inſtalled Prior. |
| 1351, 14 *Nov.* | Brother ADAM DE HOCKWOLD Prieſt, a *Canon* of *Ixworth* Convent, was inſtalled Prior here, on *Edwyne*'s Reſignation. |
| 1358, 25 *Jan.* | Brother WILLIAM DE HANNEWORTH, *Canon* here, was inſtalled Prior at *Hokwold*'s Death. |
| 1378, 9 *June*, | Brother ADAM DE WORTHSTEDE Prieſt, late a profeſſed *Canon Regular* of *Penteney* Convent, was elected Prior here, but the Election wanting due Form, the Biſhop voided it, and collated him, upon his ſwearing Canonical Obedience, and it being a Lapſe, his Letters of Inſtallation were directed to the Archdeacon of *Norwich* or his *Official*. |
| 1393, 5 *Aug.* | Brother ROBERT DE STOWE, a *Canon* of St. *Oſith*'s Monaſtery, was inſtalled Prior here. |
| 1422, 27 *Nov.* | Brother JOHN PALCOK, *Canon* here, was inſtalled Prior at *Stowe*'s Death. |
| 1432, 20 *Oct.* | Brother JOHN GRENEGRES, *Canon* here, was inſtalled Prior. At his Admiſſion he paid eight Marks to the Biſhop for the firſt Fruits of the Church of *Greſham*, which was appropriated to the Priory. |
| 1454, 5 *Sept.* | Brother PETER BRYAN, *Canon* here, was inſtalled Prior at *Grenegres*'s Reſignation. |
| 1471, 9 *March*, | Brother REGINALD ILBERD, *Canon* here, inſtalled Prior at *Bryan*'s Death. |
| 1496, 20 *April*, | Brother JOHN BURNELL, a *Canon* of *Cokesford*, was inſtalled Prior, on *Ilberd*'s Reſignation. |

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[i] See fo. 411. [k] Fo. 82. [l] See fo. 425. (m) Page 330 addenda.

1508, 30 *Sept.* Brother THOMAS VICARY, was inſtalled Prior.

1519, 22 *Dec.* Brother JOHN THETFORD, Batchelor of the Canon-Law, who had ſtudied near 12 Years in *Cambridge*, being a *Canon* of this Houſe, was inſtalled Prior, by the Officers of *Richard Nix*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, and not by the Dean of *Thetford*, as had been uſual: this Prior, with *William Bryggs*, and five other Canons, ſubſcribed to the King's Supremacy, 26 *Aug.* 1534. He was a Benefactor to *Butley* Abby, giving them two Chalices, one for the Chapel of *All-Saints*, and another for St. *Sigiſmund*'s Chapel, and two Reliques, the Comb of St. *Thomas* the Martyr of *Canterbury*, and a Silver Box of Reliques.

Brother [*n*] JOHN CLERKE, was the laſt Prior, who when he reſigned his Monaſtery, *Febr.* 16 1537, had a Pention of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* ſetled on him for Life.

## CHAP. XXI. *Of the* PRIORY *of* MONKS, *commonly called the* ABBY.

This Monaſtery was firſt founded on the *Suffolk* Side of the River, by *Roger Bygod*, in the Cathedral Church, and afterwards tranſlated hither by the Founder, as may [*o*] be ſeen in the foregoing Chapters; and though there are many printed Authors that have given us an Account of the Foundation, I ſhall rather chooſe to follow that, wrote by *Jeffry*, Prior of this Houſe, than any other, it being likely that he was moſt capable of coming at the Truth, not only upon the Account of his living ſo much nearer the Time, but becauſe he had all the Evidences of the Priory at his Command, an Abſtract of whoſe Hiſtory, as far as he compleated it, I ſhall here ſubjoin.

In the Year of our Lord [*p*] 1104, from the Paſſion of St. *Edmund* the King and Martyr 234, and from the *Normans* entring this Land, 37, in the Reign of King *Henry* I. there was a Nobleman called *Roger Bigot*, who governed the Realm under the King, and had done ſo from the Conqueſt. This wiſe Man, being truly ſenſible that ſuch great Power could not be executed without many Errors, and being deſirous to attone for them in this Life, imagined that nothing would do it better, than quitting the Pomp of the World and turning *Pilgrim*, and thereupon he reſolved to go to *Jeruſalem*, that he might the more fervently Worſhip his Saviour, at the Place where his Feet ſtood when he aſcended from Earth; and in order to prepare for his Journey, he called together the chief of his Friends and Acquaintance, to confer with them about it, who were all much grieved at his Deſign, but had not Courage enough to attempt the diſſwading him from it, 'till *Ethran* his Steward, a Man of much Skill in the Law, undertook to do it, by ſhewing him, that it was by his means only, that he and all his Friends enjoyed the Honours and Eſtates they poſſeſſed, and that conſequently his leaving them, might be the Ruin of them and their Families, and that therefore, for their Sakes, he hoped he would not undertake ſuch a Journey, but as he deſigned it, for an Attonement for his Errors, and the good of his Soul, they would be far from deſiring him to recede from ſuch a good Intention, aſſuring him, they all thought, it would as much redound to the Preſent and Future Proſperity of himſelf and Family, if he would expend the Money, he deſigned for this *Pilgrimage*, in building and endowing a Monaſtery upon his own Demeans, and placing Religious Perſons, under a Spiritual *Paſtor*, of ſome particular *Order*, who ſhould continually pray for him, his Predeceſſors and Succeſſors to the World's End, putting him in mind, (*q*) that Chriſt hath ſaid, "*Give Alms of ſuch Things as you have, and behold all* "*Things are clean unto you*," infering from thence, that ſuch a Foundation would be giving Alms to future Generations, and conſequently would render a Man more clean, than all he could do in his *Pilgrimage*; which Arguments had ſuch an Effect, that he laid aſide that deſign, and immediately reſolved to begin ſuch a Foundation; upon which, by the Advice of a Monk, named *William de Walſam*, he applied to the Holy Man, *Hugh*, Abbot of *Cluni*, by *Lanzo* Abbot of *Lewes*, deſiring him to ſend him ſome Monks of *Cluni*, for whom he deſigned to build and endow a Monaſtery in his own Land, to which Requeſt the Abbot anſwer'd, that all his Monks being brought up in *Burgundy*, they were entire Strangers both to the Cuſtoms and Language, of ſuch a diſtant Nation as *England*, for which reaſon he was afraid to ſend them, and therefore he committed the Care of the whole Affair to *Lanzo*, ſtrictly injoining him, to ſend ſome of his Monks of *Lewes*, who knew the Language and Cuſtoms of the Place, to live in the Monaſtery, ordering him to ſee to the Building of it, and to be *Prior* or *Cuſtos* there, as long as he lived, paying every Year to him and his Abby of *Cluni*, a Mark of Silver, which the ſaid *Roger* ſetled on that Abby, as a Token of their dependency upon it, and that for the Future they could not be Subject to any other Monaſtery, nor follow any other but the *Cluniac* Order; and as ſoon as this was ſetled, the aforeſaid *Roger*, by the Licence, Conſent, and Advice of King *Henry* I. and *Maud* his Queen, of *Anſelin*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, *Herbert* late Biſhop of *Thetford*, and *Alice*, Wife of the ſaid *Roger*, with many other Nobles of the King's Court, began to build a Monaſtery at *Thetford*, for the Reception of the Monks, cloſe by the Church of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, from which, *Herbert* tranſlated the See, which Church, with all that belonged to it, the ſaid *Roger* had bought of *Richard*, Son of Biſhop *Arfaſt*, whoſe Inheritance it was, giving him other Lands in Exchange, and as ſoon as the Offices were built (which did not take long Time they being only of Wood) *Lanzo* ſent 12 Monks with one *Malgod*, whom he had made their Prior, to *London*, where they were met by *Ralf Fitz-Walter*, and *Ralf de Valle Redonij*, two of the chief of *Roger*'s Barons, and were conducted by them, with great Honour and Worſhip to *Thetford*, where they enter'd on *Monday* the 4th of *July*, about nine of the Clock, it being the Day of the Feaſt of the *Tranſlation* of St. *Martin* Biſhop of *Tours*, *Roger Bigot*, his Wife, and and all his Barons, cheif Tenants, and Souldiers, with a great Concourſe of other People, both Clergy and Laity, being aſſembled in order to receive them, with the utmoſt Honour; and thus accompanied, the Monks took Poſſeſſion of that ancient Church of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, and *All-the-Saints*, which had been the Mother Church, and Epiſcopal See of the *Eaſt-Angles*: and as this Place had lately been involved with Grief, on account of the Biſhoprick being tranſlated from them, ſo now they much rejoyced, at the coming of ſuch good Men, preſuming they ſhould have God's Favour, by their Prayers and laudable Converſation among them; and from this Time the Monks began to live according to their *Order*, and *Roger*, and Prior *Malgod*, were very intent for three Years, in building a new Monaſtery, within the *Burgh*.

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[*n*] E. Compend: Comperforum, Sti. Sepulchri Thetford. Johes: Clerk fatetur Incontinen: et ideo cupit, ut licerit uti Remedio Divinitus conceſſo, viz. Conjugio. Johes: Perkyn, Pol: volunt: Andreas Johnſon, Pol: vol: Will: Burges, fatetur Incontinentiam.

[*o*] See fol. 427. and 405.

[*p*] Moſt Writers ſay 1103.

(*q*) Luke xi. v. 41.

At this Time there was a Man in *Lewes* Monaſtery named *Stephen*, who was very remarkable, both for his Learning and Morals; he was born of noble Parentage in *Provence*, and became a Monk under Abbot *Hugh*, in the Monaſtery of *Cluni* in *Burgundy*, by whom he was ſent to the Monaſtery at *Lewes*, to be Sub-Prior, and Aſſiſtant, to the venerable *Lanzo*, where he behaved himſelf in ſuch an agreeable Manner, that in Caſe of *Lanzo*'s Death, they had determin'd unanimouſly to chooſe him their Abbot, but it happen'd far better for this Houſe, for Abbot *Hugh* conſidering, there wanted ſuch a Perſon to perfect the Foundation, as would be agreeable to the Monks and their Founder, (*Malgod*, tho' a very honeſt good Man, not having the Spirit nor Learning of *Stephen*) order'd *Lanzo* to recall *Malgod*, and ſend *Stephen* thither, who upon *Malgod*'s Reſignation was made Prior here, tho' much againſt the Inclination of the Monks of *Lewes*, who lamented his leaving them: but upon finding it was not occaſioned by *Lanzo* their Prior, as they ſuſpected, but was really the Command of their Holy Father *Hugh*, they ſubmitted, and *Stephen* came to *Thetford*, to the Joy of the Founder, the Monks, and all the *Burgh*; but no ſooner had he enter'd his Office, and viewed the Place, where the Monaſtery had been three Years in building, but he perceived it was too ſmall, and ſo much incloſed with the Burgeſſes Houſes on all Sides, that there was not Room enough to build a convenient Reception for them, and therefore like a wiſe Man, forſeeing the Monks Inconveniencies, he applied to ***William de Albini***, one of the Kings Privy Council, and Son-in-Law to the Founder, who by him was often intreated, to remove the Monaſtery into ſome more convenient Place without the *Burgh*, where they might have Room to receive Gueſts of all Degrees, according to their Stations.

This, tho' it was diſagreeable to the *Burghers*, and ſeveral of the Monks, was approved of by the Founder, who conſulted the King about it, who then kept his Court at *Thetford*, and he like a wiſe Prince forſeeing the Monks Conveniency, adviſed him to remove it, to a large, pleaſant, open Place, juſt without the Weſt Part of the *Burgh*, on the other [r] Side of the River, and there, by the Approbation of *Herbert*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, he began to found a Monaſtery, in Honour of the Bleſſed and Glorious *Virgin*, and to encourage the the Work, [ſ] the Biſhop himſelf, with his own Hands began to dig the Foundation, in the

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(r) viz. The Norfolk Side.

(ſ) He favoured and adviſed the Foundation, in order to make ſome Recompence for removing the See.

very Place the King had pitched upon, and after the Workmen had dug very deep, becauſe the Earth was Sandy, the Prior and Founder, with many other Noblemen, laid the firſt Stones of the Foundation, and then the Founder declared before all the People, that he would finiſh the Work at his own Expence, at the ſame Time aſſigning 15 *l. per Ann.* towards perfecting the Foundation, ordering the Prior to ſend two Monks to him after the Feaſt of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, becauſe he deſigned againſt that Time to provide a Manor to ſetle for the Monks Maintenance, declaring alſo, that this his Monaſtery, ſhould be ſubject to no Perſon Living, but the Abbot of *Cluni*; all this was done on the eight Day before the *Nativity* of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, and thus the Succeſs and future Proſperity of the Foundation, ſeemed quite ſetled. But alas! The eighth Day after the Foundation was laid, *Roger Bigot* the Founder died, and the Biſhop of *Norwich* (who was not far off) hearing of it, came by Night and ſeizing his Body againſt the Will of his Wife, and thoſe that were about him, carry'd it to be buried at *Norwich*, which was certainly unjuſtly done, by the Biſhop, becauſe he himſelf was Witneſs to his Foundation Charter, [t] in which he gave his own Body, with that of *Alice* his Wife, and all his Children, to be buried in this Priory; as ſoon therefore as the Prior (who was very intent in carrying on the Building) heard of his Death, he took four of his Monks and haſten'd to *Norwich*, where he found the Body laid on a Bier, upon which the Prior, the Wife of the Deceaſed, and all his Friends, intreated the Biſhop, that he would reſtore the Body, to be buried in his Monaſtery, according to his Reſolution in his Life-time, which he himſelf was Witneſs to, but the Biſhop abſolutely denied it, and endeavoured by entreaty, flattery, and large Promiſes, to prevail upon the Prior and Monks, to conſent to have the Body peaceably buried at *Norwich*, and lay aſide all future Claim, but they would by no means come into it, but inſtead thereof, they all fell down at the Biſhop's Feet, beſeeching him to give them their Founder's Body, to bury it as he deſired, which the Biſhop in great Wrath refuſed to do, upon which the Prior in the Name of GOD and the *Bleſſed* [u] *Virgin* adjured the Biſhop to return it, who would not, [x] but buried it in his Cathedral at *Norwich*; and ſoon after, the Prior and Monks brought an Action againſt him, ſetting forth, that tho' *Roger Bigot* their Founder, in his Life-time had given himſelf, Wife, Children, and all his Barons, to be bury'd in his Monaſtery at *Thetford*, yet the Biſhop had ſeized him, and buried him at *Norwich*, to their great Injury: To this the Biſhop anſwer'd, by the Oaths of divers Witneſſes, that before the Monks came to *Thetford*, he had given himſelf, Wife, Children, and Barons, [y] to be buried at *Norwich*: Upon which, before they proceeded to Judgment, the Monks were forced to own their Error and beg Pardon, and renounce all future Claim to his Body, and to thoſe of his Wife, Children, and Barons, in the Preſence of King *Henry* himſelf, and his Barons, who were then at *Notingham*. But notwithſtanding this Diſappointment, the Prior went on with the Building, and had ſuch Intereſt, that he increaſed the Revenues, and tho' he laid one of the firſt Stones, yet he lived to ſee the Church, Cloiſters, and the whole Work entirely finiſhed, ſo that he was deſervedly reckoned one of it's Founders.

In the Year of our Lord 1114, the Monks left their old Monaſtery, and entered this, on St. *Martin*'s-*Day*, bringing with them all the valuable Moveables, out of their old Church and Cloiſter; and from this Time their Intereſt increaſed, ſo that in 1248, they had a general Charter of *Free-Warren*, in all their Lands in *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, and *Cambridgeſhire.* [a] In 1299, the Prior paid four Marks *per Ann.* to the Clerks that celebrated *Maſs* at the Altar of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, in St. *Paul*'s Cathedral: [b] The King had Power to grant an Annual Pention or *Corrody*, to one Chaplain and one Prieſt, payable by the Prior, and as often as either of them dyed, or were preferred, the Crown nominated another.

About 1300, there was a *Chantry* of one Chaplain founded Daily to officiate in the *Abby* Church (for it is ſo called in the Foundation) by *Richard de Huphall*, for his own Soul, and the Souls of *William* his Father, *Catherine* his Mother, and *Andrew* his Uncle, of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, his Father, and Mother, Predeceſſors, and Succeſſors, and all the Faithfull deceaſed; the *Chaplain* was to be preſented by the Prior and Convent, who were to pay him his Stipend, and was to be admitted by the Biſhop, who was to ſwear him, to perform the Rules of the Foundation, after which he was to enjoy it for Life; *William de Brom*, the firſt Chaplain reſigned in 1300, and the 7*th* of the Ides of *Sept. John de Herlingflet*, Prieſt, was admitted, after whoſe Death there were no more preſented, but the Names of the Founder and his Friends being added to the Daily Office, for the Founders of the Priory, the Chantry ceaſed.

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[t] viz. Sept. 8, 1108. but according to moſt Writers, 1107. Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 132. [x] Dug. Mon. Tom. 1. fo. 664. Ego "itaque Rogerus Bygot dono inprimis & reddo meipſum et Uxorem meam Adelyciam, & omnes Liberos meos &c, Deo & Eccleſiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Theford, ſicut Fratres & Benefactores & Advocatores, ſepeliendos in Fine." His Teſtibus, Domino Hereberto Epiſcopo, &c. [u] Tunc Prior ex Parte Dei & Beatæ Mariæ - - - - - - Thus ends Prior Jeffry's Hiſtory, the reſt of the Book being ruled but never finiſhed, the other Part of the Account is ſupplied from the Record, as 'tis enter'd in the Regiſter of the Cathedral of Norwich, Lib. 3. fol. 56.

[y] Tho' all Authors tell us he was buried at Thetford, 'tis plain he was not, but yet they had great Reaſon to think ſo, by his Foundation Deed, Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fol. 132. Weever 829. Stow, &c. [a] Dug. Hiſt. of St. Paul's, fol. 18.

[b] Fitz-Herbert Nat. Brevium. Edit. 1687. p. 515.

This Houſe being eſteemed an *Alien*, by reaſon of the Mark a Year, paid to the Abbot of *Cluni*, as a Token of Dependency, and being ſubject to no Biſhop but only to that Abbot, the *Pope*, or his *Legat*, it was always ſeized with the reſt of the *Alien* Priories; as often as we had War in *France*, but yet, it did not ſuffer ſo much at thoſe Times, as ſeveral did, becauſe the Earls of *Norfolk*, who were Patrons of it, and by reaſon of their Protection, eſteemed as ſo many Founders, had it granted to them during the Seizures, and at laſt had Intereſt enough to get it made a Denizon by *Edward* III. in the Year 1375, after which it had no more Diſturbance 'till it's Diſſolution, which the Duke of *Norfolk* did all he poſſibly could to prevent, it being the burial Place of all his Anceſtors, with whom he deſired to be interred, not liking to ſee their Monuments demoliſhed, and the Church in which they were buried laid waſte; and tho' the King had promiſed him the Monaſtery and all it's Revenues, yet he deſired them not for his own Uſe, but would have ſetled them on their own Church, which he would have made *Collegiate* inſtead of *Conventual*; the ſame good Deſign, had Archbiſhop *Parker*, as to his *College* of *Stoke* in *Suffolk*, of which he was Dean, and for which he had compiled a good Body of Statutes, as [*c*] *Strype* in his Life of that Archbiſhop, informs us, "the good Statutes which this Dean of *Stoke* College, had "framed for it, added to the Original ones, made this a very good and uſefull Foundation, and the Fame of it was ſo great, that about the Year 1540, the Old, moſt Noble, "and illuſtrious DUKE of *Norfolk*, ſent a Letter to the Dean, that he would ſend him the "Original Foundation of that his College of Secular Prieſts, being founded as he heard of "an honeſt Sort, and that he would but detain it, 'till he had cauſed it to be written out "or had taken ſome Notes out of it. Becauſe the Monaſtery of *Thetford*, being now the "King's, upon the Act for the Diſſolution of Religious Houſes, having been founded "by a Duke of *Norfolk*, the King had granted it back to this Duke, to turn it into a "*College* of Secular Prieſts; and ſo he ſhould have Occaſion to furniſh it with good Statutes. Here his Father and other his Anceſtors lay, and here he intended himſelf alſo to "be buried, as he wrote to the Dean." But this deſign was immediately ſtopped by the King, who ſaw that ſo many deſired the ſame thing, that inſtead of a Diſſolution, it would have been a Tranſlation only, and therefore he would not permit, even *Stoke College* to ſtand, but *That*, tho' a uſefull Foundation, had the ſame Fate. And thus this Monaſtery, contrary to the Duke's Inclination, was totally ſuppreſſed, being ſurrender'd to the King, *Feb.* 16 1540, by [*d*] *William Ixworth* then Prior, *Rich. Methwold*, *Godfrey Thetford*, *John Thetford*, *William Colceſter*, *William Brockford*, *Thomas Witherſet*, *Peter Thetford*, *Robert Whetyng*, *Nicholas Horkyſley*, *John Garbolſham*, *Chriſtopher Garbolſham*, *Thomas Hynyngham*, and *Thomas Berney*, Monks there. The Surrender lies in the *Augmentation* [*e*] *Office*, and hath it's Seal ſtill upon it. The *Cell* of *Wangford* in *Suffolk*, which belonged to this Priory was ſurrender'd with it, and paſſed along with the Monaſtery and all it's Revenues to the Duke of *Norfolk*, in whoſe Family the Monaſtery hath continued to this Time, the Honourable PHILIP HOWARD, being the preſent Owner. It was valued at the Suppreſſion, at 312*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* according to Mr. *Dughdale*, and at 418*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* according to Mr. *Speed*. The Priors were always ſummoned to Convocation.

## PRIORS *of the* PRIORY *of the* Virgin Mary *and* St. Andrew.

**MALGOD** a Monk of *Cluni*, after of *Lewes*, was made the firſt Prior in 1104, he reſigned to **STEPHEN** of *Provence* a *Burgundian*, in 1107, who was firſt a Monk of *Cluni*, thence ſent to *Lanzo* the firſt Abbot of *Lewes*, who made him *Sub-Prior* there, and afterwards Prior here, with the Approbation of *Roger Bigot* the Founder: He continned Prior 'till [*f*] 1118, if not after, and was eſteemed as one of the Founders, being an active Man, as the former Account of him ſhews us.

**CONSTANTINE**, Prior here.

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[c] Strype's Life of Archbiſhop Parker, Lond. 1711, fo. 13.

[*d*] E. Lib. Comp. Compert, Tho. Wetherſet, fatetur furtum Nich. Hokeſley, fat: Pol: Vol: etiam illic colligitur, Suſpicio Confederacois: quum eſſent XVII. Numero.

[*e*] Pix. F.

[*f*] Some ſay 1130.

MARTIN, was Prior in 1189, aud 1197.

RICHARD, was Prior in 1226, and 1235.

STEPHEN, was Prior in 1240, and 1256. ROBERT DE SANCTO EDMUNDO was Burſer Anno 1240.

WILLIAM, the Prior in 1261, 1270.

VINCENT, in 1286, and 1297.

THOMAS LE BYGOD, late Monk of *Walden*, having obtain'd Licence of his Abbot to leave that Houſe, was confirmed Prior here *Dec.* 31 1304, in the Monaſtery of *Munge* or *Mountjoy*, in *Heveringlond*, by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, who was then at that Houſe, being elected Prior, by the *Sub-Prior* and Monks, according to ancient Cuſtom. He was the firſt that was ever confirmed by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, for which Reaſon we have ſo ſmall an Account of them, for they feared if they were often admitted by their *Dioceſan*, that he would in Time extend his Epiſcopal Juriſdiction to their Houſe.

Brother PETER DE BOSCO or *Bois*, was Prior here in 1316, and in 1338, farmed his Priory at a 100 Marks *per Ann.* of the King, it being an *Alien.*

JAMES, who was depoſed on account of his great Age, in 1355. [g] In his Time, *Nicholas de Horton* a Monk here, rebuilt *South-Lopham* Chancel.

JEFFRY DE ROCHERIO, occurs Prior on *James*'s Depoſition, he was Prior in 1369, and began the Hiſtory of his Monaſtery, but died before he perfected it.

JOHN DE FORDHAM, Prior in 1372, Biſhop of *Durham* in 1381, and of *Ely* in 1388.

JOHN IXWORTH, ſucceeded *Fordham*, and died in 1430.

NICHOLAS 1431. The Priory was void in 1438, and was governed by *William de Elveden* the Sub-Prior.

JOHN VEYSSEY, was Prior in 1479.

ROBERT occurs in 1483, and 1497.

ROGER DE BERNINGHAM, or *Roger Baldry* of *Berningham*, Prior in 1503, and 1511.

Sir WILLIAM IXWORTH the laſt Prior, was confirmed in 1518: In 1533, he willingly conſtituted the Abbot of St. *Albans* his Proxy, to ſign the Inſtrument for him, that King *Henry* VIII. might lawfully marry Queen *Catherine*, and in 1540, he himſelf as unwillingly, ſigned the Inſtrument of the Surrender of his Monaſtery.

The Revenues of this Houſe were very large, as the following Catalogue of the greateſt Part of them will make appear.

ROGER BIGOT the Founder, and *Adeliza* or *Alice* his Wife, gave them the Church of St. *Mary* in *Thetford*, late the Biſhop's See, with all the Lands &c. which *Osbert* held in the *Confeſſor*'s Time, and gave to that Church, and all the Land which *Alwi* held in *Thetford*, with the Mills &c. all which the ſaid *Roger* had of the *Conqueror*'s Gift, [*h*] and alſo St. *Mary*'s or the Abbey Church, which he had begun to build, [*i*] and all the Right that he had in the Churches of his Demeans, namely, *Jochesford* or *Yoxford* in *Suffolk*, *Haella* or *Hale*, *Forneſetha* or *Forncet Great* and *Little-Fremingaham*, or *Framlingham-Earl* and *Framlingham-Picot*, in *Norfolk*, *Kereſala*, or *Kelleſhall*, *Saham*, or *Earl-Soham*, *Stanaham*, *Stanham*, or *Stonham-Earl* in *Suffolk*, and *Hocham*, and both the *Bradeleia*'s, with all the Lands that belong'd to them, all which Biſhop *Herbert* appropriated to the Monaſtery, after their next Vacancies, reſerving canonical Obedience, from the Clerks that ſhould ſerve there, the ſaid *Roger* alſo gave them the Manor [*k*] of *Snariſhill* with the Advowſons, and *Gunner* of *Ridleſworth* with his Land, and the Land which he held of the Abbot of *Ely* in [*l*] *Ruſhworth*, 5000 Eeles paid Yearly from *Welles*, with a Fiſhery there, called *Rowere* or *Kawerr*, 20,000 Herings from the *Dominion* of *Chereſſala* or *Keleſhall*, and 20 *l.* Rent in Land, to be aſſigned when he pleaſed, [*m*] the Burial of himſelf, Wife, their Heirs, and all his Barons, in the Church of St. *Mary*, and two Parts of the Tithes of all his Demeans in his own Hands; all which were confirmed by the ſaid *Herbert*, who [*n*] gave all the Land in *Thetford*, which was Biſhop *Arfaſt*'s and his Son *Richard*'s, both within the *Burgh* and without, and all *Fakerthona* or *Favertonfield*, with *Soc* and *Sac*, *Thol* and *Theem*, and *Infangenethef*, with all the Tithes, both of plough'd Land and Paſture, with the *Seat* of the late Biſhoprick, a Mill, Meadow, and Hoſpitals thereto belonging: and alſo *Sileham* Manor and Church in *Suff.* with all that belonged to them, as Mills, Fiſheries &c. to be held as freely of him, as *Herbert* his Chaplain then held them; all which the ſaid Biſhop confirmed to the Houſe, in Exchange for the Church of St. *Michael* in *Norwich*, and all it's Lands, except thoſe in *Flixton*, and the Manor of *Gunton*, &c. All this was confirmed by *Henry* I. and *Maud* his Queen, whoſe Marks are affixed to the Charter.

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[g] See fo. 156. [*h*] See fo. 402. (*i*) From the original Charter of Biſhop Herbert's, in the Hands of Mr. Henry Smith of Hautboys Magna in Norfolk.

[k] See fo. 198. [*l*] Ibid. 193 195. (*m*) 'Tis plain that this Biſhop unjuſtly diſſeized the Priory, of what he himſelf confirmed. (*n*) He only exchanged ſome, and confirmed others having more then their Value ſetled by Roger Bigod on the Monks of his Cathedral which he founded.

*William Bygod* his Son and Heir, Steward of the Houſhold to King *Henry* I. confirmed his Father *Roger*'s Gifts, and added of his own the following Revenues, *viz.* [o] The [p] Churches of *South-Lopham*, in *Norfolk*, *Offintona*, or *Oſton* in *Suffolk*, *Ovitona*, or *Ovington* *Hagenewrda*, or *Hanworth*, *Suthſteda*, or *Suſted*, *Methona*, or *Metton*, and *Suthfelda*, or *Suffield* in *Norfolk*, and all his other Churches, with their Lands, Tythes, and Appurtenances; all which they were to have Seizin of as ſoon as poſſible, and in the Mean-time, he inveſted them in two Parts of the Tythes of *Bradley*, *Offton*, *Nutheley*, *Saham*, *Keleſhall*, *Framingham*, *Hale* and *Hanworth*, and 20*l.* Rent, for which he would aſſign them Lands as ſoon as he could; in Conſideration of which, the Monks were to releaſe to him the Manor of *Chipenham*, which his Father had mortgaged to them for 100*l.* he gave them alſo the 4th Part of *Chikering* in *Suffolk*, *Egga*'s Land in *Denneham*, *Aſceline*'s Land in *Deviſham*, or *Darſham* in *Suffolk*, and the Advowſon of that Town, 20*ſ.* Rent in *Minſemere*, 10*ſ.* Rent in *Langwade*, *Edric* of *Thorp*, with all his Lands, Men, and Services, in [q] *Thorp* and *Dunwich*, all *Archeline*'s Land, Men, and Services in *Thaſeburc*, or *Taſeburg* in *Norfolk*, with *Thaſeburc* Church, and all belonging to it, and the Land that *Ulf* the Prieſt held, and *Ulmer* of *Thaſeburc*, with all his Lands there, and two Men in *Straton* or *Long-Stratton* in *Norfolk*; and beſides this, he confirmed all the Gifts made to the Priory, by any of his Men, and in particular, two Parts of the Tithes of his Fathers Men and his own, which were given to it, among which,

*William Bigot*, gave two Parts of his Demeans in *Finchinke* or *Finchingfield* in *Suffolk*, and the Advowſon of that Church. *Robert Camerarius* (or *Chambers*,) gave two Parts of his Tithes of *Sinthinges*. *Ralf*, Son of *Norman*, gave two Parts of his Tithes of *Peſhale*, or *Peſenhale* in *Suffolk*, and *Girald de Seuci*, two Parts of his, in *Elingham* in *Norfolk*, *Ethard de Vallibus* or *Vaux*, two parts of his in *Keſewic*, in *Norfolk*. *Robert de Boſco*, two Parts of his, in *Streſton* or *Starſton* in *Norfolk*. *Robert de Vallibus* or *Vaux*, gave all the Churches and Tithes of his Demeans, *viz.* *Pantheneia*, or *Pentney*, *Teſtona*, or *Tharſton*, in *Norfolk*, *Tintona*, *Tunſton*, or *Tunſtall*, *Chedeſtan*, or *Cheſton*, *Wenham*, *Rhamdona* or *Ramſholt*, *Belcham* or *Bulkham*, &c. in *Suffolk*; with his Body to be buried at *Thetford*. *Hugh de Hoſdene* and *Maud* his Wife gave them *Offeton* or *Oſton* Church, with all the Tithes belonging to it, and 30 Acres of their Demeans, and all their Tithes in *Weſton*, with the Tithe of their Mill there, and 20 *s.* Rent in *Daneſeia* or *Denſton*, and their Tithes in *Tothenham*, or *Tuddenham* in *Carleford* Hundred. *William de Burnovilla* or *Burnvill*, and *Alice* his Wife, gave them their Tithes in *Ringeſhall* or *Ringſhall*, and *Belham* or *Bailham*, and their Tithes at *Colneia* or *Colneſe*, their Tithe of *Nethleſteda*, or *Netleſted*, and Lands in *Somerſham* in *Suffolk*, with part of the Church. *Ralf Fitz-Walter* and *Maud* his Wife, gave them St. *Giles*'s Church at *Wadetona* or *Watton*, with it's Lands, Tithes, and all other Appurtenances, and in particular, the Farm, Lands, and Houſe, which *Ernald* the Prieſt held of him, and 60 Acres of his Demeans, with the Wood, called *Eilewardeſhage*. *Herbert de Cravencun*, gave Land worth 8 *s. per Ann.* in *Lethona* or *Letton*, and two parts of his Tithes of *Gerſthona*, or *Griſton* in *Norfolk*. *Roger Bulzun*, gave two parts of his Tithes in *Ovitona*, or *Ovington*. *Ivo Verdunenſis* or *Verdun*, gave two parts of his Tithes in *Mulethona* or *Moulton*. *Ralf Fitz-Hugh*, gave his Land at *Creio* or *Creik* in *Norfolk*. *Edward* (*Fitz-Hugh*) gave two parts of his Tithes in *Melles* in *Suffolk*, and *Beſthorp* in *Norfolk*. *William de Curcun*, two parts of his Tithes in *Wodethona*, or *Wotton*, in *Norfolk*, and *Hoxcroft*, and his Land in *Newthona*, or *Newton*, which was formerly *Aceline*'s, and his Tithes in *Terſtona*, or *Tharſton*, in *Norfolk*. *Ranulf*, gave his Tithes in *Wica* or *Wicken*, and *Bantia* or [r] *Banham*. *Richard de Cadomo* or *Caam*, gave them Land in *Brockedis* or *Brodiſh*, and Shackage in his Woods, to fat 20 Swine, and two parts of his Tithes in [s] *Northona*, or *Blo-Norton*, and all the Right he had in the Church of *Sileham* in *Suffolk*. *Hubert de Montecaniſo* or *Montchenſy* gave two parts of his Tithes in *Belcham* or *Bulkham*. *Berengarius de Sap*, two parts of his, in *Brainthona* or *Brantham* in *Suffolk*. *Rogerus de Eufreus*, two Parts of his, in *Tenthona* or *Tunſton*, in *Suffolk*. *Ralf Paſſelewe*, two Meaſures of Wheat Yearly, and ſix at his Death. *Walter de Smalaberga*, or *Smalburgh* was a Benefactor. *Rainald* the Steward, gave 3 Meaſures of Wheat, and 1000 Herings.

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[o] See fo. 151.

(p) N. B. The Churches, don't always mean the Advowſons, but only ſuch Tithes as belonged to them, if the Owners did not give them elſewhere.

[q] In Blithing Hundred Suffolk.

[r] See fo. 182.

[s] See fo. 163.

*Roger de Cailli* 5*s.* Rent, and half his Goods at his Death. *Fulk Savinenſis* or *Savigni*, gave 10*s.* *Robert de Bram*, two Meaſures of Wheat. *Bernard de Berneham*, 3000 Herings. *Baldewin Fitz-Wido*, three Meaſures of Wheat, and three Meaſures of Barley. *Will. Aplegart*, one Meaſure of Wheat. *Will. de Boſco* or *Bois*, two Meaſures of Wheat. *Briſtrieus de Longelond*, 1000 Herings. *Briſmere de Torneia*, three Meaſures of Wheat. *Robert de Rokelund*, one Meaſure of Wheat. *Ralf Fitz-Herlewin*, gave them divers Lands with a Meaſure of Barley, and another of Peaſe,

All which Gifts the ſaid *William* confirmed to the Monaſtery, in the Preſence of *William Maleth*, *Will. Bigot*, *Humfry Bigot*, *Robert de Vallibus*, *Ralf Fitz-Walter*, *Ethard de Wallibus*, *Richard de Caam*, *Robert de Bois*, *Ivo de Verdun*, and many other of his Men: and ſoon after, King *Henry* I. confirmed it.

This *William* periſhed in the lamentable Shipwrack, with the King's Children, as they came from *Normandy* to *England*, in the Year 1119, leaving

Hugh Bigod, his Brother and Heir, to ſucceed him in his Eſtate and Office, he was created Earl of the *Eaſt-Angles* or *Norfolk*, by King *Stephen*, and becauſe he confirmed all the Gifts and Donations of his Predeceſſors, is called by ſome, the FOUNDER, tho' he was only Patron and Benefactor, he was advanced again to the Title of Earl of *Norfolk*, by *Henry* II. and had a Grant of the Office of *Steward*, to enjoy it in as ample a Manner, as *Roger Bigod* his Father did in *Henry* I. Time.

In 1135, *Reginald de Peytona*, Sewer to *Hugh Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, and Lord of *Peyton-hall* Manor in *Boxford*, and *Ramſholt* in *Suffolk*, which he held of the Earl, was a great Benefactor to the Abby. [*u*] *Robert de Valoines* gave half a Knights Fee. *Robert de Reinis* gave them the Church of *Little-Briſeth* or *Briſet* in *Suffolk*, and 12 Acres of his Demeans, lying between that, and *Offeton* Church. *Theobald de Scalarijs* or *Scales*, confirmed the Grant of *Robert de Scales* his Father, of the Church of *Dullingham* in *Cambridgeſhire*, with all it's Appurtenances, and alſo *Edwy*, with his Land, and 24 Acres of Land and a Free-Fold, which were Part of the Demeans that the Prior and Convent bought of his Father. *Rog. de Monte Begonis*, for his own, and his Parents Souls, offer'd upon the Altar, [*x*] the Iſle by *Croxton-Mere* in *Lancaſhire*, with the Woods, Lands, and Fiſheries belonging to it, and the Churches of [*y*] *Suſtorp*, and *Northorp*, and all the Churches and Chapels of his Fee, and the Lands called *Tarlton* and *Little-Holme*, in *Croxton* aforeſaid in *Lancaſhire*; with the Men, and all that belong to them, the Wood, called *Caiuueda*, and all the Lamb and Goat-Skins of his Manors, with Liberty for them to Fiſh in all his Fiſheries, which Liberty, *William*, Prior of this Houſe afterwards releaſed to the Abbot of *Cokerſand*, together with all their Right in the *Holmes* near *Tarlton*, alias *Morton-Mere*.

King *Henry* II. when he was at *Thetford*, was entertained in this Monaſtery, and at the Requeſt of *Hugh Bigot*, confirmed all the aforeſaid Gifts, and theſe following ones: *viz.* the Land which *Ralph de Bellofago*, or *Beaufo* gave them, the Land in *Bretebam* or *Bretenham*, which *Avice*, Daughter of *Hugh de Burnevill* held, 20*s.* Rent out of *Sotesford* or *Shotford* Mill in *Suffolk*, 10*s.* Rent in *Languada* or *Lanwade* in *Cambridgeſhire*, and the Church and Tithes at *Brom* in *Suffolk*, the Church of *Cavedona*. Four Men in *Newton*, with their Lands, the Tithes in *Panewrda* or *Panworth* in *Norfolk*, (now in *Aſhill*) with one Man, and four Sticks of Eels, in the ſame Town, of the Gift of *Hurlewine de Panewurda*. The Land and Men in *Hulme* or *Holme-Hale*, which *Erahald de Waketon* by leave of his Lady *Gunnora* ſold them, together with his own Tithes. The Tithes in *Florendona* or *Flordon* in *Norfolk*, in *Moletona* or *Moulton*, and *Teſton*, which were given them by *Robert de Bois*. The Tithes in *Glemham*, and *Stratford*, of the Gift of *Ralf Fitz-Walter* and *Maud* his Wife, the Tithes of *Greſtona* or *Griſton*, and 8*s.* a Year in Land, the Tithes of *William Fitz-Offord*, of *Warner de Totintona* or *Totington*, of *Lambert de Scireforda* or *Sherford*, of *Ralf de Freduna*, of *Alwric Karleſune*, and one *Soc-Man*, in *Bocheneia* or *Bodney* in *Norfolk*, with his Land, and three Men in *Elingham* with their Lands, of the Gift of *Herbert de Craneton*. The Tithe of *Perneho*. The Church of St. *Peter* at [z] *Reiduna* or *Roydon*, with all that belong to it, in which Church, there are placed Monks of *Theodford*. The Chapel of St. *Margaret* at *Reſſemere* or *Ruſhmere* in *Suffolk*, the Church of St. *Andrew* in *Serepham* [*a*] or *Shropham*, in *Norfolk*. The Church of *Eſtun* or *Eaſton*, and *Bruges Marſh*. The Church of St. *Peter*, at *Horkeleia*, or *Horkeſley* in *Eſſex*, of the Gift of *German*, [*b*] in which there are Monks of *Thetford*.

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[*u*] Lib. Nig. Scaij: Edit. 1728, Vol. 1. P. 246.

[x] That is the Grant, of it.

[*y*] I don't know whither this be Suſted in Norfolk that belonged to them, or no.

[z] By Riſing-Caſtle, where there was a ſmall Cell of Cluniac Monks, belonging to this Priory.

[*a*] See fo. 3[illegible]5.

[*b*] It was a Cell to Thetford.

*ford*. The Churches of *Wiſeton* or *Wiſton*, *Bocſtede*, and *Offeton* or *Oſton* in *Suffolk*, and 30 Acres Land there, of the Gift of *Robert*, Son of *Godebold*. 20*s*. Rent in *Daneſey*, and the Tithes of the Lands and Mill, of *Hugh de Hoſdene*'s own Gift. The Tithes of *Totenham* or *Tudenham*, the Church and Tithes of *Ringeſhel* or *Ringſhall*, the Tithes of *Colneſe*, *Beleham*, and *Somerſham*, with Part of the Church, of the Gift of *Maud de Hoſdene*; the Chapel of [*c*] *Remeſthorp*, with all it's Lands and Tithes, 30 Acres in *Flordon*, and the Tithes of *Alelm* of *Tharſton*, of *Gilbert*'s Gift. The Tithes of *Ralf de Wita* in *Wiken*, and *Banham*, the Tithes of *Albred* or *Aubry de Banham*. The Tithes of *Hubert de Montchenſy* in *Saham*, one Man in *Muthfield*, who pays 10*s*. Rent, and *Blatſone de Strubelim*, and his Land, of the Gift of the ſaid *Hubert*. The Tithes of *Lambert de Stanham*, the Tithes in *Newton*, [*d*] the Tithes of *Ralf de Dullingham*, and of *Ralf* Son of *Malfred*, of *Jeffry de Ditton*, and of *Sirulf de Wilburgham*, and of his Lands in *Caveleia* or *Cheveley*, and in *Saxton* or *Saxum*, and the half of his Tithes in *Silureſleia* or *Silverly*, the Tithes of *Jeffry de Quoio* or *Quy*, and 10*s*. Rent in *Freeton*, *Forton*, or *Foxton*; the Land which *Richard Fitz-Osbert*, and *Alice* his Wife, and *Hugh* their Son, gave in *Ditton*, and the Tithes of *Robert de Berton*. The [*e*] Tithes in *Firevilla* or *Ferſfield*, of the Gift of *William de Bois*, the Tithes in *Twitras*, and the Land in *Roburna*, which *William* the Chaplain held. The Tithes of *Gilbert Fitz Bernard*, of *Wauretona*, and 3000 Eels paid by *Henry de Rye*, in *Tinſwera*. The Mill at *Deopham*, and one Man and his Land. 500 Eels paid by *Hucha* from *Scaleſlade* or *Salterſlode*, 500 Eels paid by *Eſtmund*, from *Bachel*. 500 Eels paid by *Gotland*, from the *Lode*, 2000 by *Burhard de Monte-Morelet*, 1000 from *Boſcel de Ely*, 5000 by *Roger Bigod*, from *Welle*, four Sticks of Eels of *Herlewyne*, from *Denham*, three Sticks of Eels by *Gotland Long*. The Land at *Rixwrda*, of the Gift of *Muriel de Montchenſy*, with the Conſent of her Brother *Roger*. Land in *Brom* in *Suffolk*, and the Church of *Little-Framingeham* in *Norfolk*, of the Gift of *Gunnora*, Mother of *Henry de Eſſex*. The Wood and all that belonged to it, in *Little-Raſing* in *Lincolnſhire*, of the Gift of *William* Earl *Warren*. The Church of *Little-Bricet* in *Suffolk*, with all it's Appurtenances, and 12 Acres of Demeans, of the Gift of *William*, Son of *Edmund*. 10*s*. Rent in *Turſton*, of the Gift of *Robert de Vaux*. *Dodeſcroft-Mill*, the *Little-Mill*, the Mill which was the Biſhops, the Land, Meadow, and Mill by the Caſtle, and 5*s*. 4*d*. Rent out of *Brendmilne* in *Thetford*. Beſides this, the King granted and confirmed that their Lands in *Thetford* ſhould be *Scot* free, and that they ſhould have and enjoy the Liberties, of *Sac*, *Soc*, *Tol*, *Them*, and *Infangenethef*, and that they ſhould be free from all Service, to *County* or *Hundred* Courts, Courts of *Manors*, or any other Pleas whatever, and alſo from all *Toll*, *Scot*, *Geld*, or *Dane-Geld*, *Luſgall*, or *Warpene*, and all other Royal Cuſtoms, in the ſame Manner as they were freed, by the Grant of King *Henry* his Grandfather.

Earl *Hugh*, died in 1177, ſo that all theſe Donations muſt be before that Time.

[*f*] In 1175, *Thomas* of *Lincoln*, Clerk to the *French* King, gave 60 Acres of Land, and 3 Acres of Turf Land, in *Hales* in *Norfolk*, for his own and Parents Souls, on Condition, he and his Mother, ſhould enjoy it for Life, paying 3*d*. a Year on his Fathers *Anniverſary*, *viz.* 7 Kal: *Febr.* and after their Deaths, the Monks were to hold it in Demean, but never ſell it, on Pain of God's Curſe: This Donation was made at *Matheſhale*, before Archdeacon *Staingrun*, [*g*] and the Chapter of his Clergy then held there, and in Confirmation of it, he ſealed it with his Mothers Ring, which ſhe had given him for that purpoſe.

*William de Walſham*, by Deed without Date, gave them his Tenement in *Dunham* in *Norfolk*, in pure Alms, to be held by Knights Service only.

ROGER BIGOD ſucceeded his Father *Hugh*, and was conſtituted Steward of the Houſehold, and Earl of *Norfolk*, by King *Richard* I. in the firſt Year of his Reign; he confirmed all the Gifts made to the Monaſtery by any of his Predeceſſors, and ſealed with this Seal his whole Life, never bearing a Lyon Rampand for his Arms, as ſome imagine, he died according to Mr. *Weever* in 1218, but as Mr. *Dughdale* hath it, in 1220.

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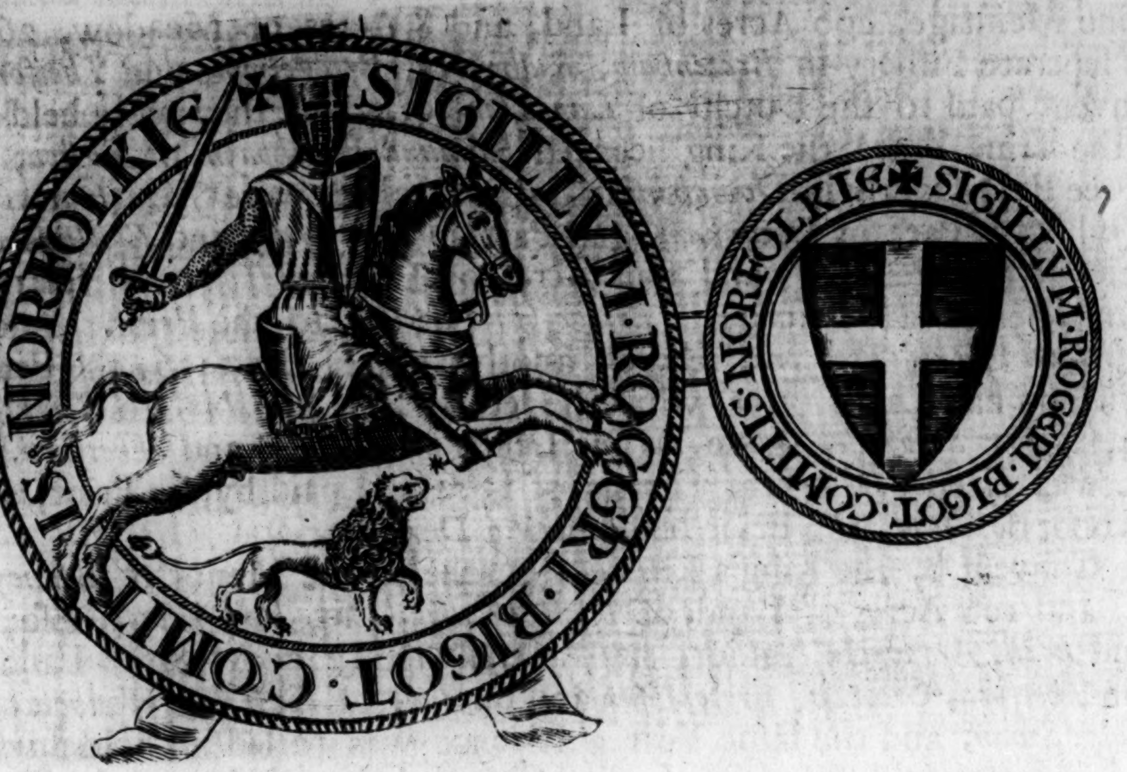
(c) Sweneſthorp or Swainthorp in Norfolk. (*d*) All theſe in Cambridgeſhire. (e) See fo. 65. (f) Autog Penes me. (*g*) Now called the Generals.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**Hugh Bigod** his Son and Heir ſucceeded, who married *Maud* the eldeſt Daughter of *William Marſhall* Earl of *Pembrook*, and *Marſhall* of *England*, ſhe out-lived him, and gave the *Marſhalſhip* to

**Roger Bigod** her eldeſt Son, then Earl of *Norfolk*, who thereupon quitted the ancient Coat of his Family, *viz. Or.* a Croſs *Gul.* and afterwards, always bore *Marſhall*'s Arms; after the Death of

**Roger Bigot**, Nephew to the aforeſaid *Roger*, and laſt Earl of *Norfolk* of that Family, this *Priory* aſſumed, and always bore them, as the Arms of their Houſe, to it's Diſſolution.

In 1236, the Abbot of *Cluni* complained to the King againſt Earl *Roger*, becauſe he would not permit him to viſit the Monaſtery, which was a Daughter of his Church of *Cluni*, and where he claimed to put in the Prior, but after a Suit, the Viſitation was adjudged to the Abbot, and the Patronage to the Earl.

In 1240, the Prior was Lord and Patron of *Offeton*, or *Oſton* in *Suffolk*, and had Lands in *Somerſham* and *Almeſete*, which were farmed by *Roger*, Prior of their Cell at *Horkeſley*, to whom they gave their Church of *Wiſſington* in *Suffolk*.

[b] In 1249, the Prior would not ſuffer the Kings Bailiffs, to ſerve any Proceſſes in his Lands, nor to make any Diſtreſſes. In 1261, the Prior had in Fee-Farm, of the Prior and Convent of *Bermondeſeye* in *Surrey*, their Tithes in *Ditton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, which *Robert* Son of *Humphry*, gave to that Monaſtery in 1177, at 10 Marks *per Ann.* In 1271, *John de Scales*, confirmed the Land and Advowſon of *Dullingham.* In 1274, it was returned, that the Prior was to find 10 Men with Bows and Arrows for 40 Days, at his Expence, when ever the King went againſt the *Welſh* in Perſon, for the Field called *Favertonfield*, and for his Warren in *Weſtwick* in *Thetford*. In 1324, the Prior's Manors and Churches of *North-Glemham*, *Derſham*, and *Jokesford*, or *Yoxford* in *Suffolk*, were ſeized by the King, as belonging to an *Alien*. In 1358, the Prior agreed with *John Bryggs* of *Quidenham*, for his Manor of *Lynford* for eight Score Marks, whereof the Prior by his Will, which was dated ſome Years after, was to ſtop 40 Marks, for his Anniverſary, every Monk that was a Prieſt, to have 12 *d.* and every one not a Prieſt, 6 *d.* [i] In 1359, [k] the Prior gave the Prioreſs of the Nuns 10 Acres of Land. and 46 *s.* 8 *d.* Rent in *Rougham*, in exchange for *Brendmill* in *Thetford*, and 12 Acres of Land there. In 1395, the Duke of *Lancaſter*, for a Fee-Farm Rent of 42 Marks *per Ann.* granted to the Prior and his Succeſſors, a Meſſuage called the *Graunge*, a Toſt called *Caſtle-Yard*, 940 Acres of Meadow and Paſture, a Water-Mill, 2 Free-Folds, and a Warren for Conies in *Thetford* and *Croxton*. In 1401, the Prior had a Grant for to be repoſſeſſed of the Vicarage of *Northales*, and for the Manor of *Santon*, and Lands in *Weſt-Toftes*. In 1406, *William Knight*, ſold to *Edmund Eldehall* of *Wodeditton*, Eſq; *Edmund Heyford* of *Bernham* and others, all his Lands in *Newmarket*, lying in the Dominion of the Manor of the Prior of *Thetford*, is called *Monks-Wyk*, which Lands were ſetled by the ſaid *Edmund* on the Prior, in 1412. In 1411, the King licenced *Hugh Stoppuſley* to give

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[b] Placita Corone, 34 H. 3.

[i] See fo. 431.

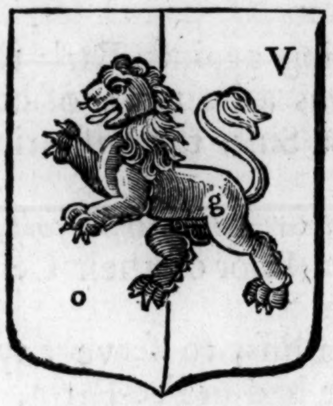
[k] Pat. R. 2. A° 19 Part. 2. m. 33.

in *Mortmain*, one Meſſuage, 200 Acres of Land, and 8 Acres of Meadow, 26*s.* Rent, a Free-Fold, and ſeperate Fiſhery in *Bretenham*, *Ruſhworth*, *Bridgeham*, and *Thetford*, on Condition, the Convent paid to the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, of which they were held 50*s.* every Vacancy, and the ſame Year, the King licenced *Edmund Blankpayn* of *Euſton*, to ſetle the Lands and a Free Fold-Courſe in *Downham* in *Suffolk*, which were *John Howys*'s, lying in *Favertonfield*, (which is Part in *Downham*, and Part in *Thetford*,) and *William Smith*, was licenced to ſetle divers Meſſuages and four Acres of Land in *Toxford*. In 1412, *Henry Dod* of *Dunmow*, releaſed a Meſſuage in *Bridge-Gate* Street, to the Prior. And in 1417, *John* Son of *William Cat* of *Thetford*, releaſed another there. In 1426, the Prior was Patron of *Gaſthorp*, and had Lands there, which he lett at 20*s.* *per Ann.* to *Robert Berdewelle*, Eſq; In 1434, *Roger Stoppuſley*, gave all his Lands in *Croxton* and *Thetford*. In 1440, King *Henry* VI. was ſeized of the Yearly Farm, of 13*s.* 4*d.* paid by the Prior, to the King, inſtead of the Abbot of *Cluni*, the Prior being now a Denizon.

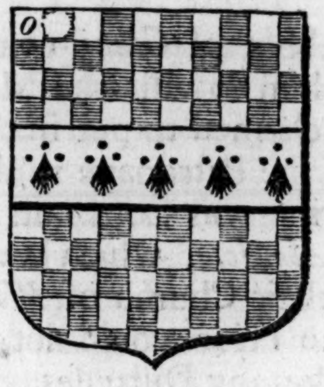
In 1452, the Convent by the King's Licence, purchaſed the Manor of *Bodney*, with the Appurtenances, and 100 Acres of Land, of *Rich. Waller*, Eſq; *Rob. Boorle*, Eſq; *John Bertram*, Gent. and *Will. Norwych*, Junior, and a Meſſuage, 220 Acres of Land, and two Fold-Courſes, in *Thetford*, *Croxton*, *Bretenham*, and *Santon*, of Sir *Tho. Tudenham*, Knt. *John Heydon*, and *John Swan*, and the ſame Year a Licence was paſſed to hold *Linford* Manor and Advowſon in Mortmain. In 1467, *Lynford* Church being void, and the Town almoſt uninhabited, the Biſhop appropriated all its Profits to the Prior, who was to ſerve it by one of the Monks, and pay a Pention of 3*s.* 4*d.* *per Ann.* to the See.

In 1446, The Medieties of the Rectory of *Brome* in *Suffolk* were conſolidated, and the Prior was to have an alternate Preſentation; upon which, the following Arms and Inſcriptions were put up in the Eaſt-Chancel Window, where they now remain.

**Prior et Conventus Monachorum de Thetford, Patronus ex una Parte,**



**Et Magiſter Calthorp Patronus, ex altera Parte.**



In 1486, *Nich. Bourchier* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, gave three Copes of white Damask, embroider'd all over with golden Angels, and other Things to this Priory. In 1499, *Will. Fyſhere* Burgeſs, gave the Monks 13*s.* 4*d.* "Praying them of Charitye to admit him a "Brudir of their Chapter-Houſe."

In 1535, there was a private Act paſſed to confirm an Exchange of Lands between the King, the Duke of *Norfolk*, and the Prior.

In King *Henry* VIII. Time, the Prior received 2*s.* *per Ann.* [l] from *Weſt-Herling*, and a Pention [m] from the Rector of *Shelfhanger*, and it appears that their Tithes in *Netleſted*, were confirmed by *Alan the Black*, Earl of *Richmond*, many Years ſince, and that *Hubert Walter*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, firſt confirmed a Pention of 40*s.* *per Ann.* granted by the Prior of *Thetford* out of the Church of *Finchingfield* in *Suffolk*, to the Abbot and Monks of *Reading*, after the Death of the then Incumbent, [n] *Ralf de Diceto*, who was afterwards Dean of St. *Paul's*. The Prior was taxed for all his Temporals in *Suffolk* at 62*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* and for all his Spirituals at 82*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* and it appears, that they were Patrons of *Beling's-Parva* and that the *Brome* Portion was taxed at 16*d.* *Toxford* Church and impropriate Tythes at two Marks, and the Vicarage of which they were Patrons at 6 Marks and an half. *Darſham* Impropriation at 20*s.* and the Vicarage of which they were Patrons, at 4*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* &c. [o] their Church and impropriate Tithes at *Dullingham* in *Cambridgeſhire* were taxed at 20*l.* their Vicarage at 5*l.* they had no Temporals in *Ely*

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[l] See fo. 20; 210.

[m] See fo. 77 82.

[n] See fo. 19.

[o] E. Regr. Vet. Elien. inter. Archiv. Epi. Elienſis.

Dioceſs, but all their Spirituals were taxed at 30 Marks. *Wood-Ditton* Church was appropriated to them, and they were Patrons of the Vicarage. They were taxed for their Portion of Tithes in *Wacton* in *Norfolk*, at half a Mark, for their Temporals in *Lynn*, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and thoſe in *Tilney* 9 *s.* they had ſmall Parcels of Land in *Garboldeſham*, and many other Towns not mentioned here.

In 1540, when the Houſe was diſſolved and conveyed to the Duke, it appears that the Rents reſerved, amounted to 59 *l.* 15 *s.* 1 *d. per Ann.* including the Rent of the Cell of *Wangford* in *Suff.* 59 *l.* 5 *s.* 1 *d.* of which, was paid to the Crown in King *Charles* II. Time.

The Manors, Impropriations, and Advowſons in *Norfolk*, conveyed to the Duke with the Monaſtery, were, *Halwick* in *Thetford*, *Norwick*, *Santon*, *Lynford*, *Bodney*, *Monkſwick* in *Walton*, *Monkſhall* in *Kilverſton*, *Bretenham*, *Aſlacton*, *Snareſhill*, *Totington*, and *Gateſthorp*: the Rectories Impropriate with the Advowſons of the Vicarages, of the Churches of St. *Mary* and St. *Nicholas* in *Thetford*, *Watton*, and *Hockham*; the Impropriations of *Suſted*, *Lynford*, *Aſlacton*, and *Snariſhill*: the Advowſons of the Rectories of *Gaſthorp*, *Great-Porland*, *Framlingham-Earl*, &c. with the Manor and Impropriation of *Syleham*, &c. in *Suffolk*.

The Ruins of the Monaſtery are very large, and the Priors Apartment which was at the Weſt-End of the Cloiſter, was ſtanding 'till 1737, when the Roof was pulled off good Part of it; right againſt it, at a good Diſtance, cloſe by the Road, ſtands the Abby-Gate, which is 12 Yards ſquare, and 14 Yards high, having a Turret and Stairs at the South Eaſt, and another made for a Privy, at the South-Weſt Corner; it is built of Free-Stone and Black-Flint, and makes a handſome Appearance. The Ruins are much leſſened in a few Years, being pulled down for the Stones Sake, it was a large Church, the Tower according to the Conventual Form, being between the Nave and Choir, and the Cloiſter on the South-Side, there are no Arms remaining, ſave a Shield of a Lyon Rampand, which is on a Supporter of the arched Roof of the Choir, on the North Side over the Altar, by which I conclude that Roof was made, by *John* Lord *Mowbray*, in the Time of *Henry* VI. Some Years ſince, Mr. *Martin* opened a Trench croſs the Choir, about three Yards from the Altar, and found a large Stone-Coffin with a Skeleton in it, no doubt but it was a *Bigod*.

On the North-Side of the Choir, are the Ruins of a Noble Chapel, not much inferior to the Choir it ſelf, the Foundation of which, [*p*] *John Brame* a Monk of this Place, gives us an account of, with the fabulous Miracles concerning it.

While the Biſhoprick was at *Thetford*, and the See placed in the Pariſh Church of St. *Mary*, the Image of the *Holy Virgin* was ſet at the High-Altar of that Church, and when the Monks left it, was carried and fixed at the High-Altar in their new Monaſtery Church. But afterwards a finer Image being made, it was taken down, and ſet in an obſcure Place. At that Time, there was a poor Workman in the Town, who inceſſantly called upon the *Bleſſed-Virgin*, for Relief from an incurable Diſeaſe, that he laboured under: to him the *Virgin* appears in the Night, telling him, that if he would be cured, he muſt haſten to the Prior of her Monaſtery, and in her Name, command him to build her a Chapel on the North-Side of the Choir, which he had newly repaired. But upon neglecting the Meſſage, ſhe appeared to him thrice, upon which he acquainted the Prior with it, who being much aſtoniſhed, reſolved to obey the Command, and build a Chapel of Wood, but after this, the Sick Man returns, and tells him, that ſhe order'd it to be built with Stone, and ſhew him the very Place where ſhe would have it done; not long after, the Prior went out of Town, and the Man going to talk with him, and not finding him at Home, went to a Religious old Man, who had lived a long Time in the Monaſtery, and gave him a Token, where the Foundation Stone of the Chapel ſhould be placed, by ſhewing him, and every Body elſe that would ſee it, for two Hours together, the Shape of a Croſs upon it, wonderfully adorn'd with Gold and Jewels, which afterwards diſappeared; after this, the Prior returning and not haſtening the Building, the *Virgin* appeared in like manner to a Woman in the Town, ordering her to go to a certain Monk of the Houſe, and command him to deſire the Prior to build the Chapel immediately, which the Woman neglecting to do, the *Virgin* came to her in the Night and much blamed her for contemning her Command, and with that, touched her Arm, and ſhe immediately loſt the Uſe of it, the Woman when ſhe awoke perceiving it, and much grieving for her negligence, ran to the Monk, and with many Tears told him her Misfortune, who adviſed her, to offer an Arm made of Wax, to the *Holy-Virgin*, which being done, her own Arm was reſtored.

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[*p*] I. x. Bib. Col. Corp. Chriſti. Cant.

As ſoon as the Chapel was built the Prior deſiring to increaſe the People's Devotion to the *Bleſſed Virgin*, cauſed the Image which ſtood by a Door near the Chapel, to be taken down, and new painted, and as the Painter was clearing it, he found a Silver Plate well nailed to the Top of it's Head, and ſhew it the Prior, who called the Monks, and order'd it to be taken off, in their Preſence, and there they found the Reliques of many Saints, wrapt in Lead, with their Names upon them, all which were firſt ſent to *Stephen* of *Provence*, Prior of this Houſe, by *William*, Prior of *Merleſham*, at the Requeſt of *Hugh Bygod*, and Sir *Ralf*, Monk of *Thetford*, and moſt of them firſt of all came from the *Holy Sepulchre* at *Jeruſalem*, there being Pieces of the Purple Robe of our Lord, of the Girdle of the *Virgin Mary*, of the *Holy Sepulchre*, of the Rock *Calvary*, of the Sepulchre of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, of our Lord's Manger, of the Earth found in St. *John* the Evangeliſt's Sepulchre, of St. *George*'s Body, with other Reliques of St. *Vincent* the Martyr, and of St. *Leodegar* or *Leiger*, St. *Barbara*, St. *Gregory*, St. *Leonard*, and St. *Jerom*, with ſome of St. *Agnes*'s Hair, and of the Wooden Coffin miraculouſly kept from decay, in which King *Edmund* the Martyr, many Years after his Paſſion, was found whole, and looked as if he had been alive, with Pieces of St. *Etheldred*'s Coffin, in which ſhe was found 11 Years after her Death, whole, and as if ſhe had been aſleep; Pieces alſo of St. *Lazarus*'s Cloaths, and Sepulchre, beſides divers others, whoſe Names were not known, all which were placed in the Head of the Image, which the aforeſaid [q] Sir *Ralf*, Monk here, who was born and brought up in this Town, cauſed to be made at his own Expence, with a Tabernacle adorned with ſmall Images, Painting, Gold, and precious Stones: And beſides this, he with the Aſſiſtance of *Ralf de Caam*, Clerk, who was a great Friend to the Monaſtery, perſuaded the Lady *Maud de Samundeham*, a Lay Siſter, and great Friend of the Houſe, to purchaſe the famous Picture of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, in the Refectory; all which Things he performed with much Labour, and great Difficulty, and therefore for theſe Services, his Anniverſary was for ever to be held on the Ides of *October*.

All theſe *Reliques* were kept in the Chapel 'till it's Diſſolution, by Means whereof it was richly adorn'd, ſuch as viſited it by Way of Devotion uſually offering there, it being famous for the many Miracles performed by this Image, which were noiſed about in the Country, two or three of which, the aforeſaid Monk tells us of, as firſt, that a Woman in *Thetford*, overlaid her Child, and finding it dead in the Morning, takes it up, and runs to the Image with it naked, and at the Virgin's Interceſſion it came to life again. Another is of a Woman in *Thetford*, who became dumb by a Deceaſe in her Throat, upon which Account, many gave her Money to enable her to go and make her Offering to the Image of the *Holy Virgin*, at *Wulpit* in *Suffolk*, and pray for her Recovery, but the Woman made Signs that ſhe would go to the Image in the new Chapel of the Monks, which being conſented to, ſhe was reſtored, the Woman affirming the *Bleſſed Virgin* appeared to her, and pulled her Tongue up from her Throat which cured her, wherefore ſhe vowed to keep a Candle burning before the Image during her Life. Another is, of one *William Heddrich* the Younger, a Carpenter, and *Iſabel* his Wife, who lived in *Hokham*, and in Harveſt Time, according to cuſtom, carried their Boy about three Years old, with them into the Field, and while the Mother was mowing, towards Evening, the Child laid down and fell aſleep, and ſoon after, a Cart ran over the Head and killed it, which the Father who followed the Cart perceiving, took him up, and being much vexed for his Death, runs to a Phyſician in the Town, with the Child, who aſſured him he was dead, but upon their vowing to go a Pilgrimage, ſtark naked to the Image of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, in her Chapel at *Thetford*, the Child came to life again about Midnight, and it's Parents performed their Vows, and made large Offerings to the *Holy Virgin*; and by ſuch Means as theſe it was, that this Chapel was ſo remarkable, and kept up it's credit among the Vulgar, 'till it's utter Suppreſſion.

## *Perſons of Note buried in this Church,*

[r] **Hugh Bigod**, Earl of *Norfolk*, Son and Heir after the Death of *William* his elder Brother, to *Roger Bigod* the Founder, was buried in the Choir, in the Year 1177, as Mr. *Dughdale* ſays, Mr. *Weever* ſays he died very aged in 1178, as his Inſcription on his Monument teſtified, *viz.*

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[q] He was Monk before they removed from the Cathedral.

[r] The following Account is taken from the Regiſters in the Biſhop's Office. Dug: Bar. Vol. 1. fol. 132. Weever fol. 828. &c. Vincent againſt Brook, fol. 338, &c.

Orate pro Anima Religioſiſſimi Viri Hugonis Bigod, Fundatoris huius Monaſterii, Seneſchalli Hoſpitii prepotentiſſimo Principi, Henrico Conqueſtoris Filio, Anglie Regi, et Comitis Norfolcie, qui quidem Hugo obiit Pridie Kalend. Martii, Anno Mileſimo Centeſimo Septuageſimo Octavo. propter miſericordiam Jeſu requieſcat in Pace.

Roger Bigod Earl of *Norfolk*, his Son and Heir, died in 1218, or 1220, and was buried by his Father.

Hugh Bigod, Son of the laſt *Roger*, and third Earl of *Norfolk*, died in 1225, and was buried by his Father.

Roger Bigod Son and Heir of *Hugh*, Earl of *Norfolk*, and the firſt Marſhal of *England* of this Family, died about 1269, and was buried in this Church, according to his Will.

Roger Bigod, the laſt Earl of the Family, who was Son of *Hugh Bigod*, Chief Juſtice of *England*, and Nephew to *Roger Bigod* aforeſaid, died in 1305, and was buried here, by his firſt Wife, *Alice* Daughter of *Philip* Lord *Baſſet*, and Widow of *Hugh le Deſpenſer*, Juſtice of *England*, ſhe died in *April* 1280.

John Lord *Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, Earl Marſhal of *England*, Earl of *Notingham*, Lord and Baron of *Segrave* and *Gower*, Son of *John* Duke of *Norfolk*, was buried here, with *Eleanor* his Wife, Daughter of *William* Lord *Bourchier*, and Siſter of *Henry Bourchier*, Earl of *Eſſex*, he died in 1461.

John Mowbray his Son, was created Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, during his Fathers Life, and at his Death inherited all his Honours and Eſtate, he died without Iſſue at his Caſtle of *Framlingham* in *Suffolk*, in 1475, and was interr'd here.

Sir John Howard, Knt. who was created Duke of *Norfolk* by King *Richard* III. was ſlain in his Aid, at *Boſworth* Field, on *Monday Aug.* 22 1485, and was entombed here.

Sir Thomas Howard, Knight of the Garter, Earl of *Surrey*, and Duke of *Norfolk*, Son and Heir of the aforeſaid *John* [s] by Will dated the laſt of *May* 1520, ordered his Body to be buried in the Priory Church of *Thetford*, before the High Altar, commanding his Executors to ſet up a Tomb, with the Images of himſelf and *Agnes* his Wife thereon, allowing for the Charge thereof, 133 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* all which was performed; he died [t] 21 *May* 1524, 16 *H.* 8. his brave Carriage and Martial Proweſs is deſcribed in the following Inſcription, which was fixed to his Monument.

FOR as moche as it is wrytten in the Epitaphe aboute the Tombe here preſent, of the high and mighty Prince, Thomas, late Duke of Norffolke after his diſcent from his noble Anteceſſours, declared in the ſame in wrytyng, wheche is alſo ſet out in armes about the ſame Tombe. That who will ſe farther of his lyvyng and ſervyce doon by him to his Pryncis; And of hys honorable depertyng out of this worlde, ſchall reſorte and loke in thys Table.

Fyrſt you ſchall know the ſeid Duke was in hys young age, after he had been a ſufficient ſeaſon at the gramer ſchole, Henchman to Kyng Edward the iiii. and was then callid Thomas Howard, Son and Heire to Sir John Howard Knight, after, Lord Howard, and after that, Duke of Norffolke of right enheritance; and the ſeid Thomas Howard whan he was at mannes age, was wyth dyvers other Gentlemen of Englond, ſent to Charles, Duke of Burgon in the begynning of the Warres betwixt Kyng Lewes of Fraunce, and the ſaid Duke Charles, and ther contynued unto the ende of the ſeid warres, to hys greate prayſe and thankes. As well of Kyng Edward his own ſoverayn Lord, as of the ſaid Duke Charles. And after the warres doon betwixt the ſeid Kynge Lewes, and the ſeid Duke Charles, Than the ſeid Thomas Howard returned into Englond, unto Kynge Edward hys ſoverayn Lord: And he made him immediately Eſquyer for his Body. And he was aboute him at hys making redy bothe evenyng and mornyng. And afterward he made hym Knighte at the maryage of the Duke of Yorke, Kynge Edward his ſeconde Son. And ſo he was with the ſaid Kynge Edward in all his buſines, aſwell at Lincoln Shire feld, & at the tyme of Banberyfeld, as at all other his Buſynes. And alſo at ſuche tyme as the ſame Kynge was taken by the Erle of Warwyke at Warwyke befor hys eſcape and departing into Flaunders.

And after the Kynges deperting into Flaunders, for that the Coſtis of Englond were ſett ffor depertinge of any other his ſervauntis and frendis, the ſeid Thomas

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[s] Dug. Bar. Vol. 2 fo. 268.

[t] Hol. Vol. 2. fo. 1534, b. ſays, he died at Whitſontide 1524.

Howard was dryvin of fforce to take Sayntwary of Seynt Joannes in Colcheſter for the true ſervice he bare unto Kynge Edward; and at the ſeid Kynges retourne out of Flaunders, the ſeid Sir Thomas Howard reſortyd unto him and went wyth hym to Barnet Feld, and ther was ſore hurte.

And after whan Kyng Edward went into Fraunce with hys Army Ryall, he ſent thether before, dyvers gentilmen, And for that the ſeid Sir Thomas Howard had good experience aſwell in his being with Charles Duke of Burgon, as in dyvers Feldis and buſyneſſes wit the ſeid Kynge Edward, he had therfor Commaundement to go over with them, For his advyſe and counſell tyll the ſeid Kynge came over, And whan Kynge Edward and Kynge Lewes mette at the Barriars upon the River of Soin, and the ſeid Sir Thomas Howard was wyth Kynge Edward at the Barriars by the Kyngis Commaundement and no mo Men ſave only the Chaunceller of Englond, the Chaunceller of Fraunce, and Sir John Cheney.

And after the Kingis comyng into Englond, the ſeid Sir Thomas Howard obteyned licence of the Kynge to lye in Norffolk at an Howſſe which he had in the righte of my Lady his Wyffe, called Aſhewellethorpe, and ther he laye and kepte an honorable houſſe, in the favor of the hoole Shire, during the lyffe of the ſeid Kynge Edward, and at that tyme and long after my Lord his Father was alyve.

And after Kinge Edward was ded, and Kinge Edward the Fyfte his Son; than K. Richard was Kinge. And than the forſeid Sir Thomas Howard was his Subgette, And for that the Yonge Duches of Norffolke whiche was very heire therunto, was ded withoute Yſſue; And the Lord Howard, Father to the ſeid Thomas Howard, was rightefull heire to the ſame off former diſcent, was creatt Duke of Norffolk, and he creatt Erle of Surrey: And ſo they bothe ſerved the ſeid Kinge Richard truly as his Subgettis duringe his lyffe, lieng at home in their own Countries and keping honorable houſſes. And they went with him to Boſworthe Feld, where the ſeid Kinge Richard was ſlayne, and alſo the ſeid Duke of Norffolk, And thatforſeid Erle hurte, and takyn upon the Feld, and put in the Tower of London, by Kinge Henry the vii. and ther continued thre Yeeres and an halfe. In whiche time of his beinge in the Tower, the ſame Kinge Henry had a Feld with the Erle of Lincolne in Notyngham Shire beſydes Newarke, and the leeffetenant of the Tower came to the ſeid Erle, and proferred to him the Keyes to goo out at his Pleſure; and he anſwered him ageine, that he wolde not deperte thens, un to ſuche tyme as he that commaunded him thether, ſhuld commaunde him out ageyn, whiche was Kinge Henry the vii. but charged the leffetenant upon his Alligeaunce yf the Kinge war on live to bring him ther, as the Kinge was, to thentente he mighte do his Grace ſervice, and after that for the true and feithfull ſervice that the ſeid Kinge Henry herd of him doon to his other Prince; and alſo that he ſawe himſelf, he dide on Boſworth feld, and for the grete Prayſe and truth that he herd of him whills he was Priſoner, and that he wold nat, thoughe he had libertie, come out of the Tower at the Erle of Lincolnes feld, he toke him out to his preſence, and to be aboute his own perſon.

And wythin x. Wekes after his coming out of the Towre, ther was an Inſurrection in the Northe by whom the Erle of Northombrelond was ſleyne in the feld, and alſo the Citee of Yorke wonne with a ſawte by force; And for the ſubduing of thoſe Rebells, the Kinge aſſembled a grete Hoſte of his ſubgettis, and toke his iourney towards them from the Caſtell of Hertford; and the ſeid Erle of Surrey made chief captayn of his voward, and apoynted under him in the ſeid voward, the Erle of Shrewesbury, the Lord Haſtyngs, Sir Will. Stanley, than being the Kinges Chamberlayn, Sir Rice ap Thomas, Sir Thomas Bowſer, Sir John Savage, Sir John Ryſeley, and divers other, And whan this Jorney was doon the Capteynes of theſe Rebelles, and many other of them were put to execution, And for the ſinguler truſte that the Kinge had to the ſeid Erle, and the activite that he ſaw in him, he lefte him in the North, and made him his Lievtenaunt generall from Trent Northward, and Warden of the Eſt and middle Marches of Englond, ageinſt Scotlond, and Juſtice of the Forreſts from Trent Northward, and ther he continued x. Yeres; and kepte the countrey in Peace with Policy, and many paines taking withoute whiche it wold nat have been, for that the countrey had ben ſo lately poniſhed, and nat withoute deſert, And thus he dide the hoole tyme of x. Yere, ſaving in the ſecond Yere of his being, ther was an Inſurrerion in the Weſt part of the countrey, with whome the ſeid Erle with the helpe of the Kinges true Subgettis fought in the feld, and ſubdued them at Akworth beſides Pomfrett; And beſides divers of them that were ſlaine in the feld he toke the Captaines and put them to execucion, and the reſidue he ſued to the Kinges Highneſs for ther Pardones, whiche he obteined, and Wane therby the favour of the countrey. And in the ſame Yere the King vvent over the See, and ſaid Siege to Bolayn, the ſeid Erle than remaining ther, not vvithſtonding that he vvas appointed to haue gone With the king, and had gon, but for the lightnes of the Pepule ther, vvherfor he vvas left behind·both for the ſauegard of the countrey, and for defending of the Realme for the ſinguler truſte that he had unto him.

And ſone after ther vvas Warre weth the Scottis, and for that the ſeid Erle wold be in a redines to defende them, he vvent to Anvvyke, and ther laye to the defence of the Borders: And in his ovvn Perſone made a Winter Rood into Tividale, and ther brent ther Houſes, and ther Corne to the greateſt loſſe and empoueriſhement of the Countrie, that vvas doon ther in an hundreth Yere befor; And after that, the king of Scotts in his ovvne Perſon, and one Parkyn vvith him invaded this Realme of Englond, vvith a great Povver, and laid ſeege to Northam Caſtell. And aſſone as he herde that the ſeid erle vvas coming tovvards him he departed and fled into ſcotland With all the ſpeed he might. And in the ſame ſommer after, the ſaid Erle made another Rood into ſcotlond, and laid ſeege to the Caſtell of Heiton, and did race and pull doun the ſeid Caſtell, the king of ſcottis vvith the Puiſſaunce of his Realm loking upon it; & the erle had nat than paſt viii or ix thouſand Men vvith him. And than the king of ſcottis ſent unto the ſeid erle, Lion his Herold for to require Bataile, vviche vvas granted bi the ſeid erle, ſaing unto the ſeid Herold, that forasmoche as he vvas an Officer of Armes ſent from the King his Maſter to require Bataile, and he Lieutenaunt to the king his Maſter, graunted therunto. And ſaid it Was a Contracte & a full Bargain quiche coude not be brokin, but in the Defaute of oon of them. And promiſed bi the Faith that he bare to God, & to Seint George, & to the king his Maſter, he wold fulfill his Promeſſe. And if the king his Maſter brake, it ſhould be aſmoche to his Diſhonor and Reproche as euer had Prince, & quen the Harrold had herd this Anſwere, & ſawe weall the ſaid Erle was clerely determined to fight; he ſaid unto him, Sir, the King my Maſter ſendeth You Word, that for eſchewing of effuſion of Chriſten Blood, he will be contented to fight with You Hande to Hande, for the Toune of Berwike, & the Fiſhgarthis on the Weſt Marches: yf he wynne You in Bataile, & Yf ye wynne him in Bataile you to have a kingis Raunſom. Wherunto the ſaid Erle made anſwere, that he thanked his Grace that he Wolde put him to ſo moche honour, that he being a kyng anointed would fight Hande to Hande wyth ſo poore a Man as He, hovv be yt he ſeid, he Would nat dyſceyue his Grace, For he ſeid though he wanne him in Battaile, he quas never the nerer Beruick ner of Fiſhegarthys, for he had no ſuche Commyſſion ſo to do.

His Commyſſion Was to do the king of Scottis his Maſter all the harme he coude, & ſo he had Don, & Wold Do, &c.

And bad him ſhevve unto the king his Maſter that Whan the Jorney Was don, he Wold fight quith him on Horsback or on Fote at Pleſur, at any Place he Wold indifferently appoint, if the king his Maſter Wold giff him leue, &c.

And whan the Ware was doon & ended wi the Scottis, & the North part of Englond in good reſte & peace, than the kings Highnes ſent for the ſeid Erle to be about his parſon, and made him Treſourer of Englond, and of his priuye Counſayll.

And after that the kyng ſent him into Scotland as chief Commyſſioner withe Ladie Margarett his Doughter, to be maryed to the foreſaid King of Scottis, whiche Kynge att the tyme of the ſeid Earls being ther, entretayned him as thankfully & favourably as coude be thought. Notwithſtondyng anie diſpleaſures doon to him by the ſeid Erle in the Wares before. And alſo the ſaid Kinge ſeid than vn to him, that he loued hym the better for ſuche ſervice as he had doon before to the Kyng his Father Kyng of Englond, thoughe the hurte war doon to him, and his Realme, and he gave to him then at his departyng greatt gifts. And at the coming home agayn of the ſeid Erle for the truſte that the kyng our ſoverayn Lord had to him, his Grace made him one of his Executours.

And after the dethe of Kyng Henry the vii, King Henry the eyght made him lykewiſe of his prevay counſayll, and ſtill continued Treſourer of Englond, and made him highe Marſhall of the ſame: And for the ſinglet truſte that the King had aſwell to his truthe, as to his Wiſdome & activytte, at his going in to Fraunce with his puiſſaunce, having with his Highnes the moſte parte of his Nobles of this Realme, lefte the ſeid Erle with a certeyn power in the Northe Partes, and made him Lyuetenaunte

Generall from Trent Northward, to defende the Realme againſte the King of Scottis, whom his Highnes had no truſte unto for cauſe of the leeg betwixt Fraunce and them in caſe the ſeid King would invade this his Realme, which he dide in deede, contrary to his Oth and promiſe, with the hoole power of the Realme of Scotlond: Whiche when the ſeid Erle herd of, he made as great haſte towards him as he coude with the Kinges Power of the North partes. And toke his lodging in the Campe or playne called Wollar-haugh in the Countie of Northumbrelond whiche was in the ſight of the King of Scottis, and of all his Army then lying on Floddon-hill, a ground more like a Campe or Forteres, than any meete ground to give Bataile on, contrary to his promes made to Rogecras Purſeuaunte at Armes, before ſent unto him from the ſeid Erle with meſſage, that the ſeid Erle with the Lord Howard then Admirell of Englond his Son, And the Nobull Men of the North Partis, with other the Kingis Subgettis of the ſame North Parts, was come thedir to repreſſe and reſiſte hys Invaſyons of his ſoverain Lordis Realme; deſiryng the ſeid King of Scottis to giue him Bataile, which his meſſage the ſame King of Scottis toke uery thankfully & ioyuſly, promiſing him to abide ther on the ſame grounde, wher he than was; whiche his promes he brake as is aforeſaid, and took Floddon-hills, a ground impregnable, and ſhot at him his great Ordenaunce, wher as he lay like one minded to kepe it like a forteres, And whan the ſeid Erle dide perceive that he had brokin his promis, & takin ſo ſtronge a grounde as Floddon-hills, he than the ſeid Erle remoued all his Bataile unto a plain beſids Barmer-Wood to thentente to get betwene him and his owne Realme of Scotlond and ther lodged but one Nyght, & on the next Morning toke his Paſſage over the Water of at Twifull Forthe, and then he marched the ſeid King and his Oſte in ſuche maner, as he gat betwene him & his aune reame of Scotlond be force whereof the ſeid King was fain to leue his Campe, and to prepare himſelf to bataile with the ſeid Erle, on a Hill beſides Bramſton in Northumbrelond uery near vnto Sandyford. Wher the ſeid Erle with the good aſſiſtauns of the Nobull men, and the power of the ſeid North partys fought with the ſeid King & hem vanqueſhed, and ſlewe in plain bataile directely befor his owne Standard. In which bataile ware ſlaine on the ſcottiſhe parte ii. Byſſhoppes, xi. Erlys, xvii. Barons, CCCC Knights, beſides other Gentilmen, with xvii M in nombre, which Ware nombred aſweel by ſcottiſhe men as by them that did bury the moſte part of them. And of truth divers Gentilmen & others aſwell of the ſaid Erlys ſervants, as of the North partes, & of Cheſhir & Lankaſſhir war ther ſlane, for hard it is & half impoſſible in ſuch a conflict and bataile to be wanne without loſſe of men whoys deth may be Joyed among ther Frends to dye in ſo high a ſervys don to ther Prynce. And thys noble acte was don by the helpe of Almighty God to the high Honour of the Kinges Highnes. Honour & Prays to the ſaid Erle and & to all other Noble men, and others the Kinges ſubgettis that war ther with him at the batale the ix. Daye of Septembir, in the v. Yeer of our ſouerane Lord King Henry the viii.

And this don the ſeid Erle went to Barwyke, to eſtablyſhe all thinges well & in good Order: And ſent for the Ded Body of the Kyng of Scottis to Barwyke, And whan the Ordenaunce of the King of Scottis was brouth out of the Feld, and put in gode ſuertie and all Other thyngs in gode Order. Than the ſeid Erle toke his Jurney toward York, and ther abode duryng the Kyngs Pleaſure, and caryed with him the ded Body of thafforeſaid King of Scottis. And ther laye unto ſuche Time as the Kings Highnes cam from beyond the See, after his wynning of Tyrwin and Torney, And than his Highnes ſent for the ſeid Erle to mete him at Richmond, and ſo he did, & ther delivered unto his Highues the ded Body of the Kyng of Scottis, whiche ded Body was delivered in to the Charter huſe ther, and ther to abide duryng the Kings pleſur.

And for the ſervice that the ſeid Erle did, he was Honarably reſtored unto his right name Of Duke Of Norff. & alſo had geuen unto him great poſſeſſions by the Kings Highnes.

And whan the Ware betwixt the Kyng Our ſouerayn Lord & the French King was ended: than the ſeid Duke was ſent into Fraunce as chieff Commyſſioner with Lady Mary the Kyngs Suſter, to be marryed unto the Frenche Kyng Lewes.

And after whan the King and the Queen were bothe Out Of the Reame, to mete witthe Frenche Kyng Fraunceys at Guynes, & the Prynces remayning in the Reame, being a childe, the ſeid Duke was left behende as Protecter & Defender to myniſter Juſtice,

ice, & to ſee good Rule & Gouernavnce in the Reame, in the abſence Of the Kings highnes, & ſo contynued about the Kyng, & Of his Priuye Counſale till he was Of Age Of Eyghtie Yeers, & then the Kyngs highnes was content that the ſeid Duke ſhulde go home into his Owne Countrey unto the Caſtell Of Framlyngham, wher he contynued and kept an honourable Houſe unto the hour of his Deth. And ther he dyed lyke a good Criſten Prynce I now to wytnes. Whoſe ſowle Jeſu pardon.

And at hys Departyng Out Of Framlyngham Caſtell toward hys Buryall, he cude nat be aſked One Grote for hys Debte, nor for Reſtitutyon to any Perſon, & ſo was had to This preſent Abbey of Thetford with muche Honor; Accompanied with many grete Lordes, & Noblemen Of both Schires Of Norff. & Suff.

Leuing Then living, Theſe his Children hereafter named That is to ſeie, his Son & Heire The Ld. Tho. Duke of Norff. The Ld. Edmund Howard, The Ld. Will. Howard, & The Ld. Tho. Howard, withe Eliz. Wiffe to The Viſct. Rocheford: The Lady Agnes Countes Of Oxenford, The Lady Katherine eſpouſed To The Heire Of Sir Rice App Thomas Of Wales: The Lady Eliz. eſpouſed vnto The Viſct. Fitz-Waters Son & Heir, and The Lady Dorothe then being not married, but left for her right good Subſtaunce To marry her with.

At the Diſſolution, the Bones of this Duke were taken up, and carried with his Freeſtone Monument, to the Church of St. *Michael*, at *Framlingham* in *Suffolk*, where it now remains, on the South-Side of the Altar. It hath no Inſcription now, but at each Corner there is a Lyon Sedant, ſupporting a Shield, on which are the Arms of *Howard*, with that Honourable Augmentation, which the King gave him for his Service at *Floddon-Field*, *viz.* to bear on the Bend of his own Arms, an Eſcutcheon of the upper Half of a Red Lyon, depicted as the Arms of *Scotland* are, peirced thro' the Mouth with an Arrow, the 12 Apoſtles are neatly carved round the Tomb, and on the Top lies his own Effigies, by that of *Agnes* Daughter of Sir *Philip Tilney*, Knt. his ſecond Wife, who was buried in *Lambeth* Church in *Surrey*. Several of the Children of the aforeſaid Duke were buried here, and particularly,

[u] THOMAS HOWARD his ſecond Son, by his ſecond Wife, who married the Lady *Margaret Douglas* (Daughter to *Margaret* Queen of *Scots*, by her Husband the Earl of *Angus*) Neice to King *Henry*, he was attainted of Treaſon, upon Suſpicion of his Intent for aſpiring to the Crown. He died in the Tower, *Nov.* 1, 1537, and was buried at *Thetford*.

HENRY FITZ-ROY, Natural Son of King *Henry* VIII. (begotten of the Lady *Talbois*, Daughter of Sir *John Blount*, Knt.) Duke of *Richmond* and *Somerſet*, and Earl of *Notingham*, married *Mary*, Daughter of the laſt mentioned *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and died at St. *James*, *July* 22 1536, and was buried in this Church, but at the Diſſolution, his Body and Monument, were removed with his Father-in-Law's, to *Framlingham* aforeſaid, where it now remains, on the North-Side of the Altar, it is of Freeſtone, garniſhed round, with divers Hiſtories of the Bible, and on the Top were 12 Figures, each ſupporting a Trophy of the Paſſion, but all of them, are miſerably defaced, his Arms in the Garter, with a ducal Coronet over them, are ſtill perfect.

Beſides theſe great Men, no doubt but moſt of the *Priors* were here interred, and ſeveral of them, were of great Families, as their Names demonſtrate; [z] And 'tis no wonder to find, that moſt of the great Men in thoſe Times, were buried in Monaſteries, and very few in Pariſh Churches, for 'tis to be obſerved, that the Churches belonging to the Religious Houſes, were always in much Reputation, above ordinary Pariſh Churches, but eſpecially in the Matter of Burial: our Anceſtors deſired generally, to be interred in a Monaſtery, rather than in a Pariſh Church, in Confidence (according to the prevailing Perſuaſion) of ſome Benefit to their Souls in the other State, by the Prayers of the Religious there, who always daily prayed in particular, for the Souls of ſuch as were buried in their Limits. Nay, ſo far did they carry it, as is evident by a plain Example in the foregoing Hiſtory, that any Man might bequeath his Burial, to what Abby he pleaſed, which then ſhould have the Apparell of the Dead, his Horſe, and other valuable Things, for his *Mortuary*, and all this, in hope of ſome Eaſe to the poor departed Soul, from the Offices and Prayers, performed in that Place, eſpecially if the Corps had ſome Religious Garment put upon it, as was then uſual; and this is the Reaſon why they ſtrove ſo much for the Burial of great Men, becauſe thereby a certain Benefit always accrued to their Houſe, which never admitted a dead Gueſt, without a good Income paid by their Executors.

In 1416, *Roger* Son and Heir of *Hugh Stoppyſley*, was buried in this Church, and gave them Lands and Tenements in *Stoppyſley* and *Milton* in *Bedfordſhire*, to find a Monk to ſing for him, and *Dioniſe* his Mother, *Thomas Stoppyſley* his Brother, and *Sibill* his Wife, and all his Friends and Benefactors, ordering the Prior to ſell all thoſe Lands, and buy others in *Norfolk*; which was performed.

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[u] Dug. Bar. Vol. 2. fol. 268.

[x] See Staveley's Hiſtory of Churches.

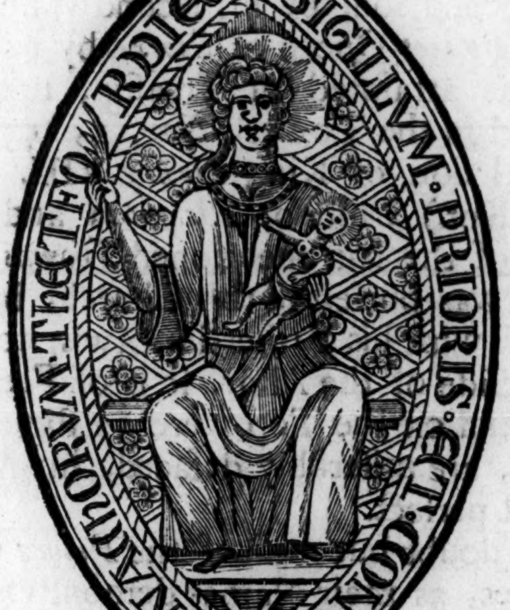
In 1420, *John Weſt* of *Thetford*, was buried in this Church. He gave 12 *d.* to the Rector of the Church of St. *Etheldred*, to permit him to be buried where he would; which ſhews as if they could not be buried out of their Pariſh, without their Rector's leave, he ordered the Prior, to feed ſix Score poor People, on the Day of his Burial, and to give each of them 1 *d.*

In 1424, *John Phelyp*, and *Dioniſe*, Mother of the aforeſaid *Roger Stoppyſley*, were buried here, ſhe gave every Monk 20 *d.* a Silver Goblet to the Prior *&c.*

In 1476, *Roger Swan*, was buried in this Church-Yard, and was a Benefactor to the Houſe.

In 1511, *Robert Love* Burgeſs, who was Mayor in 1506, was buried in this Church, and gave to the Prior for his Labour and Sepulture 20 *l.* to every Monk being a Prieſt, 20 *s.* and to every *Novice* 10 *s.* to the Repair of [*y*] *Milleford-Bridge* 10 Marks. He gave eight Acres in the Field, to repair the *Gild-Hall*, and *Nuns-Bridges*, *viz.* to the Gild 20 *d.* and to each Bridge 20 *d.* "Alſo yf the Town of *Thetford*, can fynd means to purchaſe of the "King's Grace, [z] to have the Town cuſtomyd Free, within the Space of v Yere aftur "this preſent Dat, then I aſſigne to the Purchaſing of it 20 *l.* ells I wol that the ſaid 20 *l.* "goo to the Reparacon of the *Fraytour* in the Monaſtery." He gave Land to keep his *Obit* Yearly in the Monaſtery, on which Day, the Prior was to have 12 *d.* each Prieſt 4 *d.* and each *Novice* 2 *d.* [*a*] the Prior to have the reſt of the Profits for ever.

This Houſe always ſealed with the following Seal, to it's Diſſolution, and it's laſt Impreſſion is now on the Deed of Surrender, in the Augmentation Office.



And thus from the Account I have given you, of the ſeveral Religious Foundations, in this Place, I think that Sir *Henry Spelman*'s Obſervation was very juſt, who tells us, that in it's flouriſhing State, no City in *England*, no not *London* it's ſelf, had ſo many Monaſteries in ſo ſmall a Compaſs, from whence it might be deſervedly called, if not *Hierapolis*, yet at leaſt *Monachopolis*.

## CHAP. XXII. *Of the* AUTHORS, *Born, or Inhabiting in this Town.*

This Place hath produced very few Writers, conſidering the Number of Religious Perſons that dwelt in it.

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[*y*] This is now called Melford-Bridge, and was re-built by Sir John Woodhouſe, the preſent Recorder, whoſe Arms are carved upon it, with this Inſcription,
Hic pons Sumptubus JOHANNIS WOODHOUSE, Barti, extructus fuit A° Dom. 1697. Qui bono Publico optime conſuluit.

[z] It was not done 'till Queen Elizabeth's Time, when they had their Charter, &c.

[*a*] Regr. Johnſon fo. 108.

*Richard* of *Thetford*, [b] a learned Divine, Monk of this Monaſtery, and a famous Preacher, wrote a Treatiſe about the Method of Preaching, which is now in *Bennet-College Library* in *Cambridge*, marked K. XVII. it begins, "*Quoniam Emulatores eſtis* &c." when he lived, or whither he wrote any Thing elſe, I can't ſay.

*Jeffry de Rocherio* (*Roche* or *Rock*) Prior here, [c] begun a Hiſtory of the Monaſtery.

*John Brame*, a Monk of this Houſe, [d] wrote and tranſlated ſeveral Treatiſes, ſome of which are extant in *Bennet-College Library* in *Cambridge*, marked I. X. as

1. Hiſtoria Waldæi. 2. De Tranſlationibus Epiſcopatuum Wellen: Ceſtren: et Thetforden: E. Will. Malmesbury. 3. De Ædificatione Capellæ Virginis Mariæ in Thetford, et Imagine Virginis Beatæ in illâ. 4. Chronologia quædam Rerum memorabilium. 5. De Statu Angliæ et præcipue Civitatis et Monaſterij de Thetford. Temp. H. 1. He ſeems to have lived 'till about 1400, tho' I am not poſitive of it, nor yet when he wrote, tho' believe 'twas from about 1360, to 1400. At the end of the Book is this,

*De Thetford Monachus, Bramis edidit iſta,*
*Johannes.*

## CHAP. XXIII. *Of the* SCHOOL *and* HOSPITAL.

There was a School in this Town very early, and a very large one too, as is evident from the many Collations to it by the Biſhop, in whoſe Donation it was.

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| 1328, 6 Non. *Oct.* | The Biſhop collated EDMUND DE MENDHAM Prieſt, to the Maſterſhip of the Grammar Scholars in *Thetford*, to have, and enjoy that Place during his Pleaſure. |
| 1329, 5 Id: *Aug.* | JOHN DE MORDON Accolite, was collated. |
| 1342, 20 *April* | ROBERT DE HULM, who was confirmed for Life, *May* 10, 1343. |
| 1374, 24 *Oct.* | PETER ROLF of ELVEDEN Prieſt, was made perpetual Maſter. |
| 1402, 22 *Aug.* | EDWARD EYR, collated. |
| 1424, 23 *Sep.* | HUGH ANDERTON, A. M. collated. |
| 1434, 12 *March*, | JOHN WALE Clerk, was collated. |
| 1496, | WILLIAM RUDSTON, A. M. was collated Maſter for Life. |

After whoſe Death, I meet with no more collated by the Biſhop, ſo that in all Appearance the School dropt, 'till Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*'s Time, who erected a School, and payed the Maſter during his Life, and at his Death, by Will dated in 1566, order'd his Heirs to erect, and eſtabliſh [e] a *Free-Grammar-School* in *Thetford*, and build a convenient Houſe for that purpoſe, either in *Trinity* Church-Yard, or the *Black-Friers-Yard*, and he further order'd his Executors to find a *Preacher*, for ever, to preach the Word of God within the Pariſh Church of St. *Maries*, 4 Times in the Year, who ſhould have for each Sermon 10 *s.* he ſetled three Tenements in St. *Maries* Pariſh, to be made a dwelling Houſe for the Maſter and Uſher, and other Tenements in that Pariſh, to be made a Habitation for four poor People, two Men, and two Women, and for the better Maintenance of the Preacher, School-Maſter, and poor People, he gave 35 *l. per Ann.* lying in *Croxton*, in the County of *Norfolk*. Soon after Sir *Richard*'s Death, his Heirs built a School-Houſe upon one Corner of the *Black-Friers* Yard, with a Chamber for the School-Maſter, but none for the *Uſher*, and made no Foundation, or Aſſurance of the Land, according to the Will, nor yet repair'd the Houſes for the poor People, upon which, the Mayor and Commonalty, in the eighth Year of King *James* I. petitioned that King for Relief, ſetting forth, that for the firſt 20 Years after building the School, the Maſter received Yearly 20 Marks a Year and no more, the Uſher 5 *l. per Ann.* the Preacher 40 *s.* and the Poor, 12 *d.* a-piece every Week, and no more, and that for 14 Years laſt paſt, the Maſter had 20 *l. per Ann.* the Uſher 10 *l.* but the Preacher and Poor, had no manner of Increaſe, the reſidue of the Profits being received by Sir *Richard*'s Heir, and converted to his own Uſe, to the defrauding the Charitable Uſes of the Will, upon which, by the Aſſiſtance of the Lord Chief Juſtice [f] *Coke*, an Act of Parliament was paſſed, conſtituting the Preacher or Maſter of the School and Hoſpital, School-Maſter, Uſher, and the four poor People, *viz.* two Widowers, and two Widows, a Body Politique, and an Incorporation, by the Name of *The Maſter and Fellows of the School and Hoſpital of* Thetford, *founded by King* James, *according to the laſt Will of Sir* Richard Fulmerſton, *Knt.* The Act ordered an [g] Houſe to be built in another Piece of the Ground, called *Black-Friers-Yard*, for the *Preacher*, who ſhould be henceforth obliged to preach in St. *Mary*'s Church once every Week at leaſt, and at four ſeveral Times in the Year, ſhould make mention in his Sermons of the ſaid Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, and give God Thanks, for his Godly and Charitable Foundation, and that the ſaid School, ſhould be kept by the Maſter and Uſher, in the School-Houſe already built, and that the ſaid Hoſpital for the poor People, ſhould be by St. *Mary*'s Church, where the ſaid *Richard* had placed them, and that they may take and receive Lands, &c. as a Body Politique, and Sue and be ſued, and have a common Seal,

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[b] Pitts de Illuſt. &c. Append. p. 899.

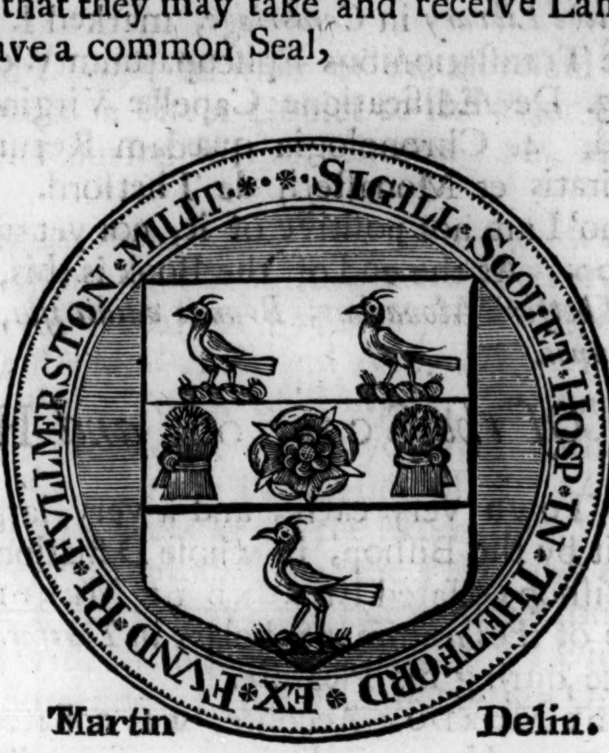
[c] See fo. 443.

[d] See fo. 340.

[e] All Freemen's Sons are to be taught gratis.

[f] The Caſe is in Coke's Reports.

[g] There was a Houſe built at the North-End of the School, which belongs to the Preacher, as doth Trinity Church-Yard, at this Time. The School and Houſe, were built on the Ruins of the old Friers Church, formerly the Cathedral.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With the Arms of the ſaid *Richard* engraven thereon, and whereas the Lands in *Croxton*, of 35 *l. per Ann.* Value, when given, were riſen to above 100 *l. per Ann.* clear of all Out-goings, a Diſpute aroſe between the Corporation and Truſtees, about the increaſed Rent, whither the Salaries ſhould be augmented with it, or the Truſtees have it, but it being an important Caſe, it was referred to the two Chief Juſtices of the King's Bench, and Common Pleas, *viz. Thomas Fleming*, and *Francis Gaudy*, Knt. and by the Parliament, to Juſtice *Walmſley*, who reſolved it thus, that the Increaſe ought to be for the Advantage of the Deviſees, becauſe if the Rents had fallen, it would have been their loſs, and ſo ought to be their Advantage, as they increaſed, upon which, the old Stipend being ſetled for 3 Years, the Mayor and Corporation, were to receive the Overplus, [*b*] and fit up a Houſe for the School-Maſter and Uſher, and another for the poor People, and after the three Years, the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, were to be Governours, Overſeers, and Receivers of the Rents for ever, and to pay yearly to the Preacher or Maſter of the Hoſpital 30 *l.* to the School-Maſter 40 Marks, to the Uſher 20 *l.* and to each of the poor People Weekly 2 *s.* the Payments to be conſtantly paid Quarterly at *Lady*, *Midſummer*, *Michaelmas.* and *Chriſtmas*, by equal Portions, and the Weekly Payments to be made every *Saturday*, and with the remaining Overplus the Corporation ſhall repair the Houſes belonging to the Preacher, School-Maſter, Uſher, poor People, and Farm in *Croxton*, or alter, repair, inlarge, or new build any of them, and what ſtill remain ſhall be deſtributed every three Years among them all. The Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, are to chooſe and name the *Preacher*, *School-Maſter*, *Uſher*, and *poor People* for ever, and have Power to remove, or diſplace them, for any juſt or reaſonable Cauſe, and all Leaſes made without their Conſent are to be void, and ſo are all Leaſes made for above 21 Years, or for any Time, if there be any Income given. They had alſo Licence to purchaſe, receive, or hold any Lands, &c. in Mortmain to the Value of 100 Marks more. And alſo by this Act, the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, ſhall appoint the Curate of St. *Mary*'s, for the Time being, if any ſuch do ſerve to be the Preacher, and if no Curate ſerve there, then they may Name any other Perſon their Preacher, which Preacher, ſhall be firſt preſented to the Biſhop, and be by him licenced before he takes upon him the Place of Preacher, and it is alſo provided, that the Preacher, School-Maſter, Uſher, and Fellows, choſen by the Corporation, muſt be allowed by the Biſhop of the Dioceſs, and the Juſtices of Aſſize of that Circuit, for the Time being.

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[*b*] This was done effectually by the *Body*, and the Houſes are now enjoyed by the Maſter, Uſher, and poor People.

*On the School Gate againſt the Street, is this Inſcription,*

This HOSPITAL with perpetual Maintenance for a PREACHER and a GRAMMAR SCHOOL, was founded by King JAMES, by Act of Parliament, according to the laſt Will of Sir RICHARD FULMERSTON Knight A. D. 1610.

Over the Door of the School Porch are theſe Words on a Scrowl.

LOYAUTE ME OBLIGE.

In the Window of the School-Maſter's Chamber, are the Arms of *Edward* the Confeſſor, and the *Weſt-Saxons*, a red Roſe, and round it,

*Vivat in Æternum Excellentiſſimus Rex Noſter Henricus* 8 s.

On the Alms-Houſe is this, QUOD EGENIS, CHRISTO FIT, *Mat.* 25, 40.

For the Maſters of the Hoſpital or Preachers, ſee fo. 416.

| | SCHOOL-MASTERS | USHERS. | |
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| 1610, | Rev. Mr. *William Jenkinſon*,—— | ——Mr. *Tho. Browne*, appointed by the Act. | |
| | Rev. Mr. *Keene*. | Mr. *Bings*. | |
| | Rev. Mr. *John Tirrell*. | Mr. *John Barber*. | |
| | Rev. Mr. *John Price*. | Mr. *Stephen Swift*. | Mr. *Tho. Everſdon*. |
| 1738, | Rev. Mr. *Tho. Everſdon*, Maſter. | The Uſher's Place is now void. | |

## CHAP. XXIV. *Of the* MINT.

It is plain by divers Records, as well as by the Coins themſelves, that here was a Mint, in, if not before the Time of King *Cnute*, for in the fourth Table of Sir *Andrew Fountain*'s Book of *Anglo-Saxon* Coins, N. 18, there is a Coin of *Cnute* the Great exhibited, with this on the Reverſe. SELƿIN ON ÐEOꞇꝼO. which that learned Knight ſays, was coined here. There is alſo a Coin of this Sort N. 8. in the VII. Table of *Saxon* Coins in *Gibſon*'s *Cambden.*

Nay, in the VI. Table of that Book, N. 29, there is a Coin of King *Edmund*, the Reverſe of which, tho' it is ſomething imperfect, ſeems to be, EAꝺMVND. MONEꞇA ÐEOꝺꝼORꝺ. In the ſame Table, there are two others coined here, *viz.* N. 11 and 12, both which have the Face of *Harold*, Succeſſor to *Cnute*, with this, HAROLꝺ REX [*i*] ANG. the Reverſe of the firſt [*k*] is ᵹOꝺƿIC ON ÐEOꞇꝼ. and of the ſecond [*l*] SLIƿINE ON ÐEOþ [*m*] we meet with a Coin of that *Harold* alſo, who was Succeſſor to *Edward* the Confeſſor, HAROLꝺ REX. · BRUNNSꞇAN ON ÐEOꞇꝼORꝺ.

In the *Muſæum Thoresbeianum.* [*n*] there is one of the Conqueror, which was coined here, ƿILLEM. REX. I. on the Reverſe, OD. ON ÐEOꝺꝼOVRꝺ. *Od.* is the Minters Name, and *On* is the ſame with *In* or *At Theodford.* At this Time, *Turſtan* or *Thurſtan*, of *Thetford*, and *Ralf* his Son, were Mint Maſters here. In 1158, the 5*th* of *Henry* II. the [*o*] *Minters* in *Thetford*, paid five Marks to the King, thoſe at *Norwich* 33 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* the *Jews* of *Thetford* paid 30 *l.* and thoſe at *Norwich* 44 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and the *Jews* at *Bongeye* 15 *l.* and in the 14*th* of the ſame King, the Burgeſſes of *Thetford* paid 40 Marks to the King, towards the *Aid*, to marry his Daughter *Maud*, to *Henry*, Duke of *Saxony*, and *William*, Son of *Derewald*, and *William* of *Wicklewood*, *Minters* of *Tedford*, paid five Marks and an half to that *Aid.* In the third of King *John*, there were four *Minters* in *Thetford*, as appears by the [*p*] Pipe-Roll, but how long the Mint continued here, I don't know.

## CHAP. XXV. *Of the* CORPORATION.

That this Place hath been a *Burgh* ever ſince the *Romans* made it ſo, is very plain, it's Inhabitants being called *Burghers* or *Burgeſſes*, in all ancient Records whatever, both before *Domeſday*, and ſince; I need not mention any thing of the Government of the Place, 'till the Original of the preſent Corporation, the Inhabitants in general being governed, by the King's *Provoſts* from the Conqueſt; *Roger de Scherdeſtona*, who enjoyed that Office in 1139, 5 *Steph:* paid the King for all the Pleas of *Thetford*, 10 *l.* as the *Pipe Roll* ſhews us, and the next Year *Fulchard* the Provoſt of *Thetford*, paid 35 *l.* 12 *s.* 10 *d.* for the Profits of his Office, for this Year, which ſhews it was Annual. I meet with no more of the Names of theſe Officers which governed the Town, and were nominated by the King, who was Lord of it, but find the Office expired in *Richard* I. Time, who changed it's Government from a *Provoſt* to a *Bailiff*, *Coroner*, and *Mayor*, the *Bailiff* was the Superior Officer, his Juriſdiction being general, he was always nominated by the King as Lords of the *Dominion* or *Manor* of *Thetford*, and held his Place during Life, the *Coroner* was alſo named by the Lords of the *Dominion*, and was Superior to the Mayor, 'till the Year 1373. and then, *John* of *Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaſter*, and Lord of the *Dominion*, obliged the Town ſo far, as to make the Mayor Superior to the Coroner, but ſtill kept the Nomination of the Coroners to himſelf; this Office was alſo for Life, 'till 1490, and then King *Henry* VII. as Duke of *Lancaſter* and Lord of the Town, granted them the *Privilege*, that the old Mayor ſhould be the future *Coroner*, which remains to this Day, the Mayor was an Officer that the King allowed the People to chooſe Annually, but his Power was very ſmall, tho' he had ſome Privileges, as that of making Capital Burgeſſes, and Freemen, all which were ſubject immediately to him, in the ſame Manner that he was to the Bailiff. [*r*] In 1249, it appears that none of the King's Bailiffs could enter the Town, to diſtrain any one, or ſerve any Writ, the Inhabitants in general being only ſubject to the Bailiffs of the Town and Hundred, and the Capital Burgeſſes or Freemen, to the Bailiff of the Town only, by their Mayor, to whom all Proceſſes were ſent by the Bailiff to be ſerved on them: The Privileges of the Corporation encreaſed by Degrees, for at firſt, the Mayor got leave of the Lord, to have a Sword carried with him in publick Places, as an Enſign of Authority, which was granted. But it was carried behind him many Years, in Token of his Subjection to a ſuperior Power, [*s*] 'till he obtained Leave of the Lord of the Town, under the Dutchy Seal, that it might be born before him. The Mayors were always ſworn at the *Lete*, held ſome time before the Feaſt of the Tranſlation of St. *Thomas the Martyr*, by the Bailiff of the Town, in order to be in his Office to ride to *Bromehill-Fair*, according to antient Cuſtom. In 1331, there was a Diſpute between the Prior of *Bromehill*, and the Mayor, Burgeſſes, Tenants, Merchants and Inhabitants of *Thetford*, who had the *Toll* of the Fair, by Grant from the Lord of the *Dominion*, concerning the Juriſdiction of the Mayor there, and the *Toll*, *Picage*, and *Stallage* of the Fair, who recovered againſt the Prior, by ſhewing that they held it of the *Dominion* of *Thetford*, [*t*] as belonging to the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, by Grant of a former Lord thereof, and that *Henry* Earl of *Lancaſter* was in Poſſeſſion of it in 1347. *William Brygges* Mayor in 1471, was the firſt that I meet with, that was called Eſquire in right of his Office. I have a Letter of his own Hand Writing to Maſter *Lumnour*, Under-Steward of the Dutchy, and Bailiff of *Thetford*, A° 1470, in which he deſires him to direct a *Premunire Facias*, to his [Under] Bailiff of *Thetford*, to ſummon a *Lete* againſt *Thurſday* before St. *Thomas*, and that he would be there to ſwear him into his Office, that he might ride to *Bromhill-Fair*, and ſit as was his Duty, in euery Court in the Year, as well in the Market-Courts, as in the General Courts, and that he might hold the *Courts* and *Letes* at his Command and under his Supportation and Correction, which plainly ſhews, that the chief of the Mayors Power was held under, and belonged to the Dutchy, and indeed the Mayors had little or no power before the Charter, otherwiſe than by hiring ſeveral Things, of the Dutchy; In *Henry* VIII. Time [*u*] there were three *Letes* belonging to the Town, *viz.* the *Hundred Lete* which belonged to the Queen, in right of her Hundred of *Shropham*, *Eaſt-Lete*, and St. *Thomas*'s-*Lete*, [*x*] which belonged to her in right of the Dutchy, all which ſhe granted to the Corporation, impowering them to keep two *Letes* in a Year, paying to the Crown an annual Rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* for the *Hundred-Lete*, which Rent was reſerved to the Crown, when *Shropham Hundred* was granted from it, tho' the Juriſdiction of the Hundred extends over the *Norfolk* Side of the Town at this Time, as is evident from the *Lete* only, and it's Annual Rent being excepted, and from the *Hundred-Courts* that were formerly kept at *Mawdlin-Croſs*: In 1693, there was a Warrant directed by the Sheriff of the County, to the Bailiff of the Hundred of *Shropham*, commanding him to levy 13*s.* 4*d.* upon the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of *Thetford*, due to the *Exchequer*, for the Annual Farm of the *Lete*, or *View* of *Frankpledge*, of all the Inhabitants in the *Burgh*. This Town is always reckoned as part of *Shropham-Hundred*, ever ſince *Edward* III. Time, in all Taxations, and uſed to raiſe their Train'd-Bands, as in that Hundred, and before 1664, they paid all Duties, King's Taxes, &c. as one Body to *Norfolk*, the greater

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[*i*] N. 12 hath not the Word Ang: or Anglorum.

[k] This is in the 8th Table N. 5.

[*l*] This is in the ſame Table of Fountains Sax. Coins, p. 180.

[*m*] Ibidem.

[*n*] P. 350 Numm. 118.

[*o*] Monetarij. Mag. Rot. Pip. 5. H. 2. Rot. 2. Norff. & Suff. a. b. Madox Hiſt. Excheq. p. 151 410.

[*p*] " Et in Defalcatione quatuor Monetariorum de Tefford 4 Lib.

[q] For they firſt fortified it, and made it a Burgh, BURG, ſignifies a fortified Place, and BURGHERS thoſe that dwelt in ſuch Place.

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[*r*] Plit: Coron: Rot. 12. in Dorſo.

[*s*] Autog. penes T. M.

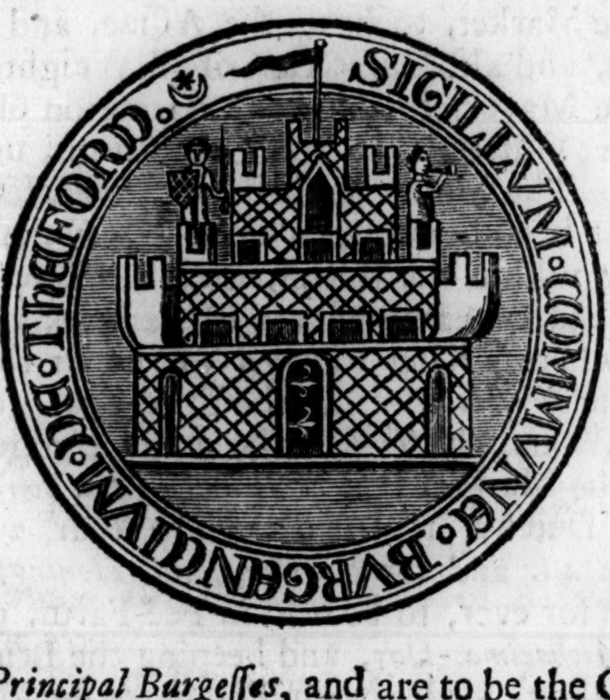
[*t*] See fol. 408. It now belongs to the Corporation, and is kept on St. Thomas Becket's Day, viz. July 7, it is plain 'twas granted ſince the Death of that Archbiſhop, and moſt likely when Bromhill Priory was founded, which was alſo dedicated to him.

[*u*] See fol. 409.

(x) See fol. 410.

Part of the *Burgh* being in that County, but ſince, the one Part is taxed as in *Lackford* Hundred in *Suffolk*, and the other as in *Shropham* Hundred in *Norff.* It was a *Burgh* by Preſcription only 'till the firſt Royal Charter, which was granted to this Town by Queen *Elizabeth*, and bears date at *Gorambury* the 12*th* of *March*, in the 16*th* Year of her Reign 1573. This was in Force 'till *Jan.* 30, 34*th* of *Car.* II. and was then ſurrender'd to the King, who granted them a new one, with ſome Alterations, which was dated at *Weſtminſter*, *March* 6, in the ſame Year, but this did not continue long, for there was another granted exact like that of Q. *Elizabeth*'s, by which they are now governed, the Subſtance of which I ſhall here give you.

The Charter firſt recites, that *Thetford* is an antient *BURGH*, and uſed to ſend two *Burgeſſes* to Parliament, and had ſeveral Liberties, which of late had not been uſed, to the great Damage of the Town, the Queen therefore Grants, that the Town of *Thetford* ſhall be a perpetual free *Burgh*, and Body Corporate, of a Mayor, [y] 10 Burgeſſes, and [z] 20 of the Commonalty, by the Name of *The Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, of the Burgh of* Thetford, *in the Counties of* Norfolk *and* Suffolk, the Precincts of which *Burgh* ſhall extend as uſual, and that they may make Perambulations, may ſue and be ſued, and have a Common Seal, and [a] alter the ſame; the *Ten* are to be Principal Men of the *Burgh*, and as ſuch, ſhall be called *Principal Burgeſſes*, and are to be the Common Council of the Burgh, the 20 Men of the Commonalty being under them, upon the Death, or Removal of a Commoner, a new one is to be choſe by the Mayor and Recorder, or his Deputy, and the Coroner, Mayor, Recorder, and Common Council, may make Laws for the Governing the Burgh, ſo that they be not contrary to the Laws of the Land, nor the Prerogative of the Crown. The Mayor may have a Sword born before him, and ſhall chooſe his *Sword-Bearer*, and two *Serjeants*, who may bear two Silver Maces before him, and do all Things as the Serjeants at Mace in *London* do, every Serjeant being to be ſworn to the faithfull Performance of his Office. The Mayor is to be Clerk of the Market, and no other Clerk is to enter: the Recorder is to be an Officer for Life, and may excerciſe the Office by himſelf, or Deputy, who ſhall be called the *Town-Clerk*, and upon the Death, or Removal of a Recorder, the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, muſt chooſe a new one in eight Days, who is to be ſworn before the Mayor, and in his Abſence to have a Deputy. The Recorder, and Mayor, are to be named by Commiſſion, Juſtices of the Peace for the Burgh, and the Mayor of the preceeding Year is to be ſworn *Coroner*, by his Succeſſor. The Queen [b] granted them a *Saturday* Market, and a Fair on St. *Mary Magdalen*'s Day, and two Days after, with all the Profits; the Gild-Hall is appointed the Common-Hall, where the Mayor, and Body ſhall meet every *Wedneſday* before *Michaelmaſs-Day*, between 9 and 11 in the Forenoon, and then the major Part of the Commoners, ſhall nominate two of the Principal Burgeſſes, that the major [c] Part of all the Inhabitants of the Burgh, may elect one of them Mayor, for the following Year, who ſhould be ſworn on *Michaelmas-Day*, and if any one without reaſonable Cauſe, refuſes the Office, the Mayor, and reſt of the Principal Burgeſſes, may commit him to Priſon, there to remain, 'till he will take the Office, or pay any competent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[y] Now called Aldermen.

[z] Now called Twenty-men.

[a] They never alter'd their Seal, which was a very old one, and is uſed at this Day. By the Creſcent and Star, I take it to be firſt allowed by William Earl Warren, when he was Lord of the Town, and (as far as I know) may be the Original Seal made at that Time, and if ſo, muſt be before 1148, indeed the Circumſcription looks like it.

[b] This belonged to the Dutchy.

[c] They call the Inhabitants the FLOOR.

Fine, that they ſhall ſet upon him; every Mayor is to be ſworn before his Predeceſſor, if alive and preſent, but if dead, or abſent, before the Recorder, and Principal Burgeſſes, and if a Mayor dies in his Office, or be removed, a new one muſt be choſe in 8 Days, who ſhall be ſworn before the Recorder and Principal Burgeſſes; upon the Death, or Removal of a Principal Burgeſs, a new one muſt be choſe in 8 Days, by the Mayor and Burgeſſes, and be ſworn before the Mayor. The Clerk of the Market, is to be ſworn before the Recorder or his Deputy, and the Principal Burgeſſes, to exerciſe his Office without Favour or Regard to any one. A Court of *Record* is to be held every *Monday*, before the Mayor and Recorder, in the Gild-Hall, except in *Eaſter*, *Shrovetide*, and *Chriſtmas* Weeks, and to have Cognizance of all Actions ariſing within the Burgh, not exceeding 50 *l.* the Mayor, Recorder, or either of them, to make Proceſs &c. according to the Uſage of the City of *Norwich*. The Queen alſo granted them a *Court-Lete* to be holden in the Gild-Hall, before the Mayor and Recorder, or the Recorder only, and his Deputy, twice in the Year, a Month before *Michaelmas*, and a Month after *Eaſter*, the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, to have the Fines thereof, and alſo, all Goods of *Felons*, Fugitives, Out-Laws, Perſons attainted and condemned, or any way forfeited, within the Precincts of the Burgh, at the Yearly Rent of 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to be paid to the Crown.

The Mayor, as Clerk of the Market, to have the Aſſize, and Trial of Bread, Wine, and Ale, and all other Victuals, and alſo Correction of all Weights and Meaſures, with all Fines proceeding therefrom, the Mayor, &c. to have Execution of all Writs, and return of the ſame, and no Sheriff or other Officer, is to enter the Burgh, unleſs he or his Serjeants, ſhall neglect to execute them. The Mayor hath Power to correct Offenders, againſt the Town Laws, and no Inhabitant is to be returned upon a Jury, out of the Burgh, and no Foreigner to be ſworn upon any within the Burgh, they had Licence alſo to purchaſe 40 *l.* *per Ann.* in Mortmain, and to ſend two Burgeſſes to Parliament, to be choſen by the Mayor and Commonalty. And whereas King *Edward* VI. under the Seal of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, by Indenture, dated at *Weſtminſter*, in the third Year of his Reign, leaſed to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, Eſq; for 30 Years, the *Toll* of the great Bridge, called [*t*] *Incellond* or *Selford* in *Norfolk*, the *Toll* of the Market, and of *Brandon*, *Ewſton*, and *Honington* Bridges, in *Suffolk*, being Parcell of the Dutchy, at 8 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year, *viz.* for the great Bridge 3 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for *Brandon* Bridge 4 *l.* and for *Ewſton*, and *Honington* 20 *s.* the Queen now grants them to the Corporation for ever, to be held in Fee-Farm, paying the ſaid Rents by equal Portions, on *Lady*, and *Michaelmas-Day*, and keeping the Bridges in repair, taking no other Toll, than 1 *d.* for every Cart, loaden with Things to be ſold, and for every Horſe, a Half-Penny, for all great or ſmall Cattle 4 *d.* a Score, for every Horſe, Mare, Gelding, or Colt to be ſold, a Half-Penny, for every Quarter of Grain, whatever it be, one Quart, and for every Stall, or ſtanding in the Market, according to the ancient Cuſtom; all which Rights, Privileges, and Revenues, the Corporation is now in Poſſeſſion of.

This *Burgh*, hath had her ſhare of Benefactors, ſeveral of which, are already mentioned, for which Reaſon I ſhall ſay no more of them, only add, ſuch as I have not ſpoken of.

In the 10*th* of *Henry* VII. 1494, *Thomas Heigham*, Eſq; and *Catherine* his Wife, granted the Advowſon of *Santon* in *Norfolk*, to the Mayor and Commonalty, who hath ever ſince preſented to it, and 'tis always given to the School-Maſter of the Grammar School.

[*e*] In 1567, 24 *June*, Archbiſhop *Parker*, ſetled 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Yearly, out of his Manor and Farm of *Hethill* in *Norfolk*, for a Sermon Yearly to be preached on *Rogation-Sunday*, by a Fellow of *Corpus-Chriſti* or *Bennet* College in *Cambridge*.

Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, at his Death gave his Incloſure, called *Roſes* in *Ferſfield*, to be ſold, and the Money ariſing therefrom, to go towards the diſcharging the Tax of the Town of *Thetford*, 26 *s.* 8 *d.* to be applied to each Payment, ſo long as the Money would laſt.

In 1601, *Richard Aſteley* of *Thetford*, Eſq; was buried in St. *Cuthbert*'s Church, and entailed his Houſe and Lands in *Thetford*, (if *Drew* and *Henry* his Sons, [*f*] had no Iſſue) on the Corporation, who were to expend half the Profits towards the Maintenance of the Blind, Lame, and Old Poor, and the other half towards the Maintenance of a preaching Miniſter, in St. *Cuthbert*'s Church.

They have a common Goal, and Bridewell, which ſtands by the Market-Place on the *Norfolk* Side, and ſome Years ſince, they bought a Houſe, &c. in *Magdalen-Street*, which is the preſent Work-Houſe. The Croſs in the Market-Place, by the Butchery, belongs to the Corporation, the Ducking-Stool, which was by *Nuns-Bridge*, is now decayed. Their Gild-

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[d] Now called the Chriſtopher Bridge.

[e] Le-Neve's Hiſt. of Archbiſhops, P. 15.

(f) I imagine they had Iſſue and ſo it did not come to the Corporation.

Hall is a fine old Building of Black-Flint, when it was erected, I can't learn, it had a Noble Kitchin under it, (now turned into a Stable) where they made ready for the Corporation, at their Gilds, and other publick Times. In this Place, the *Lent* Aſſizes for the County are always kept, and have been ſo ever ſince the *Itinerant Juſtices* were firſt inſtituted, as appears by divers Records.

*Over the Judge's Seat is this,*

HIC LOCUS, ODIT, AMAT, PUNIT, CONSERVAT, HONORAT,
NEQUITIAM, PACEM, CRIMINA, JURA, PROBOS.

Sir *Joſeph Williamſon*, one of the Secretaries of State to King *Charles* II. and Burgeſs in Parliament for the Burgh, gave them the preſent Sword and Mace, which are very grand ones, and built them a fine Court and Grand-Jury Chamber over it, which joins to the old Gild-Hall; on the Top of it is a Statue of *Juſtice*, and underneath it, upon the Front is this Inſcription, And *Williamſon*'s Arms impaling Quarterly, 1ſt. 3 De-lis's, 2d. a Feſs Chequy.

Antiq: Burgi de THETFORD.
Optim: Civ: ob perpetuam in ſe
Benevolentiam
*JOSEPHUS WILLIAMSON.*
Eq: Aur:
Memor Grata Mente
P.
An: Chriſti MDCLXXX.

The Windows of the Chamber are adorned with the Town Arms, Sir *Joſeph's*, *viz. Sab.* a Chev: ingrailed between 3 Trefoils *Or*, ſeveral Benefactors to the Town, and many of his Creſts, which is, an Eagle iſſuing from a Crown, and this Motto, *Sub Umbra Alarum tuarum.* I ſhall conclude the Account of the Benefactors with the following Tranſcript from three Tables in this Court.

## *A* CATALOGUE *of the Names of the Worthy* BENEFACTORS *of this Borough of* Thetford.

| | *l.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Moſt Illuſtrious Prince THOMAS, Duke of *Norfolk*, &c. gave for ever, for Clothing the Poor. | 08 | 10 | *per Ann.* |
| *Henry* Duke of *Norfolk*, for the Repairing St. *Mary*'s Church. | 50 | 00 | 00 |
| Sir *Richard Fulmerſtone*, Knt. founded a School and Hoſpital, with Maintenance for ever, for a Miniſter, School-Maſter, Uſher, and 4 poor People, 2 Men and 2 Women. | 160 | *per Ann.* | |
| Mrs. *Eaden*, for ever to the Poor. | 03 | *per Ann.* | |
| Mr. *Henry Smith* of *London*, for ever to the Poor. | 10 | *per Ann.* | |
| Mr. *Samuel Snelling*, an Inhabitant, a piece of Land to the Poor of St. *Cuthbert*'s Pariſh for ever. | 01 | 06 | 08 |
| A poor Shepherd to the Poor of this Town for ever. | 01 | *per Ann.* | |
| Sir *Edwin Rich*, Knt. to the Building a Bridge, and to the Poor | 100 | 00 | 00 |
| And at his Death for the Relief of the Poor for 500 Years, payable out of his Manor of *Roſe-Hall* in *Suffolk*. | 20 | *per Ann.* | |
| Mr. Alderman *Barnham* of *Norwich.* | 10 | *per Ann.* | |
| For 3 Years next after his Deceaſe, and for ever to the Poor, | 04 | *per Ann.* | |
| Mr. *John Wadford* to the Uſe of the Poor of St. *Peter*'s for ever, | 00 | 12 | *per Ann.* |
| Sir *Charles Harbord*, Knt. and the Honourable † *William Harbord*, Eſq; his Son, hath built an Hoſpital for 6 poor old-Men, and endowed it with | 30 | *per Ann.* | |
| For Ninety and nine Years, and order'd to each of them a Blew Gown Yearly. | | | |
| The Hon^ble^ Sir JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, Knt. ſometimes a Privy-Counſellor and Principal Secretary of State to his moſt Sacred Majeſty K. *Charles* II. gave towards [g] procuring an Act for making *Brandon* River Navigable. | 26 | 00 | 00 |
| More for Releaſing *John Browne* ont of this Goal. | 15 | 00 | 00 |

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† Mr. Le-Neve ſays he was 2d Son, and that he ſetled 30l. per Ann. in purſuance of his Father's Will. He was Surveyor-General. They have each of them an Appartment, and wear a Badge of their Founders Name, on their Blew Gown, and as I am informed receive 18d. a Week.

[g] This was effected, and it is now navigable for Lighters or Barges to Thetford.

More the Statutes at large, and other Statutes. *l.* *s.* *d.*
More for the Binding out 4 Apprentices. 14 *per Ann.*

More for a poor Schollar in this School, until he be fit for *Cambridge*, and there provide for him.

More eleven Folio Books to the School.

More a Noble Sword and Mace.

More, he hath built us a very fair Court of Common-Pleas, and a Grand-Jury Chamber, and is a Daily Benefactor to this Burgh.

Sir JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, Knt. gave more by his Will, 2000 Pounds, to be laid out in Lands for ſuch Uſes, as his Executors, with the Advice of this Corporation, ſhall think fit. An Eſtate of 110 *l. per Annum*, has been bought with this Money, and is ſetled by Decree in Chancery, for binding out poor Children of this Town, Apprentices, and other Uſes.

The Town paid 16 *l.* to the old Tenths, and the *Norfolk* Part is now valued at 1195 *l.* and is divided into two Wards, *viz. Baily-End* Ward, and *Bridge-Gate* Ward.

[*h*] Sir *Henry Bennet*, Knt. a Man of univerſal Learning, being inflamed with Zeal, for the Cauſe of King *Charles* I. whoſe Honour and Authority, he ſaw ſo inhumanely trampled upon by his rebellious Subjects, laid aſide his Books, and betook himſelf to the Camp, where, in Defence of his Majeſties Right, he behaved himſelf with ſuch Valour and Prudence, that he was created by his Majeſty King *Charles* II. Reg. 16. Viſcount THETFORD, and, Earl of *Arlington*, he had only one Daughter, *Iſabella*, who married *Henry Fitz-Roy*, Duke of *Grafton*, and had *Charles Fitz-Roy*, the preſent Duke of *Grafton*, whoſe Titles and Honours are deſcribed in a Picture, hanging in the Grand-Jury Chamber, having his Arms, Creſt, and Motto, *viz.* ET DECUS ET PRETIUM MORI.

Du-Tres-Haut Puiſſant & Tres Nobile Prince, CAARLES FITZ-ROY, Duc de GRAFTON, Comte de EUSTON, Viſcomte de IPSWICH, Baron de SUDBURY, [*i*] et en Survivance de ſa Mere, Comte de ARLINGTON, Viſcomte de THETFORD, Lieutenant General pour ſa Majeſté, et Governeur du Royaume D'IRLAND, Signeur Lieutenant et Gardes des Rolles dans le Province de SUFFOLK, & Conſeiler du ROY, en ſon Conſeil prive, et Chevaleir du Tres Nobile Ordre de la JARRETIERE, inſtalle Au Chateau de WINDESOR, le XXV Jours D'Aurel, MDCCXXI.

In 1199, King *John* in the firſt Year of his Reign, confirmed to the Abby of *Weſt-Derham*, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Rent, for half a Knights Fee here, with the Homages of *William de Repheham*, and *Alan*, Son of *Thurſtan*, his Wife, Sons and Daughters in *Thetford*.

The Family of *Thurſtan*, ſeems to be deſcended from *Thurſtan* the Mint-Maſter, and to have continued here 'till *Edward* IV. Time, for then, the Family of the *Thurſtan*'s of *Thetford*, bare *Sab.* 3 Bugle-Horns *Or* ſtringed *Az.*

[*k*] In 1316, the 10th of *Edward* II. the great Lords, Earls, Barons, Knights, *&c.* had appointed a *Turnament* at this Town, but it being without the King's Leave, he ſent Letters dated at *Clipſton*, to them, and the Sheriff of *Suffolk*, to forbid it.

1616, 11 *Jan.* there paſſed Letters Patents for collecting Money for a Fire in *Thetford*, and it appears by one of the Court Books of the City of *Norwich*, that there was 11 *l.* 10 *s.* 8 *d.* collected in the City, towards the Relief of this Town.

In 1620, the Horſe-Races occaſioned Tumults here, ſo that there were Letters from the Privy-Council ſent to ſuppreſs them.

In 1621, the ancient Family of the *Thetfords*, which took their Name from hence, and had *Alwin* or *Elgar* of *Thetford* for it's Founder in the Conqueror's Time, bare, *Az.* 3 Lyons Paſſant Gard: ſometimes *Arg.* and ſometimes *Ermine*.

1630, *Campfield* or *Kentfield* is mentioned, and ſaid to have belonged to the *Nuns*, it's the ſame that is now called *Smith-Field*, and is cover'd very thick with Cinders, ſuch as are thrown from Black-Smiths Forges, and might probably be the Station for the Smiths, during the Time of the *Romans*, who where generally placed near the *Camp*, the preſent Name is newly acquired, from the Number of Cinders I ſuppoſe, that lie on it, which made People think, Smiths muſt live there formerly, it contains above three Acres.

In *April* 1737, there was a Sturgeon taken in the Paper-Mill Pool, which weighed 13 Stone 10 *l.* and was ſome Inches above 7 Feet long, it had three Pecks of Spawn in it; I remember ſome Years agone, I ſaw one which was taken in this River, near the middle Sluice, above ſix Feet ſix Inches long, and weighed above 11 Stone.

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[*h*] Atlas p. 340.

[*i*] She hath been dead ſome Time.

[k] Rymer Vol. 3 fo. 597.

*Thomas Boteler*, of *Thetford* Eſq; Son of *Thomas Boteler* of *Thetford*, Eſq; was deſcended of the Family of the *Botelers*, of *Watton-Woodhall*, in the County of *Hertford*, being Son of *Francis*, the 11*th* Son of Sir *Philip Boteler*, commonly called *Le Grand*. He was the nimbleſt *Engliſhman* that has been known, for he would ſtand upright on the Saddle of an Horſe (and yet he was ſix Feet high) and run him full ſpeed, and when he was riding full Gallop, he could take a Handkerchief off the Ground with his Hand, and never ſtop, with ſeveral notable Actions of that Nature. He was lame 20 Years before his Death, by a *Sciatica*, but lived to a good old Age, and died at *Thetford* in 1637, and was buried at *Watlington* in *Norfolk*, leaving ſix Sons and one Daughter. *Robert Butler* Eſq; of *Thetford*, his third Son, died by a Surfeit contracted by eating Philberds, *Aug.* 15 1657.

This Place hath been honoured with the Preſence of many Kings and Queens, ſeveral of which, uſed to reſide here, for ſome Time together; that *Henry* I. did ſo, is certain, for we meet with many Charters made to the Abbot of *Ramſey*, the Priory in this Town, *&c.* that are dated here. *Henry* II. and ſeveral others were often here, and when the *Dominion* came with the Dutchy to the Crown, the ancient Seat of the Earl *Warren*'s became a *Palace*, and was rebuilt by the Crown, as I think, in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, for that Princeſs, uſed it as a Hunting Seat, and took great Pleaſure here, as did her Succeſſor King *James* I. who uſed to hunt here, almoſt every Seaſon; in 1604, *Wedneſday* 27 *Feb.* the Gentlemen of the County met him at his coming hither; in 1610, it appears from a Treatiſe of the Yearly Payments made by the Crown, that the King had this *Palace* only in *Norfolk*, and that the Fee of the *Keeper* of it, was 40 *l. per Ann.* Not long after, the King was affronted, ſome way or other by the Inhabitants, the Report goes, that one of them, inſiſted upon unreaſonable Damage for riding over his Corn, but what it was I can't ſay, however, he gave the *Palace* to Sir *Philip Woodhouſe*, in remembrance of the Valour of *John de Wodehouſe* his Anceſtor, in the Battle at *Agincourt*, as it is ſaid, and there appears to be ſome Truth in it, for on the Back-Side of the Gate, which fronts the Street, are the Arms of *Woodhouſe*, *viz. Sab.* a Chev. *Or*, *Gutte de Sang*, between 3 Cinquefoils *Ermine*, with *Ulſter* Arms on a Canton, with the Creſt that was granted after *Agincourt* Battle, *viz.* on a Wreath, an Arm erect, holding a Club in the Hand, and this Motto on a Scrowl, FRAPPE FORTE. i. e. *Strike Strong*, and at the Bottom, AGINCOURT. The late Creſt uſed by ſome of the Family, is a *Demi-Woodman*, holding a Club. This is now called the *King*'s *Houſe*, and is owned by Sir *John Woodhouſe* the preſent Recorder, it is a large Houſe, fit for the Reception of much Company, for which Reaſon, the Judges uſually lodge in it, during the Aſſizes. Here I ſaw a Picture with theſe two Lines, ſaid to be compoſed by Sir *Philip Woodhouſe*.

Mentem, Membra, Jecur, ſuccendit, calfacit, urit,
Cantibus, Igne, Fide, Muſa, Caminus, Amor.

Much in the ſame Nature with thoſe in *Holinſhed*, fo. 213.

Artis, Honeſtatis, Recti, Præcepta, Decus, Vim,
conculcat, ſuperant, ſpernunt, Favor, Æra, Potentes.

In *Sept.* 1555, *Thomas Cobbe* of *Haverhill* in *Suffolk*, Butcher, was apprehended by his Neighbours for Hereſy, and examined by *Michael Dunning*, the Bloody Chancellor of *Norwich*, by whom he was condemned *Aug.* 12, and with *Roger Coo*, *James Abbes*, *&c.* burned at *Thetford*, as *Lanquet* in his *Chronicle* tells us.

## PROVOSTS of *Thetford*.

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|---|---|---|
| Steph: | 1139, | Roger de Scherdeſtona, Provoſt. |
| | 1140, | Fulchard, the Provoſt. |

I find no more of their Names, but the Office continued 'till Rich 1. changed the Government of the Town to a Bailiff, Coroner, and Mayor.

## BAILIFFS of *Thetford*.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rich. 1. | 1197, | Richer de Refham, |
| Hen. 3. | 1256, | Jeffry de Mundeford, |
| Edw. 1. | | Hugh le Franceis, |
| Edw. 2. | 1307, | John de Acre, |
| Edw. 3. | 48, | Thomas le Hunte, |
| | 73, | Roger, |
| Hen. 4. | 1400, | Walter Ley, |
| Hen. 5. | 13, | John Worlyngworth, |
| Hen. 6. | 24, | Peter Pain, |
| | 29, | Roger Ruſhbroke, |
| | 34, | John Worlyngworth, |
| | 37, | John Lewes, |
| | 57, | John Norfolke, |
| Edw. 4. | 1471, | Maſter Lumnour. |

The Office was during Life, and they held it by Grant from the D. of Lancaſter. I meet with no more after Lumnour, tho' imagine there muſt be one or two more before the Charter, when the Office expired.

## CORONERS of Thetford.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Edw. 2. | 1307, | William Reymund, |
| | 23, | Roger Frauncevs, |
| Edw. 3. | 45, | Tho. Frauncevs, |
| | 50, | John Chaa, |
| | 54, | John de Acre, |
| | 55, | John Chaa, |
| Hen. 4. | 1400, | Reginald Fenn, |
| | 06, | Reginald Fermer, |
| Hen. 5. | 17, | Reginald Archer, |
| | 18, | John Appylton, |
| Hen. 6. | 24, | Reginald Bowde, |
| | 26, | John Appylton, |
| | 33, | John Monk, |
| | 35, | Reginald Fermor, |
| | 48, | Roger Ruſhbrook, |
| | 56. | John Swan, |
| Edw. 4. | 76. | Peter Larke, |
| Hen. 7. | 85. | Hugh Dryver, |
| | 88. | Nich. Havington, |
| | 1490. | Richard Awngewelle. |

The Office was held by Patent during Life, of the Duke of Lancaſter, 'till this Year, and then K. Hen. VII. as D. of Lancaſter and Lord of the Town, granted them the Privilege, that the old Mayor ſhould always be Coroner for the ſucceeding Year, which hath remained ſo ever ſince.

1307. Will. de Rokelond,
18. Will. Hardyng,
19. Will. de Peterisburgh,
20. Peter Markaunt.
21. Rich. le Fyſcher,
22. Rich. Andreu,
23. Will. Seyl,
27. Andrew de Caldecote,
28. Adam Cokerel,
34. Peter Mark,
35. John le Foreſter,
36. Ranulph de Foyle,
38. Rich. Andreu,
43. Peter le Goos,
45. John le Taverner,
46. Will: Dowde,
47. Sim: de Groundisburgh,
48. Will: de Herling,
49. Sim: de Groundisburgh,
50. Will: Bonde,
54. Roger de Cornwallie,
55. Peter Goos,
60. William Bonde,
65. John Davy,
66. Peter Goos,
70. Roger Cornwayle,
73. * John Davy,
78. John Barbour,
80. John Barbour,
99. Simon Goos,
1400. Simon Goos,
5. Tho. Walter,
6. Simon Goos,
9. John Draper,
12. John Archer,
15. Ric. Doo,
16. Ric. Doo,
17. Ric. Doo,
18. John Weſt,
24. John Monk,
25. Roger Ruſhbroke,
26. John Weſt,
29. John Apylton,
33. Will. Rykedon,
35. John le Archer,
37. Roger Ruſhbroke,
48. Will. Kempe,
55. John Bernham,
56. Tho. Spylmery,
57. Tho. Spylmery,
58. Henry Spylmery,
59. Tho. Spicer,
62. Henry Awſtin,
63. Peter Larke,
66. John Balles,
67. Henry Dunſtan,
69. Peter Larke,
1471. † Will. Bryggs *Eſquire*,
76. John Baſsingthwayte,
78. Rich. Horne,
80. Will. Bryggs,
81. *The ſame*,
82. Rich. Bryan,
Rich. Aungerwelle,
85. Simon Bray,
86. John Lynes,
87. John Fyſchere, *ob.*
John Lynes,
88. Rich. Awngewelle,
90. Hugh Dryver,
91. John Lynnes,
92. *The ſame*,
93. John Jewdy,
99. John Harman,
1503. John Deve,
4. Rich. Wethyrley,
6. ‖ Rob. Love,
7. John Teere,
11. Will. Dwyte,
12. John Kent,
13. Edm. Ballys,
14. Rich. Tolton,
15. Will. Atte Mere,
17. John Judy,
John Kent, Deputy.
18. Andrew Carter,
John Kent, Deputy
22. Will. Atmer,
33. Simon Baxter,
4. § Ric. Cokarel or Cokrel.
5. John Gryme,
6. John Jewdy,
7. John Meye,
8. Jeffry Alleyn,
9. Tho. Burton,
41. Rich. Cokrell,
2. Rich: ap Powell,
3. Nic: Edwards,
7. Tho: Gent,
63. John Aleyn,
73. John Edwards,
1574 JOHN EDWARDS,
¶ by the CHARTER.
5. Walter Beets,
6. Will: Davy,
7. John Shering,
8. Peter Scott,
9. Rob. Bedells, *ob:*
John Edwards,
80. Edw: Eden,
1. Evans Richards,
2. Tho: Allen,
3. John Edwards,
4. Ric. Diggon,
1585. Edw; Eden,
6. Nic: Clover,
7. Evans Richards,
8. Nic: Clover, *ob.*
John Buxton,
9. Rich. Aſteley,
90. Nic. Greene,
1. Edw: Eden,
2. John Sherring,
3. Tho: Draper,
4. Rich: Aſteley,
5. John Goldingham,
8. Henry Greene,
9. John Snelling,
1600. John Chapman,
1. Thomas Canham,
2, Tho. Baiſts or Baiſh,
3. John Snelling,
4. Thomas Canham,
5. Edward Runſom,
6. Walter Salmon,
7. *The Same*,
8. Nich. Greene,
9. Tho. Steward,
10. Peter Spooner,
11. John Clover,
12, Robert Abraham,
13. Robert Snelling,
14. Edward Moore,
15. John Mould,
16. Francis Avenall,
17. Robert Snelling,
18. Robert Shales,
19. John Tyrrell,
20. Edw: Moore,
1. Peter Spooner,
2. George Eden,
3. John Chapman,
4. John Snelling,
5. William Norwich,
6. Francis Avenall,
7. Rob: Snelling,
8. Edward Moore,
9. †* John Tyrrell,
30. John Chapman,
1. Salmon,
2. John Sheldrake,
3. Francis Avenall,
4. John Snelling,
5. (*) Edm. Mobbs,
6. Rob. Snelling,
7. Edw: Moore,
8. Tho. Lincolne,
9. Henry Daveny,
40. Henry Kettle,
1. Tho: Lincolne,
2. Tho: Snelling,

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* This Year, the Duke of Lancaſter allowed the Townſmen the Privilege to have the Mayor Superior to the Coroner.

† He was the firſt that was called Eſquire, in right of his Office. See fo. 460. ‖ See fo. 437. 456. § See fo. 406.

¶ John Reynolds was Recorder for Life by the Charter.

†* Thomas Wright was Recorder this Year, and John Cocke was his Deputy.

(*) He was impriſoned at Lyn, for Delinquency, and the Corporation petitioned the Parliament, to admitt him to Bail, being a poor Man, with a Wife and eight Children.

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1648. (*) Edm: Mobbs,
9. *The ſame,*
53. Tho: Bancroft,
4. Rob: Tyrell,
5. Henry Kettle,
6. Will: Flannar,
69. Robert Tyrrell,
76. Edmund Roſſell,
81. *‖ John Mendham,
2. { Henry Heveningham,
{ Burrage Martin, was
{ his Deputy.
3. Walter Salter,
4. ‖‖ Henry Heveningham,
5. John Tyrrell,
6. John Mendham,
7. ¶§ *The ſame,*
8. John Seabrook,
9. John Tyrrell,
90. *The ſame,*
1. Edmund Roſſell,
2. Wormley Hetherſet,
3. Henry Cawdel,
4. Robert Cawdel,
1695. Jonathan Browning,
6. Joſeph Sharpe,
7. Robert Cawdell *Senior,*
8. Wormley Hetherſet,
9. Richard Batch,
1700. Jonathan Browning,
1. John Wright,
2. Edward Challis,
3. John Tyrell,
4. { John Howlet, *ob.*
{ John Wright,
5. John George,
6. Joſeph Sharpe,
7. { §§ Robert Cawdell,
{ John Wright, *Sen.*
8. Jonathan Browning,
9. John Tyrrell,
10. Richard Batch,
11. John Tyrrell,
12. { Edw: Freeman, *ob.*
{ John Tyrrell,
13. Jonathan Browning,
14. John Tyrrell, *Senior,*
15. Richard Batch,
1716. John Tyrrell, *Senior,*
17. { Richard Batch, *and*
{ John Tyrrell,
18. Simon Motherſole,
19. Robert Cawdell,
20. Henry Cockſedge,
1. Joſeph Sharpe,
2. Robert Sterne,
3. John Deſborough,
4. William Cawdell,
5. Henry Cockſedge,
6. Joſeph Sharpe,
7. John Wyldman,
8. Thomas Bidwell,
9. Henry Cockſedge,
30. George Clarke,
1. Thomas Saunders,
2. John Walton,
3. Mathew Smith,
4. Mathew Manning,
5. Robert Thompſon,
6. Henry Burgis,
1737. Henry Cockſedge.

Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE, Bart. *Recorder.*
Henry Cockſedge, Eſq; *Mayor.*
Mr. Henry Burgis, *Coroner.*
Mr. John Amyas, *Town-Clerk.*

*The* 10 *Principal* Burgeſſes, *commonly called* Aldermen, *are,*

Mr. Henry Cockſedge,
Mr. Henry Burgis,
Mr. William Cawdell,
Mr. Thomas Bidwell,
Mr. Robert Tompſon,
Mr. George Clarke,,
Mr. Mathew Smith,
Mr. John Walton,
Mr. Mathew Manning,
Mr. James Burges.

And all (except the laſt) have ſerved the Office of *Mayor.*

*The* Commonalty, *commonly called* Twenty-men, *(two of which uſually ſerve as* Chamberlains) *are,*

1. Mr. Robert Martin.
2. Mr. Samuel Browning.
3. Mr. Thomas Mather.
4. Mr. William Manning.
5. Mr. John Clarke, jun.
6. Mr. Nicholas Everſdon.
7. Mr. John Fuller.
8. Mr. George Clarke.
9. Mr. Thomas Garnham.
10. Mr. John Ellis.
11. Mr. Thomas Miles.
12. Mr. Robert Sterne.
13. Mr. Peter Sterne.
14. Mr. Thomas Scarning.
15. Mr. Richard Newbury.
16. Mr. Thomas Lackford.
17. Mr. John Burrell.
18. Mr. Edmund Nurſe.
19. Mr. John Spark.
20. Mr. John King.

There are alſo, a *Sword-Bearer,* two *Serjeants* at Mace, five *Muſicians* with Blew Cloaks and Badges, a *Goaler,* and *Bell-Man.*

## ** *A* LIST *of the* Knights, Eſquires, *and* Gentlemen, *that have ſerved in* Parliament *for the* Burgh *of* THETFORD.

*Edw:* 6. 1546, * John Brend, Richard Haydon (or Heydon) *Eſq;*
1551, John Clere, Henry Northey.
*Mary,* 1553, William Hunſton, *Eſq;* Robert Dryry (or Drury) *Eſq;*
1554, Robert Drury, *Eſq;* Nicholas Rokewood.
*P:& M.* 1555,
1556, Edward ‖ Clere, *Eſq;* Walter Haddon, *Eſq;*

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*‖ He was the firſt after the new Charter.

‖‖ No Election, but he took his Oath at the Hall, the Day following, the uſual Day of Choice.

¶§ No Election, but Mendham continued.

§§ He was outed, and John Wright recovered the Office, Sept. 20.

** I muſt own my ſelf much obliged to that judicious and learned Antiquary Browne Willis, Eſq; who hath not only favoured me with the Liſt of this Burgh, but alſo with thoſe of the County, and all the Burghs in it.

* This Burgh was never ſummoned before; The Return was made by the Mayor to the Sheriff of Norfolk.

‖ Sir Edward Clere of Blickling, who married Frances Daughter and Heireſs of Sir Richard Fulmerſton, ſerved in Parliament for Thetford. Bartage: Vol. 2. p. 272.

1558,

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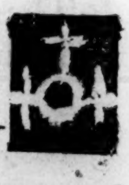
| *Eliz.* | 1558, | Edward Gaſcoign, Thomas Poley. | |
| | 1563, | *Sir* Richard Fulmerſton, *Knt.* Edward Clere, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1570, | Philip Appleyard, *Gent.* Thomas Huggan, *Gent.* | |
| | 1571, | ¶ William Fulmerſton, *Eſq;* Thomas Colby, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1585, | Edward Eden, *Mayor,* Robert Whitney, *Eſq,* | |
| | 1586, | *Sir* Roger Woodhouſe, *Knt.* Thomas Poley, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1589, | Bartholomew Kemp, *Eſq;* Richard Stubbe, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1593, | Charles Chute, *Eſq;* Baſſingbourn Gawdy, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1597, | John Crofts, *Eſq;* Philip Gawdy, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1601, | Henry Warner, *Eſq;* Thomas Knevet, *Eſq;* | |
| *James* 1. | 1603, | *Sir* Baſſingbourn Gawdy, *Knt.* *Sir* William Padye, *Knt.* | |
| | 1614. | | |
| | 1620, | *Sir* Thomas Holland, *Knt.* Framlingham Gawdie, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1623, | Framlingham Gawdie, *Eſq;* Drew Drewrye, *Eſq;* | |
| *Charles* 1. | 1625, | *Sir* Robert Cotton, *Knt.* & *Bart.* Framlingham Gawdie, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1625, | § *Sir* John Hobart, *Knt.* & *Bart.* Framlingham Gawdy, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1627, | *Sir* Henry Spiller, *Knt.* Edward Moundeford, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1639, | *Sir* Thomas Woodhouſe, *Knt.* & *Bart.* Framlingham Gawdy, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1640, | *Sir* Thomas Woodhouſe, *Knt.* & *Bart.* Framlingham Gawdy, *Eſq;* | |
| *Charles* 2. | 1660, | [*a*] *Sir* Phillip Woodhouſe, *Bart.* [*b*] Robert Paſton, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1661, | *Sir* Allen Appeſly, *Knt.* [*c*] William Gawdy, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1678, | *Sir* Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt.* William Harbord, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1678, | *Sir* Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt.* William Harbord, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1679, | *Sir* Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt.* William Harbord, *Eſq;* | |
| *James* 2. | 1685, | [*d*] Henry Heveningham, *Eſq;* William De-Grey, *Eſq;* | |
| *W.&M.* | 1689, | *Sir* Francis Guybon, *Knt.* John Trenchard, *Serjeant at Law.* | |
| | 1690, | [*e*] Hon^ble^ William Harbord, *Eſq;* *Sir* Francis Guybon, *Knt.*<br>*Sir* Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt.* Adam Felton, *Eſq;* | Double Return, the laſt being taken off. |
| *Wm.* 3. | 1695, | *Sir* John Woodhouſe, *Bart.* [*f*] *Sir* Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt.* | |
| | 1698, | [*g*] *Sir* Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt.* James Sloane, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1700, | *Sir* John Woodhouſe, *Bart.* [*h*] *Sir* Joſeph Williamſon, *Knt.* | |
| | 1701, | *Sir* John Woodhouſe, *Bart.* *Sir* Thomas Hanmer, *Bart.* | |
| *Anne.* | 1702, | Robert Benſon, *Eſq;* Edmund * Sloane, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1705, | *Sir* Thomas Hanmer, *Bart.* [*i*] *Sir* John Woodhouſe, *Bart.* | |
| | 1708, | Thomas De-Grey, *Eſq;* Robert Baylis, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1710, | [*k*] *Sir* Thomas Hanmer, *Bart.* Dudley North, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1713, | *Sir* William Barker, *Bart.* Dudley North, *Eſq;* | |
| *George* 1: | 1714, | *Sir* William Barker, *Bart.* Dudley North, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1722, | John Ward, *Eſq;* Dudley North, *Eſq;* | |
| *George* 2. | 1727, | *Sir* Edmund Bacon, (of Gillingham) *Bart.* [*l*] Robert Jacombe, *Eſq;* | |
| | 1735, | *Sir* Edmund Bacon, (of Gillingham) *Bart.*<br>The Hon^ble^ Charles Fitz-Roy, | The preſent Members. |

There are 3 *Swan-Marks*, in this Town,
The *Prior* of the *Canons* Mark, now the Hon^ble^ *Philip Howard*'s. Λ
*Binknorth*'s Mark, now the *Corporation*'s. ↄC
The *Prioreſs*'s Mark, afterwards Sir *Ric: Fulmerſtone*'s, now *Henry Campion*'s Eſq.——



And thus I have finiſhed the General Hiſtory of this Town, a more exact Account of which, I hope to ſee publiſhed by Mr. *Thomas Martin*, whoſe large Collections, and great Abilities for ſuch an Undertaking, would without doubt, do more Juſtice, to the Grandeur, and Antiquity of the Place, than either my Collections, or Abilities, would enable me to do.

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¶ In his Place deceaſed, Valentine Browne, Knt.

§ Sir John Hobart of Blickling, eldeſt Son of Sir Henry Hobart, Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common-Pleas, ſerved in Parliament for Thetford. Bartage: Vol. 1. p. 223.

[*a*] He was Burgeſs in that Parliament, that reſtored, Car. 2. Bartage: Vol. 1. fo. 274. [b] Sir Robert Paſton Burgeſs in Parliament for Thetford, was the very Perſon, that put it to vote, what Day ſhould be ſet for his Majeſties Reſtauration. See the Poſtſcript to his Funeral Sermon, printed at London 1683.

[c] The printed Catalogue calls him Sir Charles Gawdy.

[*d*] Sir Joſeph Williamſon the Recorder, was elected Burgeſs, with William De-Grey, Eſq; but Heveningham the Mayor, would not return Sir Joſeph, but returned himſelf; there was a Petition. and Diſpute, whither the *Free-Men* or *Floor* (as they call them) or the Select Body of the Corporation, had the Right to elect Burgeſſes, and it appeared that the Select Body elected before the Charter.

[*e*] In his Place choſe at Lanceſton, Baptiſt May Eſq;

[f] In his Place choſe at Rocheſter, James Sloane Eſq;

[g] In his Place choſe at Rocheſter, Charles Lord Paſton.

(*h*) In his Place choſe at Rocheſter, Thomas Hanmer Eſq;

* The printed Catalogue ſays Edmund Soame.

(*i*) The printed Catalogue ſays Thomas de Grey Eſq;

(k) In his Place choſe for the County of Suffolk, Sir Edmund Bacon, of Garboldeſham Bart.

(*l*) In Jacombe's Place deceaſed, the Honourable Charles Fitz-Roy.

## THE
# HUNDRED
## Of GRIMESHOU,

GRIMESHOO, or GRIMESHOE, is bounded on the Eaſt, with the Hundreds of *Shropham* and *Weyland*, on the North, with the Hundred of *South-Greenhoo*, from which it is divided by the River *Wiſſey*, but at *Cranwich* it croſſes the River and takes in the Townſhips of *Colveſton* and *Ickburgh*, on the Weſt, with the Hundred of *Clacloſe*, and on the South, with the *Little-Ouſe*, which divides it from *Suffolk*.

It moſt probably derives it's Name, from *Grime*, and *Hoo*, a Hilly Champion Country. This *Grime*, was (as I take it) ſome conſiderable Leader or General, probably of the *Danes* in this Quarter; and if he was not the *Præſitus Comitatus* or *Vicecomes*, that is the *Shire-Greeve* or *Sheriff*, he was undoubtedly the *Centuriæ Præpoſitus*, that is, the *Hundred-Greeve*, and as ſuch, gave the Name to it, which it retains at this Day.

About the Center of this ¶ Hundred, two Miles Eaſt of *Weeting*, in the Road from *Brandon* to *Norwich*, is a very curious *Daniſh* Incampment, in a ſemi-circular Form, conſiſting of about 12 Acres, on the Side of a Hill or riſing Ground, of Marl or Chalk: In this Space, are great Numbers of large deep Pits, join'd in a regular Manner, one near to another, in form of a *Quincunx*, the Largeſt ſeeming to be in the Center, where probably, the General's, or Commander's Tent was. Theſe Pits are dug ſo deep, and are ſo numerous, that they are capable, not only of receiving a very great Army, but alſo of covering and concealing them in ſuch a Manner, that Travellers paſſing by, cannot diſcern them; at the Eaſt-End of this Intrenchment (call'd by the Neighbourhood, *The Holes,*) is a large *Tumulus*, pointing towards *Thetford*, (about five or ſix Miles diſtant) which perhaps might alſo have ſerved as a Watch-Tower, or a Place of Signal; and here the *Hundred-Court* uſed to be called. This remarkable Place, retains alſo the Name of *Grimes-Graves*, as well as that of *The Holes*, taking it's Name from the aforeſaid *Grime*, and from the *Iſlandick*, or old *Daniſh* Word, *Grafa Fodere*, to dig. That this Part of the Country (being open, and a Champion) was a great Seat of War, between the *Saxons* and the *Danes*, appears from the many *Tumuli*, throughout this Hundred, there being ſcarce any Townſhip without more or leſs of them. Theſe *Tumuli*, were erected by the Northern Nations, for the Sepulture of their moſt conſiderable Men and Leaders, who fell in Battle, and ſerved not only as Monuments of Honour to the deceaſed, but as Tokens of Victory and Terrour, and were Trophies of Conqueſt, to ſhew how far they had led their Armies and conquer'd.

In theſe, have been often found the Bones of Men, † Pieces of old Armour, &c. and [a] in *Somerſetſhire* under one, was found a Vault arched, wherein lay a Man in rich Armour, with two Vials of ſome kind of Liquor by his Head, as it were, *Pro Viatico*.

This Hundred with that of *Weyland*, &c. were antiently the Demeans of the King's of *England*, but King *John* gave them to *Roger de Thony*. In the 34*th* of *Henry* III. it was valued at ſix Marks, and in the 52 of that King, ***William de St. Omer*** held it, paying 20*s.* *per Ann.*

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¶ I can't omit paying my due Acknowledgement in this Place, to my worthy Friend and Benefactor, the Rev. Mr. Charles Parkyn, Rector of Oxburgh and Boughton in Norfolk, to whom I am not only obliged for this Hundred, but alſo for thoſe of Clacloſe, and South-Greenhoo, which he hath generouſly ſupplied me with, beſides many other Favours, which for Brevity Sake, and not want of Reſpect, I ſhall forbear mentioning.

† I have now by me, the Head of a Daniſh Spear, made of Braſs, which was found under one of theſe Tumuli, in Methwold-Field, in this Hundred, it is intirely perfect, except a large Gap on it's Edge.

[a] Kennet's Paroch: Antiq.

[*b*] It appears by the Preſentment of the Jury, in the third of King *Edward* I. when there was an Inquiſition taken, that *Petronilla de Thony* held it in Dower, with the Hundred of *Weyland*, &c. and *William de St. Omer*, held it by Courteſy, having married *Petronilla* Widow of *Roger de Thony*: The Commiſſioners for this Hundred on the King's Behalf, were, Sir *Robert de Caſton*, Sir *Robert de Hulme*, Sir *Robert de Saham*, Knts. who on the Oaths of 12 Men for the Hundred, and five Men out of each Town, were to inquire of all Privileges, that the Lords of the Manors held, what Uſurpations were made on the King's Privileges, during his Abſence, and the Tenures of their Manors.

In the 9*th* of the ſaid King, there was another Inquiſition taken by the aforeſaid Knights, Inquiſitors, and the Hundred was then held by *William de St. Omer*, who paid 50*s.* *Blank-Farm* at the Caſtle of *Norwich* for it.

In the 27 of *Edw.* I. it was held by *Robert de Tony*, and in the third of *Edw.* II. he died ſeized of it, leaving it to *Alice* Wife of *Thomas de Leybourn*, his Siſter and Heir, who being afterwards married to *Guy de Beauchamp*, Earl of *Warwick*, it came into that Family; and in the 34*th* of *Edward* III. *Guy de Beauchamp*, Earl of *Warwick*, died ſeized of this Hundred, and that of *Weyland*, as Parcell of the Manor of *Saham*, and it appears by a pleading in *Michaelmaſs* Term, 5*th Richard* II. that *Philippa*, Widow of the ſaid *Guy*, was Lady hereof, ſhe held it alſo 8 *R.* II. but in the 21 of the ſaid King, it was granted to *John*, [*c*] Earl of *Saliſbury*, and his Heirs Males, by the King, being Parcell of the Poſſeſſions of *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick*, &c.

In the ſecond of *H.* IV. it came into the *Warwick* Family again, and *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick*, held it; in 24 of King *H.* VI. *Henry*, Duke of *Warwick*, died ſeized, leaving it to *Ann* his Daughter and Heir, then but three Years old, who died ſoon after, ſo that it deſcended to *Ann*, Siſter to *Henry*, Wife to *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Saliſbury*, who was declared Earl of *Warwick*, and was that great Earl intitled, *Richard Make-King*.

In 21 *Edward* IV. 'twas granted to *John*, Earl of *Saliſbury*, as Parcell of the Poſſeſſions of *Thomas*, Earl of *Warwick*, but in the third *H.* VII. we find it [*d*] conveyed to that King, by *Ann*, Counteſs of *Warwick*, and it remained in the Crown, 'till 36 *H.* VIII. when that King granted it, to Sir *Richard Southwell*, of *Wood-Riſing* in *Norfolk*, and from the *Southwells*, it came to the *Cranes*; And about 1662, was Parcell of the Poſſeſſions of *William Crane*, Eſq; of ***Wood-Riſing***.

It is now in the Hands of Mr. *Wright*, late of *Brandon* in *Suffolk*, Son of the Rev. Mr. *Wright*, Vicar of *Stepney*.

[*e*] The Tenths of the Towns in this Hundred were, 90*l.* 15*s.* 6*d. q.* Deductions 14*l.* 13*s.* 5*d. ob.* Rem. 76*l.* 2*s. ob. q.*

The whole Hundred is in the Deanry of *Cranwich*, and under the Archdeacon of *Norfolk*.

## *CROXTON.*

THIS Village ſtands at the South-Eaſt Corner of the Hundred: In the Time of the Conqueror, when *Domeſday-Book* was made, it was called *Crokeſtun*, and was then in the King's Hands, and kept for him by *William de Noiers*, ‖ *Stigand* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, was Lord in *Edward* the Confeſſor's Time, when there were five Carrucates of Land, and three in Demean, it was then valued at 10*l.* *per Ann.* at the Survey at 40*s.* but paid 100*s.* the whole was one *Leuca* and an half in Length, and one in Breadth, and paid 20*d.* towards the 20*s.* *Gelt* of the Hundred.

Soon after this, the Conqueror gave the Town to ***William***, the Great Earl ***Warren***, his Son-in-Law, who at the Conqueſt, had the greateſt Part of the Hundred given him.

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[b] Rot. Hund. in Cur: Rec. Scacij. [c] Pat. 21 R. 2. P. 1.

[*d*] Fin. Hillar. Hen. 7. N. 1. [*e*] Regr. of x. & xv.

‖ CROKESTUNA, tenuit STIGANDUS T. R. E. ſemper v. Car: terre Tunc viii. Vill. Poſt iiii. M°. Null. tunc iii. Car. in Dnio: poſt et Modo ii. tunc ii. Car: homin: tunc i. Mol: qu: poſt cepit Radulfus Comes, T. R. Willi: &. iij Acr: Prati, ſemper i. Runc. vi. Anim: xviii. Porc, ccxv. Oves, hic jacebant T. R. E. xvii. Soc. de his habuit Willus: de Warrenna xvi. & Radulfus de Toeni. i. tunc val. xi Lib. modo val. xl. Sol. ſed reddit c. Sol: &. iii. Car. Poſſent eſſe. Totum habet i. Leug: et dim. in longo. et i. in lato, & reddit. xv. Den: de xx Sol. de Gelto. (Domeſday fo. 48.)

## SIBTON MANOR.

Part of this Town was held under the ſaid Earl, by *Thomas*, and *Simon Sorel*, which *Thomas*, about the Reign of *Henry* III. gave Lands here, to the Abby of *Sibeton* in *Suffolk*, which were afterwards by Deed without date, confirmed by *Simon* his Brother; and from hence this Manor took it's Name, and amongſt the Inquiſitions taken in that King's Reign, the Abbot of *Sibeton*, was found to hold here, the 20*th* Part of a Knights Fee: in the third of *Edward* I. [*f*] the Abbot is ſaid to hold the Moiety of this Town of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl to hold it in *Capite*.

Beſides the Family of *Sorrel*, ſeveral other Perſons gave Lands here, to the aforeſaid Abby. In 5*th Richard* II. *John de Beche*, of *Syvelſho* in *Bedfordſhire*, granted to *Robert Aſhfield*, *Thomas de Wroxham*, Parſon of *Alby*, *John de Norwich*, &c. the Rent of two Marks *per Ann.* and five Shillings, or a Thouſand Herrings (on *Aſh-Wedneſday*) to be paid by the Abbot of *Sibeton*, for Lands held of him in *Croxton*, and *William*, Nephew of *Guy de Tornello*, Rector of *Fornſet*, gave them Lands here, and amongſt the Evidences of the Duke of *Norfolk*, are ſeveral ſmall Deeds of Land, given to this Abby by ſeveral Perſons, inſomuch that the Temporalities of that Religious Houſe in this Town, were taxed in 1428, at 10 *l.* 4 *s.* 6 *d. per Ann.* and were afterwards (at the Dukes Requeſt) aſſigned to the Monks of *Thetford*, and at the Diſſolution of Abbies, were given by King *Henry* VIII. to the Duke of *Norfolk*, and in the ninth Year of King *James* I. the Bailiff of *Thomas*, Earl of *Arundell* and *Surrey*, accounted thus for the Profits of this Manor, Rent of Aſſize and Free-Tenants 16 *d* of Cuſtomary Tenants 35 *l.* 7 *d. ob.* and for Land in the Vicars Tenure 16 *d.* This Manor is now held by the Duke of *Norfolk*, and there was a few Years paſt, a Park well ſtocked with Deer, the Houſe, which ſtands in it, was formerly known by the Name of *North Wic*, becauſe it ſtands on the North Winding of the River, in reſpect to *Thetford*, and is now called *Croxton-Park*.

## BROMHILL MANOR.

Another Part of this Town, was held of the aforeſaid Earl *Warren*, by the ancient Family of *De Plaiz*, and was given by Sir *Hugh de Plaiz*, about the beginning of the Reign of *Henry* III. to the Priory of *Bromhill* in *Norfolk*, on his founding that Religious Houſe, and from the Inquiſitions taken in the ſaid Reign, the Prior of *Bromhill*, appears to hold this Manor, or Moiety of the Town, of the Heirs of the *Plaiz*'s. In the third of *Henry* IV. [*g*] the Prior held it of Sir *John Howard* (the Heireſs of the *De Plaiz*, being married into that Family) and he of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, then in the King's Hands.

In 1428, the Priory was taxed at 7 *l*, 5 *s.* 11 *d.* for it's Temporalities in this Town, and at 22 Marks for it's Spiritualities, the Rectory being appropriated to it.

This Priory being ſuppreſſed before the general Diſſolution, by a Bull of Pope *Clement* VII. in 20 *Henry* VIII. the Manor was granted to *Cardinal Wolſey*, [*h*] and on the *Cardinall*'s Fall, the King by exchange, gave it to *Chriſt*'s College in *Cambridge*, *June* 2, in the 23 Year of his Reign, in which College it ſtill remains.

Beſides theſe Manors, *Walter Clere*, and *Bertram Cryoll*, are [*i*] found to have held Lands here, in the Reign of King *Henry* III. and in 4*th Edward* II. [*k*] *William Reymond* of *Thetford*, ſold for 25 Marks, to *John de Acre*, and *Iſabell* his Wife, arable Lands in this Town, which came afterwards to *William Cat* of *Thetford*, who by Deed dated on *Sunday* before the Feaſt of St. *Andrew*, 13 *Henry* IV. grants to *Roger Stoppuſley*, *Edmund Blankpayn*, &c. and their Heirs, all his arable Lands here, late *John de Acres*, and all his other Lands Arable in this Town, and on *July* 3, in 13*th* of the aforeſaid King, Licence was granted to *Roger Stoppuſley*, to convey to the Prior and Monks of *Thetford*, 53 Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances in *Croxton*, and *Thetford*, and alſo to *Edmund Blankpayn*, to convey 30 Acres of Land lying in a Field called *Faucon-Field*, with the Appurtenances in this Village, and in 1428, theſe Religious were taxed for their Temporalities in this Town, at 2 *l.* 1 *s.* 8 *d.*

The *Hoſpital* alſo of St. *Mary Magdalen* in *Thetford*, had an Intereſt in this Town, a Fine being levied in the [*l*] 35 *Henry* III. between *Stephen*, *Cuſtos* of the ſaid Hoſpital Querent,

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[f] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Recept. Scacij.

[g] Inquiſit. A° 3. Hen. 4.

[h] Of this Grant &c. ſee more in Bromhill Priory, in Weting.

[i] Inquiſit. Temp. Hen. 3. Pat. 26 Hen. 3. R. 2.

[k] Regiſt. Thetford, penes Pet. L-Neve Norroy.

[l] Fin. Norff. Lig. 6. N. 1.

*Richard de Surrie* and *Sara* his Wife, Impedient, of one Meſſuage, and 43 Acres and an half of Land, with a Fold-Courſe, granted to the *Cuſtos* and his Succeſſors, and there was a Chapel or Religious Houſe ſaid to belong to them, called *Domus Dei*, near the Church of *Croxton*, but I rather think it belonged to *Domus Dei* at *Thetford*, and after to the *Canons*.

On the Diſſolution of theſe Houſes, the Lands aforementioned, came to Sir *Richard Fulmerſton*, § and were ſetled by him on Feoffees, for charitable Uſes, *viz.* the Founding and Endowing a School and Hoſpital at *Thetford*, and are accordingly applied at this Day.

The Tenths of this Town were 3*l.* 18. *s.* 6*d.*

*Croxton* ſtands on the Side of of a Hill, and there are ſome Trees growing on it's Summit, which are ſeen many Miles in this open Champion Country, and are by way of Diſtinction, called *Croxton High-Trees.* In the Fields of this Town, is a large Mere, called * *Foul-Mere*, conſiſting of many Acres of Water.

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*, it is built of Flint-Stone and Boulder, and conſiſts of a Nave or Body, to which is annex'd a South Iſle, with good Roofs of Oak, covered with Lead, and is in Length about 38 Feet, and in Breadth, including the ſaid Iſle, about 28 Feet. On the Pavement of the Nave, lies a Grave-Stone, in Memory of *Thomas Long*, who died *Aug.* 26, A°. Dom. 1682. Another in Memory of *Mary White*, Daughter of *Thomas Wight*, who died *Dec.* 7, 1705, aged 23 Years. and one in Memory of *Gregory Faux*, who died *March* 18 A°. Dom. 1697, aged 57. At the Weſt-End of the Nave, ſtands a very large Font, with a capacious Baſon, ſupported by five Pilaſters of Stone; the Larger our Fonts are, the greater is their Antiquity, being made thus on account of Immerſion, which was in Practice in the *Saxon* Times, as is plain from the Hiſtory of King *Etheldred* II. Son to King *Edgar*, who in his Holy Tincture (like *Conſtantine Copronymus*) defiled the Font with Natural Excrements, and made *Dunſtan* the canoniz'd Saint, and then Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, to exclaim or ſwear, *Per Deum et Matrem ejus ignavus Homo erit.* *William Wyrceſter* [m] in his *Metra de Regibus Angliæ*, has this Diſtick on this Subject.

Sacra ſtatim natus ETHELDREDUS violavit,
Nam Baptizatus, Baptiſterium violavit.

And at this very Day, the Fonts in Country Churches, are generally capacious enough to admit of Immerſion, if requeſted by the Parent of the Child. A very worthy Author [n] treating on private Baptiſm, obſerves that Water once bleſſed in ſo ſacred a Purpoſe, ſhould neither be put to common Uſe, or thrown away irreverently, into the Kennel or Sink, and I wonder our Church (as the ſaid Author proceeds) has made no Proviſion, how the Water, uſed in the Font at Church, ſhould be diſpoſed of; in the *Greek* Church, particular Care is taken, that it never be thrown into the Street like common Water, but poured into a hollow Place under the Altar called Θαλασσιδιον *vel* Χωνεῖον, where it is ſoaked into the Earth, or finds a Paſſage. The ſaid Reverend Author upon Inquiry, will find, that the Fonts in moſt, if not in all our Country Churches, have an Hole and Stopple at the Bottom, as the Holy Water-Pots alſo antiently had, which lets the Water out into a Pipe or Channell, reaching from the Mouth of the Hole to the Ground, where a Cavity is made, on Purpoſe to receive it, that it may ſoak into the Earth, as is above obſerved in the *Greek* Χωνεῖον, ſo that the Practice of the Antients, is a plain and a juſt Example for us to imitate.

At the Eaſt-End of the South Iſle, is an Aſcent, where, in Time of Popery, there was an Altar, as in moſt Churches of that Age.

At the Weſt-End of the Nave, ſtands a Tower of Flint, &c, the lower Part of it is round, and a *Daniſh* Work, the upper Part is now Octangular, and has a Cap or Cover of Wood, in this Tower hang three Bells, one of them is dedicated to *Thomas Becket*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and thus inſcribed.

O MARTYR THOMA PRO ME DEUM EXORA.

The Nave is divided from the Chancell, by an old Oaken Screen, on which is inſcribed.

:::::::: **Willmi: Ungot Capelli: et Petri Ungot et Anabule :::::: Parentum Suoꝝ.**

This Chancel is in length about 24 Feet, and in breadth about 15, and is covered with Thatch, there is an Aſcent of two Steps to the Communion Table, where on the Pavement lie three Marble Grave-Stones, one in Memory of *Elizabeth Snelling* Wife of *George Snelling*, of *Lee* in *Kent*, Eſq; and Mother of *Mary Snelling*, who married *William Smith* of *Croxton*, Gent. ſhe died *Sep.* 26 1678, aged 72. Another thus inſcribed. *Jan.* 12 1691, *Tho. Smyth* Gent. departed this Life, aged 45, he married *Margaret* the eldeſt Daughter of *Will. Cropley*, of *Shilland* in *Norfolk*, Eſq; who died about three Years before her Husband, and were both ſurvived by two Children, *William* and *Elizabeth*. The third is in Memory of *Will. Smyth* Gent. who died *Dec.* 25 1682, aged 47.

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[m] Lib. Niger Vol. 2. p. 530, publiſhed by Mr. Hearne.

[n] Wheatly on the Common Prayer, p. 383.

* See fol. 371.

§ See fol. 424. Note (o)

Againſt the North Wall, is a Compartment of Marble and Stone, ornamented with a Cherub gilt, and Foliages, and on the Summit a Shield, *Fletcher Arg.* a Cheveron between 3 Mullets *Sab.* impaling *Wood*, per pale *Arg.* and *Sab.* a Cheveron between 3 Martlets counterchanged, and on the Body of it.

Here lyeth buried the Body of Thomas Fletcher Eſq;
One of the Readers of Lincolnnes Inne, who married Frances
The eldeſt Daughter of Robert Wood, Eſq; late of Tharſton,
And had Iſſue by her nyne Sonnes, William, Thomas,
Bartholomew, Robert, John, Charles, Thomas, Henery, and
Anthony, & ſeven Daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, Jane, Elizabeth, Frances, Dorothy, & Alice. He departed this
Life, the fourth of February, in the Year of our Lord
God 1656. Here lyeth alſo the Body of the
Said Frances Fletcher who died 10*th* of May 1684.

In the Eaſt-Window is the Shield of the Earl *Warren*.

## RECTORS.

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| 1316, 12 *Sept.* | *Symon Pethe*, JOAN Relict of Sir *Gyles Plaiz*. | |
| 1337, 21 *Nov.* | *Roger Lugwardyne*, Sir GILBERT TALBOT, Guardian to *Richard*, Son of *Richard Playz*. | |
| 1349, 16 *July*, | *Robert de Caldewell*, Sir RICHARD PLAYZ Knt. | |
| 1349, 1 *Feb.* | *William de Lyvermere.* | The PRIOR and Convent of *Bromhill*. |
| 1361, 16 *Oct.* | *Simon Goſs.* | |
| 1377, 31 *March*, | *Thomas Gardiner.* | |

## VICARS.

In 1401, this Rectory was appropriated to the Priory of *Bromhill*, being the Gift of Sir *Richard dé Playz*, and a Vicarage endowed, and taxed at 7 Marks, which was preſented to by the Priory.

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| 1403, 8 *April*, | *Peter Cok.* |
| 1414, 9 *Feb.* | *Walter Rothyng.* |
| 1433, 3 *Sep.* | *Philip Merton*, Canon Regular of *Bromhill*, Vicar, buried in the Chancel. |
| 1453, 24 *May*, | *Robert Curteys* Canon, on the Death of *Merton*. |
| 1462, 28 *July*, | *Osbert Bucton* Canon, on the Death of *Curteys*. |
| 1484, 9 *Sep.* | *Mathew Knyveton.* The BISHOP of *Norwich*. |
| 1489, 7 *Oct.* | *Thomas Bryan.* The BISHOP. |
| 1493, 19 *July*, | *Jeffrey Tony*, Canon of *Bromhill*, THOMAS AXIL Prior, &c. *Tony*'s Will is dated 21 *Nov.* 1535, and proved 10 *May* 1536, wherein he deſires to be buried in the Church-Yard. He was the laſt preſented by the Prior. |
| 1536, 21 *July*, | *William Wardeman*, on the Death of *Tony*, by CHRIST-COLLEGE *Cambridge*, who are the preſent Patrons. |
| 1554, 30 *July*, | *William Hytchen.* |
| 1548, 18 *July*, | *Edmund Deyer*, on the Death of *Hytchen.* [p] He was reinſtated, being depoſed by Queen *Mary*, probably as a married Prieſt. |
| 1558, 5 *Jan.* | *John Abadam.* The BISHOP by Lapſe. |
| | *Francis Slack.* |
| 1597, 27 *Jan.* | *William Jenkinſon*, A. B. on the Reſignation of *Slack*. |
| 1632, 15 *March*, | *William Jenkinſon*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Jenkinſon* Senior. |
| 1675, 22 *Oct.* | *John Chinery*, A. M. he held it with *Bretenham*. |
| 1711, 5 *March*, | The Rev. Mr. *James Halman*, A. B. now Vicar, on *Chinery*'s Death. |

The Vicarage is valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Tenths 13*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged of both, being in clear Value, but 23*l. per Ann.* and in 1603, had 70 Communicants.

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[o] How this came to Chriſt's-College, ſee more, in Bromhill Priory in Weting.

[p] MSS. Miſc. in Reg. Epiſc. Norwic.

# *SANTON.*

THIS is now a depopulated Village, and has only a Manor or Farm-Houſe, it lies Weſtward of *Croxton*, near the *Ouſe-Parva*, that divides this County from that of *Suffolk*, in antient Writings 'tis wrote *Santon*, and *Stanton*, and ſo may take it's Name, either from it's Sandy Situation, or from the Number of flinty Stones that are in the Sands. At the Survey it was [q] the Lordſhip of *William* Earl *Warren*, and there were three Carrucates, valued at 10*s.* *per Ann.*

In the Reign of King *Henry* III. *Peter de Barew*, held this Lordſhip of the Earl *Warren*, and in the 34*th* [r] of that King, a Fine was levied between *Peter Criſpin* Querent, and the aforeſaid *Peter*, Impedient, of two Carrucates of Land here, and four Shillings Rent in *Tefford*, granted to *Criſpin* for 40*s.* Sterling; this was probably on ſome Marriage Settlement, for [s] in the third of *Edward* I. *Peter de Barew*, and *Hugh de Dunton*, were found to hold this Town of the aforeſaid Earl, and he in *Capite*, as Parcel of his Barony.

In the 9 of King *Edward* II. [t] *Nicholas*, Son of *Thomas de Stanton*, was returned as Lord of this Place, but the Toll of the Ferry here, belonged to the Lord of *Thetford*, as was found on the Death of *Ralph de Cobham* Lord of *Thetford*. The aforeſaid *Nicholas* and *Catherine* his Wife, conveyed the Manor to *Roger de Bodney*, and *Nicholaa* his Wife, and by a Fine levied in the 15 of *Edward* III. it was ſetled on *Roger*, and *Nicholaa* aforeſaid, in Tail, Remainder to *Richard*, Son of *Richard Holdich*.

And on St. *Mathew*'s Day, in the 8 of *Richard* II. *John de Bodney*, by his Deed then dated [u] at *Santon*, gives to *John Elvered* Rector of *Oxburgh*, *Richard de Kiſele*, *Rich. Coſtyn* Clerk, *John Crane* of *Foulden* Clerk, *Thomas Veylde* Clerk, and *John Baxter* of *Dudelynton*, his Manor in *Santon*, with the Rents, Services &c and all his Lands and Tenements in *Wilton*, *Hockwold*, and *Dudlyngton*; the above named Perſons held it as Truſtees, 'till it could be ſetled on the Prior and Convent of St. *Mary* of *Thetford*, and [x] in the 7 of King *Hen.* VII. *Nov.* 19, *John Mowbray*, Duke of *Norfolk*, being one of the Truſtees, obtained Licence of Mortmain, on the Prior and Convents Payment of 25*l.* to the King, and Sir *John Howard*, Lord of the Fee, confirmed the ſame on the 17 *Dec.* in the aforeſaid Year. On the Diſſolution of the Priory of *Thetford*, it was given with the Scite of that Houſe, to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, and being forfeited on the Attainder of the ſaid Duke, King *Edward* VI. by his Letters Patents, dated 6 *May* in the 5*th* Year of his Reign, gave it to *John Cheke* Eſq; (his School-Maſter) to be held of him in *Capite*, paying 28*s.* 4*d.* *per Ann.* but it came again to the Crown, by a Fine paſſed in the third and fourth of *Philip* and *Mary*, [y] between the ſaid King and Queen, and Sir *John Cheek*. And in the following Year, it was enjoyed by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and was alienated by the Earl of *Arundel* and *Surrey*, to *Thomas Bancroft* Gent. on the 21 of *June*, in the 21 of King *James* I. and by an Inquiſition taken at *Thetford*, 28 *July* in the 12 of King *Charles* I. on the Death of *Thomas Bancroft*, it was found to be held by him of the King in *Capite*, by the 40*th* Part of a Knights Fee, the ſaid *Thomas*, left by *Margaret* his Wife, three Daughters, *Helen*, married to *Rob. Sadler* Gent. *Elizabeth*, married to *John Scroggs*, and *Margaret*, afterwards the Wife of *Nicholas Cunliff*, of *Chiſelhurſt* in *Kent*. *Robert Sadler* by *Helen*, had a Daughter of the ſame Name, who was married to *Thomas Saunders*, of *Beachwood* in *Hertfordſhire*, who purchaſing the other Shares, left it to his Daughter and Heir, the Wife of Sir *Edward Seabright* Bart. From this laſt Family, it came to —— *Copinger*, Eſq; and from him to —— *Petiward*, Eſq; the preſent Lord.

The Tenths of this Town were 2*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

[z] The Prior and Convent of *Caſtleacre*, had a Portion of Tithes here, valued at 4*s.* 5*d.* *per Ann.*

The preſent Fabrick is very ſmall, rebuilt out of the Ruins of the old one, (which was dedicated to *All-Saints*) about a Century paſt, of Flint, and ſome Brick, being in length about

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[q] Terr. Willi. de Warenna, in SANTUNA, v. Lib. Hoes: ſi. Car. tre: Galterus tenet medietatem, i. Vill. ſemp. iii. bord. & iii. Car. Val. x. Sol. (Domeſday fo. 88. H de Grimeſhou.)

[r] Fin. Norff. Lig. 5. N. 146.

[s] Inquiſit. in Cur. Recept. Scij. Weſtm.

[t] Nomina Villar. Eſchaet. 19. Edw. 2. N. 93. Fin. 15 Ed. 3. L. 3. N. 6.

[u] Reg. Thetford Mon.

[x] Reg. Thetford.

[y] Fin. Term. Paſch. A° 3 & 4 P. & M. N. 3.

[z] Taxat. Relig. 1428.

30 Feet, and in Breadth about 15, the Roof is camerated, plaſtered and covered with Tiles, at the South-Weſt Corner, is a little Place raiſed above the Roof, in which hangs one Bell.

Near the Eaſt-End on the Pavement, lies a Marble Stone with theſe Arms, * *Bancroft Or*, on a Bend between 6 croſs Croſlets *Ar.* 3 Garbs of the firſt, impaling, 2 Chev'ronels, one charged with an *Ermine* Spot, and thus inſcribed.

Thomas Bancrofte Armiger, Ex præcipuis in Archivis, ejus qui Præfecto Ærarij Regij a Memória eſt, Librarijs. Cujus Impenſis unicis atque ultroneis, Eccleſia hæc funditus antiquitus demolita, proprijſque Ruderibus ſopita longum ſepultaque, tandem rediviva reſurrexit, Cui Margareta Conjux præchariſſima, (præter pleroſque Liberos jam diù in Cineres redactos,) tres peperit Filias, nimirum, Helenam, Roberto Sadlier in Agro Hertfórdienſi apud Sopwell, Divi Albani Pago vicinum, Armigero, Connubio junctam. Elizabetham, Johanni Scroggs de Patmer-hall in eôdem Comitatu, Armigero, nuptam. Nubilemque Margaretam Virginem, ſummum ſui eximias Dotes Deſiderium relinquens. Dierum Satur et Canitie bona, indubiâ ſuſcitandi, noviſſima Tuba, Spe, hic placide in Domino obdormit. Mortalitate exutus, Paraſceve 15 Aprilis, 1636.

## RECTORS

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| 1311, 26 *Sep.* | *Robert*, Son of *Hugo de Rokelins*, to *Sancton*. | ADAM DE HAKEBECHE. |
| 1315, 25 *Oct.* | *John de Norwode*, to *Santone*. | Sir HERVY DE SANTONE. |
| | *William de Culpho* reſigned. | |
| 1329, 14 *Nov.* | *Henry Blaſt de Tudenham*. | Sir WILLIAM VISDELEW. |
| 1338, 29 *Jan.* | *John de Aldeburgh*. | Sir JOHN DE SHARDELOWE Knt. |
| 1341, 22 *Sep.* | *Roger de Fakenham*. | |
| 1349, 2 *June*, | *Henry Purchas*. | |
| 1368, 17 *June*, | *William de Ruſbeworthe*. | |
| 1374, 26 *Feb.* | *John*, Son of *Richard Hey*. | |
| 1376, 15 *Jan.* | *Hubert Atte Cherche de Lackford*. | |
| 1385, 12 *Oct.* | *John Bolt*, on the Reſignation of *Atte Cherche*. He was Rector of *Flempton*, and exchanges with *Atte Cherche*, he was buried in the Chancel of St. Catherine's Church at *Flempton*, his Will was proved *March* 12, 1385. | |
| 1385, 26 *Jan.* | *Robert Fullere*. | |
| 1388, 11 *Sep.* | *Stephen Manwodene*, on the Reſignation of *Fullere*. He was Vicar of *Lakynghithe*, and exchanged with *Fuller*. | |
| 1405, 10 *Sep.* | *Richard Fitz-Hugh*. | Sir GEORGE FELBRIGG. |
| 1409, 8 *May*, | *William Butt*, on the Reſignation of *Fitz-Hugh*. He was Rector of *Ampton*, and exchanged with *Fitz-Hugh*. | |
| 1409, 7 *Aug.* | *Richard Criſtmeſſe*. | |
| 1411, 23 *Aug.* | *John Cook*, on the Reſignation of *Criſtmeſſe*. He was Vicar of *Sappeſton*, and exchanged with *Chriſtmeſs*. | |
| 1413, 16 *Dec.* | *William Northwold de Hockwolde*. | |
| 1418, 13 *Dec.* | *Robert Gleyne*, on the Reſignation of *Northwold*. | The Lady ELA DE SCHARDELOW. |
| 1431, 25 *Aug.* | *William Brigham*. | Sir JOHN SHARDELOW Knt. |
| 1436, 7 *Nov.* | *John Walter*, on the Reſignation of *Brigham*. | The Lady ELA DE SCHARDELOW. |
| 1453, 18 *May*, | *John Cony*. | THOMAS HEIGHAM. |
| 1454, 3 *May*, | *John Andrew*. | SIMON FINCHAM, Feoffee to *Robert Aſhfield*, the true Patron. |
| | *Robert Rollecroſſe*. | |
| 1460, 27 *Oct.* | *Edmund Beene*, on the Death of *Rollecroſſe*. | CECILY ASHFIELD, Relict of *Robert Aſhfield* Eſq; |
| 1465, 18 *March*, | *Richard Roger*. | THOMAS HEIGHAM Eſq; |
| 1482, 12 *March*, | *Richard Bimoke*. | THOMAS HEIGHAM, Son and Heir to *Thomas Heigham* late of *Gayſte* deceaſed. |
| | *William Dunche*. | |
| 1491, 21 *May*, | *Richard Skeppere*, on the Death of *Dunche*. | THO. HEIGHAM Sen. Gent. |

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* Mr. Bancroft of the Exchequer, See Peck's Deſiderata Curioſa, Vol. 2. Lib. 14. fol. 17.

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| | who in 1494, granted the Advowſon to the Mayor and Commonalty of *Thetford*, who are the preſent Patrons. See fo. 462. | |
| 1509, 12 *Apr.* | *Thomas Gunwhat*, Rector of St. *Etheldred's* in *Thetford*, on the Death of *Skepper*. | |
| 1524, 5 *Nov.* | *Thomas Hedge* of *Thetford*, late Vicar of *Didlington*. | The Mayor &c. |
| | *John Pory*. | |
| 1539, 2 *Aug.* | *Bartholomew Baxter*, on the Death of *Pory*. | |
| 1587, 30 *May*, | *John Thaxter*, preſented by EVANCE RICHARDS Mayor of *Thetford*. After this, the ſaid *Thaxter*, occurs again as inſtituted *Dec.* 9 1587, on the Death of the laſt Rector, preſented by JOHN BUXTON, Mayor of *Thetford*. | |
| 1601, 11 *Jan.* | *John Tilney*, on the Death of *Thaxter*. | |
| 1620, 1 *Nov.* | *William Jenkinſon*, A. B. The Church of *Santon*, which for many Years had lain in Ruins, was re-built at the Charge of *Thomas Bancroft* Gent. and conſecrated on the 6 *Jan.* 1628. | The Mayor &c. |
| 1635, 8 *March*, | *Richard Kendal*, A. M. on the Death of the laſt Rector. [a] He was turned out by the Earl of *Mancheſter*, 10 *Aug.* 1644, for obſerving the Orders of the Church, refuſing to contribute to the Rebellion, Swearing, haunting Inns, being diſtemper'd with Liquor, keeping malignant Company, and for ſaying in a Sermon, ſix or ſeven Years before, that the *Puritans* were Hypocrites. He was alſo plunder'd for the Parliament Taxes, and if I miſtake not (ſays *Walker*) had ſome temporal Eſtate alſo put under Sequeſtration, ejected from this and [*Sandy*] *Downham* Stipend. | |
| 1669, 10 *March*, | *John Burrell*, A. M. on the Death of *Kendall*. He held this with *Kilverſton* in *Norfolk*, and was afterwards Rector of *Creſſingham-Magna*. | |
| 1692, 21 *Jan.* | *John Tyrrell*. | |
| 1713, 5 *June*, | *John Price*, A. M. on the Death of *Tyrrell*. | |
| 1737, | The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Everſdon*, the preſent Rector. | |

This Rectory is valued in the King's Books, at 1 *l.* 15*s.* 10 *d.* Tenths 3*s.* 7*d.* of which it is now diſcharged, the clear Yearly Value being ſworn at 35 *l.*

[*b*] In the 5*th* Year of King *John*, *Peter de Clay*, had a Suit with *Thomas de Ingaldeſtthorp*, about the Right of Preſentation to this Church, and in the ſaid Year, a Fine was levied between *Peter de Clay*, and *Adam de Hakebech*, of the Advowſon, wherein *Adam* had the Right conveyed to him. And in the 17 of *Edward* II. a Fine was levied between *Robert* Son of *Adam de Hakebech* Querent, *Henricus de Staunton* vel *Santon*, one of the Itinerant [*c*] Juſtices, Defendant, of Meſſuages in *Santon*, and the Advowſon of the Church, granted to *Hervey* for Life, Remainder to *Robert*. In the 11 of *Henry* VI. Sir *John Shardelow*, Knt. Son of *Robert*, Son of Sir *John*, died without Iſſue, ſeized of this Advowſon, and *Thomas Brews*, of *Salle* Eſq; Son of *Robert Brews*, Son of —— *Brews* and *Joan* his Wife, Siſter of *Robert de Shardelow*, was found his Couzin and Heir.

## *WETING.*

LIES Weſt of *Santon*, in the South Part of the Hundred, where it is divided from *Suffolk* by the *Little-Ouſe*. Part of it was given to the [*d*] Monaſtery of *Ely*, in the Time of King *Edgar*, by *Etheldwold*, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*. But at the General Survey by the Conqueror, this Part was then the Lordſhip of *William* Earl

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[*a*] Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy, P. 2d. p. 228.

[b] Plita: Term. Mich. 5 Joh. R. 11. Fin. Norff. Temp. Joh. L. 3. N. 12.

[c] Fin. divers. Comit. 17 Ed. 2. L. 2.

[*d*] Dug. Mon. Angl. V. 1. P. 94.

*Warren*, and contained [e] five Carrucates, which nine Free Men held in the Confeſſor's Time (of the Church of *Ely*) two of which Carrucates, and the third Part of the reſt, *Waſeline*, and *Oſward* held, the whole being valued at 50*s. per Ann.*

Another Part belonged to the Conqueror's own Manor, of * *Methwold*, then in the Cuſtody of *William de Noiers*, which in the Confeſſor's Time, belonged to *Stigand* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, *viz.* two Carrucates *&c.* The whole is there ſaid to be one League and half in breadth, and paid 14*d. Gelt*, and is wrote WETINGE, that is Wet-Inge, a *Watery-Meadow*, as lying in a Bottom, and having a large Tract of low Ground adjoining to the *Ouſe*, often ſurcharged with Water.

Soon after the Survey, that Part alſo, which was held by the King, came into the Hands of the Earl *Warren*, and the whole Town was held of thoſe Lords, by the antient and Noble Family of *De-Plaiz*, of which Family was

**Hugh Plaiz**, who lived in the Reign of King *Stephen*, and Sir *Ralph de Plaiz*, between whom, and the Burgeſſes of *Thetford*, there was a Suit about Common-Paſture in *Croxton*.

In the beginning of the Reign of *Henry* III. *Hugh de Plaiz* was Lord, he married firſt *Philippa* Daughter and Co-heir of *Richard de Monte-Fixo* (or *Montfitchet*) a powerfull Baron, and afterwards *Beatrix de Say*, Widow of *Hugh de Nevill*, and in the 24*th* Year of the aforeſaid King, there was an Action of Divorce depending between this [f] *Hugh*, and *Beatrix*, when the King ordered her 20*l. per Ann.* out of the Lands of *Hugh de Nevill* in *Suſſex*. The ſaid *Hugh* after this, married a third Wife, for in the 40*th* of the aforeſaid King, *Alice* [g] Widow of Sir *Hugh de Plaiz*, releaſed her Right ſhe had in Dower, in the third Part of this Manor, and thoſe of *Feltwell*, *Tofts*, *Briſley*, *&c.* in *Norfolk*, to

**Rich. de Plaiz**, Son (as I take it) of Sir *Hugh*, by *Philippa* his firſt Wife, which *Richard*, died [h] in 53 *Hen.* III. ſeized of this Manor.

In the 3d Year of King *Edward* I. [i] the Heirs of *Richard de Plaiz*, were found to hold this Town of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl in *Capite*, and to have the Aſſize of Bread and Beer in the ſame, and in his 15*th* Year,

[k] **Giles de Plaiz**, was under Age and the Queen's Ward; and being Knighted, was in the 22d of the ſaid King, ſummoned as a Baron to attend the King on the firſt of *Sept.* at *Portſmouth*, in order to ſail into *Gaſcoyne*, to recover his Inheritance, and the ſaid Sir *Gyles*, died in 31 *Edward* I.

**Richard**, Son of Sir *Giles*, proved his Age in 10 *Edw.* II. and had Livery of his Lands, and in the 1ſt of King *Edward* III. [l] was found to hold two Parts of this Manor, the other Part being in the Prior of *Bromhill*, with a Fiſhery here.

And in 25 *Edw.* III. *Richard* his Son was Lord, he gave to the Abby [m] of St. *Mary* at *Stratford*, all his Tenements in *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Ham*, in *Eſſex*, and died beyond Sea, in the 34 of the ſaid King, leaving *Mary* his Widow, the Daughter of Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and

**John** his Son, of the Age of 18 Years. In 40 *Edw.* III. the ſaid *John* was a Knight. [n] In 5 *Richard* II. he lent the King 20*l.* towards his Wars, and in 9 of that King, attended *John* Duke of *Lancaſter*, in his Expedition into *Spain*, and died in the 13 Year of the ſame King. The ſaid Sir *John*, was the laſt Heir Male, of this Family, leaving only one Daughter.

**Margaret**, married to Sir *John Howard*, Anceſtor to the Duke of *Norfolk*, his Will is dated on *Thurſday* before the Feaſt of St. *John Baptiſt* 1385, at *Ocle-Magna* in *Eſſex*, and was proved on the 16 of *July* 1389, "He bequeaths his Body to be buried in the Priory of "*Bromhill*, to which Houſe he gives his whole Suit of Veſtments, a Cup and Thurible of "Silver, two Vials, an Incenſe Boat, and an Oſculatory of Silver Gilt, to the Prior and Convent of *Walſingham*, his red Veſtment, and x Marks of Silver, to the Prior and Convent "of *Bromholm*, his black Veſtment and x Marks of Silver, to the Abbeſs and Convent of "*Marham*, to the Prioreſs and Convent of *Wykes*, to the Prioreſs and Convent of *Heningham*, "to the Prioreſs and Convent of *Thetford*, and to the Prior and Convent of *Ingham*, 25*l.*

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[e] Terra Willi: de Warenna, Hund. de Grimeſhou, [Domſday fo. 88.]

WETINGE, ix Liberi Homines, v. Car. terre & dim: (Waſelinus & Oſwardus. ii. Car. terre, de omni, tertia Part.) xv Villi: et xx bord. & vi Serv. xiii. Acr. prati. ſemper vi Car. Silva de v Porc. dim: piſcar: & ii Car: Hom: ſemper val. lx Sol. Horum vii Commendatio et Soca fuit ſancte Aeldrede & de duobus, Soca tantum. Totum habet i Leug. & Dim: in Lat. & reddit xiiii *d.* in Gelto.

* Terre Stigandi Epiſcopi, quas cuſtodit Will. de Noiers in Manu Regis. [Domſday fo. 48.] Grimeſhou Hund. Methelwalde tenuit Stigandus &c. hic ſemper jacet i. Beruita WETINGA, ſemper iii. Vill. & i bord. & iii. Serv. & i. Acr. prati. tunc ii. Car. in Dominio, poſt et modo i. tunc i. hom: ſemper ii. Runcin.

[f] Claus. 24 Hen. 3. [g] Fin. Div. Comit. 40 Hen. 3. N. 4. [h] Eſch. N. 24. [i] Rot. Hund. de Grimeſhou, in Cur. Recept. Scacij. [k] Plita Cor. Norw. Hillar. N. 34. Eſch. 31 Ed. 1. N°. 37. (l) Eſch. 1 Ed. 3. (m) Claus. 27 Ed. 3. Eſch. 34 Ed. 3. N°. 43. (n) Rymer Vol. 7. p. 342. (o) Regr. Braybrook Ep. Lond. fo. 396.

“ *viz.* to each Houſe 100*s.* Sterling; to the repair of every Church in his Patronage, 40*s.*
“ to the Church of St. *Mary* at *Feltwell*, that of *Toftrys*, *Cheleſworth*, and *Stanſted-Montfychet*,
“ 4*l.* *viz.* to each 20*s.* and to Sir *William*, Parſon of the Church of *Knapton* 20*l.* of Silver,
“ to Sir *John Lincoln* Clerk, *Simon Barret*, Sir *John*, Vicar of *Wyndeſore*, Sir *William*, Parſon
“ of the Church of St. *Mary* of *Weting*, Sir *John Hoo* his Chaplain, and *John Sauſtin*, 30*l.*
“ of Silver, *viz.* to each 100*s.* to all the Houſes of Fryers *Mendicants* in the County of *Nor-*
“ *folk*, *Suffolk*, *Eſſex*, and *Cambridgeſhire*, to every Houſe 5 Marks; to *Joan* his Wife all
“ his Wardrobe, and all his Silver Veſſels, with all his other Utenſils and Ornaments, be-
“ longing to his Houſe, not before bequeathed, with all other his Goods and Chattells in
“ his Manors of *Knapton*, *Toftrys*, and *Cheleſworth*; to Sir *William Beauchamp*, and Sir *John*
“ *Marmion*, Knts. to each a Silver Cup with a Cover, to be made new, weighing 10 lb.
“ in groſs, to Sir *Stephen Hales*, *John de Burgh*, *Richard de Sutton*, Knts. and *Edmund Gur-*
“ *nay*, to each of them a new Cup to be made of Silver, with a Cover, each of the Weight
“ of 10 Marks in groſs: To his Son *John Houward (Howard)* all his Armour and Furniture
“ of War, to the Priſons of *Newgate* and *Ludgate* in *London*, *Norwich*, *Colcheſter*, *Hertford*,
“ and *Cambridge*, 6*l.* *viz.* 20*s.* to each, to be diſtributed among the Priſoners there, and
“ the Reſidue of his Goods and Chattells (after his Debts are paid and Legacies are diſcharg-
“ ed) to be applied as his Executors ſhall ſee moſt Expedient, for ſome Prieſt to pray for his
“ Soul, the Souls of his Father and Mother, and all the Faithful deceas'd; and he makes
“ *Joan* his Wife, Sir *John de Burgh*, Sir *Richard de Sutton*, Knts. *Henry*, Parſon of *Foulmer*,
“ *William*, Parſon of the Church of *Knapton*, *John Hoo* his Chaplain, *John Wyghton*, and
“ *Robert Hamund* his Executors.”

GILBERT DE MONTE-FIXO, or MONTFITCHET, came into England with
the Conqueror, and was his Kinſman.

Richard de Monte-Fixo—Miliſent.

Ric. Montfichet dy'd without Iſſue in H. 3. Time.—Jocoſa, Relict of the Lord Engaine.
† Margery mar. to Hugh de Bolebeck.
3. Philippa Montfitchet his 1ſt Wife.—Sir Hugh de Plays.—2. Beatrix de Say his third Wife, Alice.
2. Aveline, married to William de Fortibus, Earl of Albemarle.

Ralph de Playz.
Hugh de Playz.
Rich. de Playz.—Iſabella his Widow in 13 Edw. I.

Sir Giles de Plaiz.—Joan his Widow in 1313, & in 1333.

* Sir Rich. de Plaiz, he occurs a Knight in 20 Edward II.—----- Siſter and Heir of John & Daughter of Roger de Lancaſter.

Sir Richard de Plaiz in 1340, was under Age, and a Ward of Sir Gilbert Talbot.—Margaret, dr. of Sir Walter de Norwich.

Sir John de Plaiz.—Joan, dr. of Sir Miles Stapleton, of Ingham in Norfolk.

Sir John Howard, ‖ Anceſtor of the Dukes of Norfolk.—Margaret, dr. and Heir of Sir John de Plaiz.

John Howard, Son of Sir John, died young in a Journey to the Holy-Land, in 1410,—Joan, Heir of Sir Richard Walton, & afterwards the Wife of Sir Thom. Erpingham, Knight of the Garter.

John Vere, Earl of Oxford, beheaded 1. Edward IV.—Elizabeth, dr. and Heir of John Howard, Eſq;

Sir JOHN HOWARD by *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *John de Plaiz*, had a Son *John Howard*, Eſq; who dying in 1410, left *Elizabeth* his Daughter and Heir, married to *John Vere*, Earl of *Oxford*, [*p*] whoſe Grandſon, *John* Earl of *Oxford*, dying without Iſſue, this Manor fell to his three Siſters and Co-heirs, *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Anthony Wingfield* of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*, *Dorothy* to *John Nevill*, Lord *Latimer*, and *Urſula* to Sir *Edward Knightley*, which *Urſula* dying without Iſſue, one Part of the Town was veſted in the Lord *Latimer*, and the other in the *Wingfields*, and in 1558,

[*q*] Sir ROBERT WINGFIELD, Son and Heir of Sir *Anthony*, had Livery of his Moiety, which was divided into many Parcels, by him and his Heirs; about the End of Queen *Elizabeth*'s Reign, the *Wingfields* ſold the remaining Part of their Moiety to

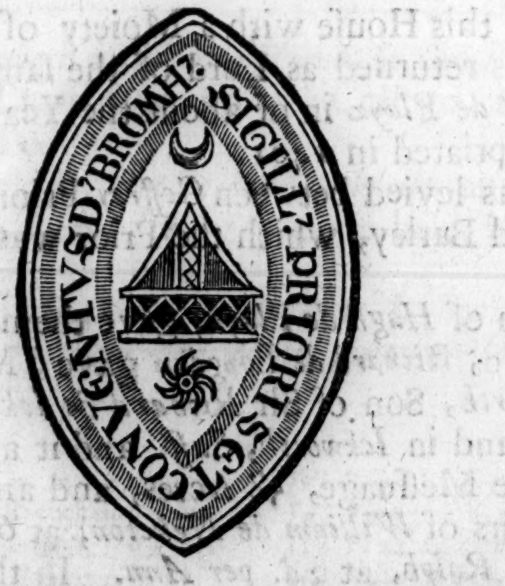
THOMAS WRIGHT, Eſq; and this was held by his Diſcendents, the *Wrights* of *Kilverſton*, 'till about 1730, when it was ſold to Mr. *Henry Cockſedge* of *Thetford*.

The Lords *Latimer* held not their Moiety ſo long; in 1572, *Thomas Dobbs*, Gent. enjoyed it; ſoon after, it was conveyed to *George Fowler*, Eſq; of *Bromehill*, who was Lord 26 *Eliz.* and died in 1613, (as appears from the Regiſter) Lord and Patron of both *Wetings*, and his Grandſon *George Fowler*, convey'd the right of Patronage of both the Churches in this Town to

The Maſter and Fellows of *Cajus* College in *Cambridge*, and for certain Conſiderations tied this Manor, with the Annual Payment of 100*l.* to the ſaid College: After the *Fowlers*, it was held by the *Tyrrells*, and from them it paſſed to the Lord *Allyngton*.

## *Bromehill* PRIORY,

Stood about a Mile South-Eaſt of the Town, in the Pariſh of *Weting*, on the North Side of, and very near to the preſent Farm-Houſe, called *Bromhill-Houſe*, which aroſe out of the Ruins of the ſaid PRIORY; where are many Foundations of Walls, *&c.* to be ſeen, as is the Scite of the Conventual Church, which was a long narrow Building. Here ſeveral Stone Coffins have been dug up within a few Years: As the Laiety was ſuperſtitiouſly fond of being buried (in that Age) in Conventual Churches, ſo no doubt, many conſiderable Perſons were here interred, beſides the *Plaiz's*, the Founders and Patrons of it. It was dedicated to the *Bleſſed Virgin Mary*, and St. *Thomas* the Martyr, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, for Canons Regular, of the Order of St. *Auguſtine*, and founded (as I take it) by Sir *Hugh de Plaiz*, in, or about the Reign of King *John*, for in 7 of King *Henry* III. [*r*] a Fair was granted to the Prior, *&c.* to be held on the 7 of *July*, the Tranſlation-Day of *Thomas Becket*, and in the following Year, the Prior is ſaid to have a Mercate here, of both which he was diſſeized by the Duke of § *Lancaſter*, who afterwards granted them to the Corporation of *Thetford*, who now are Lords of the Fair.


SIGILL'. PRIORIS ET CONVENTVS D' BROMH'.

The common Seal, as affixed to a Deed, dated in the Priory of *Bromhill*, on *Thurſday* the Feaſt of the *Tranſlation of St. Thomas the Martyr*, in the Year 1331, 5 *Edward* III. is now in the Hands of Mr. *Thomas Martin* of *Palgrave*, and is oblong, of green Wax, repreſenting (as it ſeems) the Mitre of a Biſhop, over it a Creſcent, and under it a Star.

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† Sir Wm. Dugdale has made ſeveral Miſtakes and Contradictions here, as will appear by comparing Bar. Vol. 1. p. 439. 452. and Monaſt. Vol. 2. p. 23, &c. * Evident. Cyril. Wyche, Armig: de Hockwold. ‖ See fol. 54. [p] See fol. 545.

[q] See fol. 56. [*r*] Fin: Rot: 19, & 20. Claus 1. H. 3. R. 19.

§ See fol. 460, Henry Duke of Lancaſter was in Poſſeſſion of them, A° 1327, which by Error of the Preſs, is 1347.

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## *The* PRIORS.

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| 24 *H.* III. | GEFFRY occurs. |
| 2 *Edw.* II. | WILLIAM. |
| 1311, 14 *Dec.* | RALPH DE THREXTON, Canon. |
| 1342, 4 *May*, | JOHN DE WELLE, Canon of St. *Mary* of *Bromhill*, on the Reſignation of *Threxton*. |
| 1344, 8 *Aug.* | THOMAS DE SAHAM, Canon, on the Death of *Welle*. |
| | PETER DE BURNHAM. |
| 1394, 27 *Apr.* | WILLIAM EASTMORE, Canon, on the Death of *Burnham*. |
| 1412, 17 *Oct.* | ROBERT STOW, Canon, on the Death of *Eaſtmore*. |
| | JOHN DE WALSOKNE. |
| 1429, 9 *Nov.* | RICHARD WYNCHESTRE, Canon, on the Reſignation of *Walſokne*. |
| 1446, 2 *Dec.* | JOHN RAMMESSEY, Canon, on the Death of *Wyncheſtre*. |
| | At this Time, the Convent (as it appears) had Licence from *John* Earl of *Oxford*, then Patron, to proceed to an Election, and *Ramſey* had a Letter from the Earl, to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, to admitt him. In this Priors Time, there ſeem to be but three Canons in this Houſe; for *Philip Martyn* Vicar of *Croxton*, by his Will [s] dated 10 *Nov.* 1452, leaves to the Prior, 3 *s.* 4 *d.* and to the three Canons of that Houſe, *viz.* to each 20 *d.* |
| 1466, 13 *Dec.* | ROBERT FOSTER, Canon of (*Novi Loci*) *Newark* or *Newſted*, in *Surrey*, on the Reſignation of *Ramſey*, collated by the Biſhop. |
| 1479, | WILLIAM KYRTELYNG, on the Death of *Foſter*. |
| 1491, | WILLIAM LOVELL, Canon of *Bromhill*, on the Reſignation of *Kyrtelyng*. |
| 1491, | THOMAS AXILL, alias EXALE, on the Reſignation of *Lovell*. |
| | WILLIAM BARLOW, alias FINCH, occurs in 1525, and was the laſt Prior, he was firſt a Canon Regular of St. *Oſith* in *Eſſex*, Prior of *Tiptre* and *Lees* in *Eſſex*, *Haverford-Weſt*, in *Pembrokeſhire*, and of *Biſham*, in *Berkſhire*, Rector of *Creſſingham-Magna*, in *Norfolk*, and afterwards Biſhop of St. *Aſaph*, St. *Davids*, *Bath* and *Wells*, and *Chicheſter*. |

## BENEFACTORS.

The *FOUNDER* endowed this Houſe with a Moiety of the [t] Manor of *Weting*, and in 3 *Edw.* I. [u] the Prior was returned as Lord of the ſame, and with the Moiety of the Town of *Croxton*; Sir *Richard de Playz* in or about the Year 1349, gave them the Rectory of *Croxton*, which was appropriated in 1401.

In 24 *H.* III. [x] a Fine was levied between *Geffrey* Prior, Petent, and *Warine Fitz Gerald*, of a Rent of Mixtling and Barley, which the Prior was us'd to have, of *Henry*, Son of *Gerald*, Father of *Warine*.

[y] In 29 *H.* III. *Hugh*, Son of *Hugh de Playz*, gave them Lands and Liberties in *Wetynge* and *Croxton*, and 19 *April* 1270, *Richard de Longden* gave 6 Marks, and a Fen at *Eaſtmore* in *Barton-Bendiſh*: *Tho. de Ickworth*, Son of Sir *Richard de Ickworth*, gave by Deed *ſans* Date, to this Priory, 21 Acres of Land in *Ickworth*, *Suff.* and it appears from a Regiſter of *Bury* Abby, that the Prior held one Meſſuage, 58 Acres, and an half of Land there, 50 in pure Alms, and 6 Acres of the Heirs of *William de Neketon*, at 6 *d. per Ann.* and two Acres and and an half of *Ralph*, Son of *Ralph*, at 3 *d. per Ann.* In the Reign of *Edw.* III. the Prior was taxed at 36 *s.* 8 *d.* for his Lands here, and 6 *s.* for Lands at *Wangford* in *Suffolk*.

[z] 14 *Edw.* I. *Cecilia*, Wife of *John de Rungton-Holme*, gave them Lands in *Barton-Bendiſh*.

17 *Edw.* I. *William*, Son of *John de Rungton-Holme*, gave them a Lordſhip and Lands in *Rungton*. *Beatrix* Daughter of *Ralph*, gave them Lands, &c. in *Methwold*.

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[s] Regr. Aleyn, Norw: p. 133.

[t] This was called Bromhill Priory Manor.

[u] Rot. Hundr.

[x] Fin: 24 H. 3.

[y] Ex Antiquis Chartis.

[z] Inter Evident. de Bromhill, penes Coll: Chriſt Cant. Regr. Album de Bury, p. 135. Regr. Pinchbek fol. 280. & MSS. penes Tho. Martin, Gen:

21 Edw. I.

21 *Edw.* I. *John*, Son of *Simon Fulcher*, gave Lands in *Methwold*, and in that Year *John de Brampton*, and *Alice* his Wife, gave 60 Acres of Land in *Methwold*, and in 2 *Edw.* II. they gave them more Land in the ſaid Town.

[*a*] 45 *Edw.* III. *William Smith* of *Weting*, and *William Attemore*, gave to the Prior one Meſſuage, and 46 Acres of Land, two of Meadow, and a Fiſhery at *Bernham*, and Lands, *&c.* in *Threkeſton*, by the King's Licence.

48 *Edw.* III. The Prior had Licence to receive and hold in *Mortmain*, an annual Rent of 20*l.* out of the Manor of *Weting*, given them by Sir *John de Plaiz*; the ſaid Knight alſo gave them the Manor of *Eaſt-Hall* in *Feltwell*.

King *Richard* II. in the 9*th* Year of his Reign, gave them the Church of *Abingdon* in *Northamptonſhire*, [*b*] and in the 15*th* Year of that King, they had Licence to hold the aforeſaid Manor of *Feltwell* in Mortmain.

* In 1428, this Houſe was taxed for Temporalities in *Bukenham-Parva*, at 6*d.* and the whole Tax of their Spiritualities, and Temporalities in the ſaid Year was 38*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* Tenths, 3*l.* 16*s.* 1*d. ob:*

[*c*] This Priory fell before the general Diſſolution, by a Bull of Pope *Clement* VII. dated *May* 14, 1528, and on the 16*th* of *Sept.* following, it was accordingly ſuppreſſed by Dr. *Stevens*, Dr. *Lee*, Maſter *Tho. Cromwell*, and Mr. *Tho. Ruſh*, the King's Serjeant, and *John de Vere*, Earl of *Oxford*, then Patron, releaſed the ſaid Priory the ſame Year, to Cardinal *Woolſey*, to whom the King had granted it, on *Dec.* 30, with the Manors of *Bromhill*, *Croxton*, *Otringhith*, *Rungton-Holme*, *Eaſtmore*, *Methwold*, *Eaſt-Hall* in *Feltwell*, a Mill in *Weting*, and 20*l.* Rent iſſuing out of the Manor of *Weting*, the Rectory and Advowſon of *Croxton*, together with all the Meſſuages, Lands, and Tenements belonging to the ſaid Priory, lying in *Bromehill*, *Brandon*, *Croxton*, *Methwold*, *Rungton-Holme*, *Eaſtmore*, *Hockwold*, *Wilton*, *Downham*, *Fordham*, *Bokenham*, *Tottington*, *Grimſton*, *Waynforth*, *Feltwell*, *Weting*, *Oteringhith*, *Moundford*, *Fouldon*, *Dudlington*, *Colveſton*, *Barton-Bendiſh*, and *Rungton* in *Norff.* and in *Barnham* by *Thetford*, *Ickworth*, and *Mildenhall* in *Suffolk*. But ſoon after, on the Cardinal's *Præmunire*, the ſaid Grant was re-aſſumed, and on his Attainder, [*d*] all the afore-Premiſes were granted *Jan.* 2, 23 *H.* VIII. to the Maſter and Fellows of *Chriſt*'s College in *Cambridge*, by way of Exchange, for the Manor of *Royden* in *Eſſex* and *Hertfordſhire*.

[*e*] A modern Author calls this a Monaſtery of *Benedictines*, and aſſerts that K. *Henry* VIII. ſold the Scite and Lands to Sir *Tho. Woodhouſe* of *Waxham*, but with what Juſtice may be ſeen above; of a like Miſtake, is the Author of [*f*] the *Antiquitates Britannicæ* guilty, who obſerves, that the King ſuppreſſed this Houſe, on Account of the Crimes and Demerits of the Prior, and Canons, proved on them before the Biſhops of *Rocheſter*, *Salisbury*, and *Norwich*, and declared them in 1524, forfeited to the *Exchequer*, with all their Revenues and Farms, and that the Maſter and Fellows of St. *John*'s College in *Cambridge*, obtained of the King, and the Pope, the ſaid Priory and it's Revenue; and under the ſame Charge lies *Fuller*, [*g*] in ſaying the Exchange between the College and the King, was in the Reign of King *Edward* VI.

In the Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James* I. the *Fowlers* who had a conſiderable Eſtate in *Weting*, held this by Leaſe from *Chriſt*'s College, a Family of good Account, as will appear from the following Pedigree.

Afterwards, this Farm was held by the *Pecks*, *Shadwells*, and *Tooks*, and *Tho. Shadwell*, Eſq; Poet *Laureat*, is ſaid to be born here, 'tis at preſent held by *Gregory Coppinger*, Gent. by Leaſe, of the aforeſaid College.

[*h*] Mr. *Stephens* in his Additions to the *Monaſticon Anglicanum*, obſerves, that there is no mention made there of this Priory, and Mr. *Willis* gives us [*i*] only the Name of the laſt Prior.

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[*a*] Pat: 45 Ed. 3. p. 1. m. 11. 48 Ed. 3. p. 2. m. 20.

[b] 15 Rich. 2. m. 8.

* 13 R. 2. Will. Beauchamp is ſaid to alien to this Priory the Advowſon of Munford, the Prior was taxed for his Temporals in Suffolk, 42 s. 7 d.

[c] Regr. Butley Suff. Pat. 20. H. 8. P. 1.

[*d*] Pat 23 H. 8. p. 3.

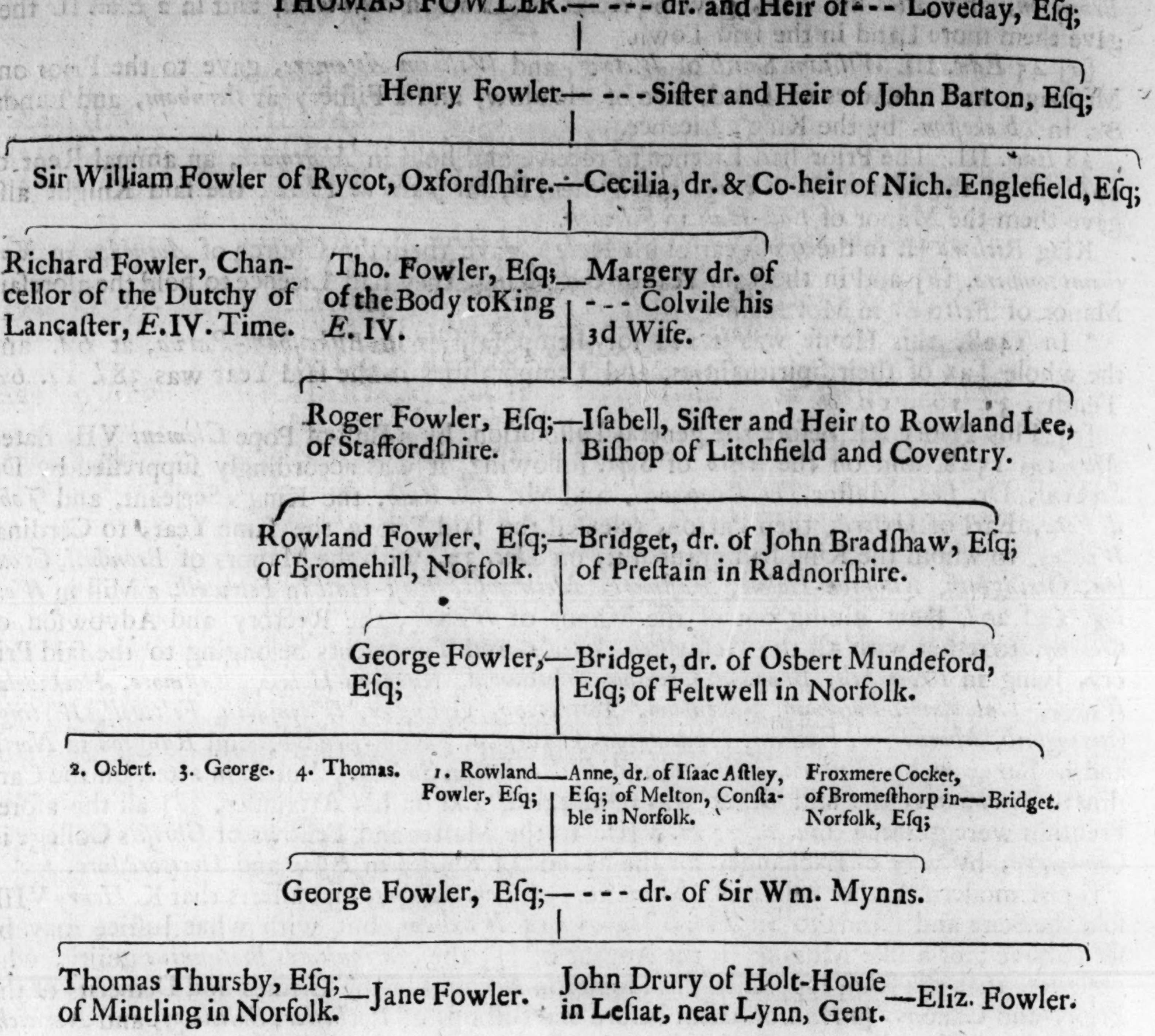
[*e*] Atlas of Norff. p. 405.

[f] P. 24. ad Finem.

[*g*] Hiſtory of Cambr. p. 91.

[*h*] Vol. 1. p. 505.

(i) Hiſt. of Abb. V. 2. p. 144.



THOMAS FOWLER.— - - dr. and Heir of - - - Loveday, Eſq;

Henry Fowler— - - Siſter and Heir of John Barton, Eſq;

Sir William Fowler of Rycot, Oxfordſhire.—Cecilia, dr. & Co-heir of Nich. Englefield, Eſq;

Richard Fowler, Chancellor of the Dutchy of Lancaſter, *E*. IV. Time.

Tho. Fowler, Eſq; of the Body to King *E*. IV.—Margery dr. of - - - Colvile his 3d Wife.

Roger Fowler, Eſq; of Staffordſhire.—Iſabell, Siſter and Heir to Rowland Lee, Biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry.

Rowland Fowler, Eſq; of Bromehill, Norfolk.—Bridget, dr. of John Bradſhaw, Eſq; of Preſtain in Radnorſhire.

George Fowler, Eſq;—Bridget, dr. of Osbert Mundeford, Eſq; of Feltwell in Norfolk.

2. Osbert. 3. George. 4. Thomas. 1. Rowland Fowler, Eſq;—Anne, dr. of Iſaac Aſtley, Eſq; of Melton, Conſtable in Norfolk.

Froxmere Cocket, of Bromeſthorp in Norfolk, Eſq;—Bridget.

George Fowler, Eſq;— - - - dr. of Sir Wm. Mynns.

Thomas Thursby, Eſq; of Mintling in Norfolk.—Jane Fowler.

John Drury of Holt-Houſe in Leſiat, near Lynn, Gent.—Eliz. Fowler.

## WETING *All-Saints*.

This *CHURCH* ſtands at the North-Eaſt Part of the Town, it has a Nave, and a North Iſle, covered with Lead, and a Chancel that is thatched, all built of Flint Stones, Boulder, *&c*. At the Weſt End of the Nave ſtands an old Wooden Shod, or Bellfrey, in which hang four Bells; the 2d is thus inſcribed,

*This Bell was given by* Francis Hobman, *Rector of* Wetinge.

The 4th, *Omnium Sanctorum*.

The Nave is about 41 Feet in length, and 33 in breadth, including the North Iſle; the Roof of the Nave is of Oak, and the Principals are ſupported by Figures of Religious Perſons, now ſadly defaced: At the Weſt End of the Nave on the Pavement, are two Bells, removed hither on the Fall of the Church of St. *Mary* of *Weting*.

The Chancel is parted from the Nave by a Wooden Screen; on the Pannels have been the Figures of Saints, *&c*. painted: It is in length about 29 Feet, and 17 in breadth. On the Pavement at the Weſt End lies a Graveſtone, with this Inſcription,

Here lyeth the Body of Francis [*k*] Hobman,
Waiting for the promis'd Reſurrection,
He was Rector of both the Churches of
Weting, He dy'd Anno Dni: 1669, aged 74.
His Motto—— *Meditatio Chriſti, Meditatio Chriſtiani*.

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(k) He gave to Cajus College 100*l*. for ſuch Uſes as that Society ſhould think proper.

Near the Center of the Pavement, lies a Marble Stone, with WRIGHT's Arms; impaling *Arg.* 2 Pallets *Az.* on each 3 Flowers-de-Lys of the firſt, on a Chief of the ſecond, a Lyon Paſſant of the firſt, And thus inſcribed.

Here lyeth the Body of Anna-Maria Wright, late Wife of Deputy John Wright of London, Woolen-Draper, and Daughter of Nathaniel Smith of Barnwell, in the County of Northampton, Eſq; who departed this Life, the 19 of May 1714, in the ſixty ſecond Year of her Age. Here alſo lieth the Body of Mr. John Wright, Citizen and Merchant-Taylor of London, who died the 14 of September 1728, aged 83 Years.

On the ſaid Pavement lies alſo, an old Graveſtone, with a croſs Flory in a Circle on the Summit of a Staff, in Memory moſt likely, of ſome Rector; and near the South-Wall, at the Eaſt-End of the Chancel, is another old Graveſtone with a Croſs Pattee, cut on the Head of a Staff, probably in Memory (it being the *Inſignia*) of a Knight Templar.

Croſſes were very antiently fixed or carved on Monuments, [*l*] or Graveſtones; amongſt the Laws of *Keneth* King of *Scotland*, who flouriſhed about 840, we meet with this, " Eſteem every Sepulchre or Graveſtone ſacred, and adorn it with the Sign of the Croſs, which take Care, you do not ſo much as tread on," but the Fathers for that very Reaſon, forbid it to be placed on any Graveſtone.

On the Summit of the Eaſt-Window of the Chancel, is this Shield.

*Azure*, 3 Ducal Crowns *Or*, St. *Edmund* and the *Eaſt-Angles*,

And below it *Plaiz*'s Arms.

This Window, is ornamented in many Places with Leopards Heads.

In the Middle-Window of the Chancell, on the South-Side, is *Howards* Shield. *Weever* [*m*] tells us, that in the South-Window of the Church of *Wetinge* St. *Mary*, was the Pourtraiture of Sir *John Howard*, who married *Margaret*, the Heir of *Plaiz*, in a ſupplicant Poſture, on his *Surtout*, the Arms of *Howard*, by him alſo the ſaid Arms, and thoſe of *Plaiz*. I am inclined to believe, that the Figure was in this Window. [*n*] There was alſo antiently in the Eaſt-Window of the Chancel, the Shield of *Howard*.

When the Book called *Norwich-Domeſday* was wrote, *Robert de Allynetone* is there ſaid to be Patron of this Church, as Guardian to the Heir of *Plaiz*, and the Rector had then 50 Acres of Land.

## RECTORS.

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| 1313, 30 *July*, | *Symon Peche.* | |
| 1315, 30 *Oct.* | *Nicholas le Blount.* | The Lady JOAN DE PLAIZ, Relict of Sir GILES. |
| | *Reyner de la Moore*, was Rector 17 *Edward* II. as appears from a Fine then levied of Lands in *Ereſwell* in *Suffolk*. | |
| 1329, 7 *Dec.* | *John de Waunford.* | |
| 1330, 1 *Nov.* | *John Burghhard*, on the Reſignation of *Waunford*, on an exchange for the Vicarage of *Saham*. | |
| 1333, 22 *March*, | *Thomas de Methelwold*, he was L. L. D. in [*o*] 1344, collated to the Archdeaconry of *Sudbury*, 8 *Decem.* 1349. | |
| 1358, 22 *June*, | *John Reynold.* Sir RICHARD LE PLAIZ. | |
| 1361, 18 *Aug.* | *Will. Smethe.* Sir JOHN DE SUTTON, Knt. and Sir JOHN PERPOUNT, Rector of *Ocley-Magna*. He reſigned for the Rectory of *Wetinge* St. *Mary*. | |
| 1361, 4 *Sep.* | *Henry Walter.* Ditto. | |
| 1393, 7 *Oct.* | *John Howlet.* | Sir JOHN HOWARD. |
| 1413, 2 *Oct.* | *John Smyth* de *Reydon*. | |
| 1426, 13 *March*, | *John Sket*, on the Reſignation of *Smyth*, who was preſented to *Fornham-All-Saints* in *Suffolk*. | |
| | *John Gibbs.* | |
| 1435, 14 *Jan:* | *William Oſtelyn*, on the Death of *John Gibbs*. About this Rectors Time, in the Year 1448, [*p*] there was a Gild in this Church, called the Gild of St. *Mary*. | |

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(*l*) Spelm. Concil. V. 1. P. 342. Durant. de Rit. Eccl. P. 41 &c.

(*m*) Weevers Fun. Mon. P. 850.

(*n*) Coll. P. L. N.

(*o*) Dr. Brownes Poſthumous Works, Appen. P. 61.

(*p*) Regr. Aleyn fo. 5.

*John Burton.*
1450, 29 *Apr.* *Jeffry Cook*, on the Reſignation of *Burton.*
1458, 27 *Oct.* *Jeffry Byſhop*, by his Will proved 20 *Dec.* 1463, deſired to be buried in the Choir of his own Church, [Regr. *Betyns*, P. 99]. } **JOHN** Earl of *Oxford.*
1464, 24 *Apr* *John Wright*, on the Death of *Byſhop.* **ELIZABETH**, Counteſs of *Oxford.*
1493, 27 *Nov.* *Henry Haldore*, on the Death of *Wright.*
1503, 10 *Feb.* *Thomas Exſalle*, Prior of *Bromhill*, united to *Wetinge* St. *Mary.* } **JOHN VEER**, E. of *Oxford.*
1503, 24 *March*, *John Rouſe*, on the Death of the laſt Rector.
1518, 31 *Aug.* *William Wadylowe*, on the Death of *Rous.* The Counteſs of *Oxford.*
1528, 4 *June*, *Laurence Blackhaye*, on the Death of *Wadelowe.* **ELIZABETH** Counteſs of *Oxford.*
*Robert Gunthorpe.*
1539, 29 *Oct.* *Robert Tree*, on the Death of *Gunthorp.* Sir **ANTHONY WINGFIELD** Knt.
1541, 5 *March*, *William Walden*, on the Reſignation of *Tree.* Sir **ANTHONY WINGFIELD**, Knight of the Garter.
*John Holibread*, S. T. P. alias *John Stokes.* He was inſtalled Prebendary of the fifth Stall in the Church of *Norwich*, and reſigned in 1565. [*q*] Magiſter *Joh: Holibrede*, Sacre Theol: Profeſſor, Presbyter, non Conjugatus, Doctus, non reſidet, non Hoſpitalis, - - - - Prædicat Licentiatus, Tria.
1571, 27 *June*, *Henry Leader*, A. M. on the Death of the laſt Rector, Sir **ROBERT WINGFELD**, Knt. afterwards he occurs as inſtituted 6 *Dec.* in the ſaid Year, preſented by **JOHN NEVILL**, Lord *Latimer*, Lord of the Moiety of the Manor.
1588, 28 *Dec.* *Henry Bury*, on the Death of *Leader.* **THOMAS WRIGHT**, on the Grant of a Preſentation from Sir **ROBERT WINGFIELD** Knt. and **ANTHONY WINGFIELD** Eſq; to **HENRY WARNER** Eſq; *Bury* was Vicar of *Sporle*, and Rector of *Hale.*
1600, 25 *June*, *Anthony Rouſe.* **AGNES WRIGHT**, and **THOMAS WRIGHT**, by Grant of the Preſentation from Sir **ROBERT WINGFIELD**, Knt. *&c.* He was buried 13 *June* 1631. In his Anſwer to King *James*'s Queries in 1603, he ſays there were 104 Communicants here.
1631, 16 *June*, *George Adams*, A. M. on the Death of *Rous.* **THOMAS MATTHEW**, Clerk, for this Turn; this *Adams*, was Maſter of a Grammar-School, at *Kentiſh-Town* near *London*, in 1636.
1637, 8 *Nov.* *Francis Hobman*, S. T. B. on the Reſignation of *Adams.* The Maſter Fellows *&c.* of *Gonvile* and *Caius* College in *Cambridge.* Probably the ſame Perſon who was preſented to *Greenford-Parva*, R. in *Middleſex*, in 1621. [*Newcourts* Repert: V. 1. P. 621.]
1669, 14 *Dec.* *William Adamſon* A. M. on the Death of *Hobman.*
1682, 26 *Jan.* *Bartholomew Wortley*, A. M. on *Adamſon*'s Reſignation,
1683, 24 *March*, *William Peters*, A. M. on *Wortley*'s Reſignation. He was buried here 16 *Sep.* 1708, and left an Eſtate at *Cherry-Hinton* in *Cambridgeſhire*, to *Cajus* College, for Exhibitions to poor Scholars.
1709, 14 *Apr.* The Rev. * *Roger Hawys*, A. M. the preſent Rector, on the Death of *Peters*, holds it united to St. *Mary*'s. } All theſe preſented by the College.

This Church is a Rectory valued in the King's Books at 10*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* *ob:* The Firſt-Fruits are 9*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* 1*q.* Tenths 1*l.* 9*d.* 3*q.*

## WETING *St. Mary.*

This *CHURCH* ſtood in the South Part of the Town, and is now in Ruins, by the Fall of the Tower on it, about 40 Years paſt; it was the neateſt, the moſt regular, and modern Church of the two, built of Flint, Chalk, *&c.* and conſiſted of a Nave, about 35

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[q] Parkeri Certificator: in Coll: Corp: Chriſt: Cant: MSS.

* He is now D. D.

Feet in length, and (including the South Iſle) about 31 in breadth, having on that Side three neat Arches, ſupported by Pillars, form'd of four Pilaſters, united together. At the Weſt End of the Nave ſtood an handſome ſquare Tower of Flint, with Quoins, &c. of Freeſtone, as appears from what is ſtill remaining; the Nave is divided from the Chancel, by a neat and lofty Arch of Stone-Work, ſtill ſtanding, the length of the Chancel was about 33 Feet, and the breadth about 18, the greateſt Part of the Walls, both of the Church and Chancel is ſtill ſtanding, but the Roof is totally decayed and gone. On the Area of the Chancel, now overgrown with Nettles, &c. lies a Marble Graveſtone with theſe Arms,

*Tooke.* party per Chev. *Or* & *Az.* 3 Griffins Heads eraſed counterchanged, impaling,
*Smith.* party per Chev'ron Nebulee *Or* & *Sab.* 3 Panther's Heads eras'd, counterchang'd,
And this,

*H. S. S.* Magdalena, Jacobi Tooke de Bromhill, Gener: Conjux Piiſſima, Jan: 29, An: Dom: 1678, Ætat. ſuæ 32, necnon Johannes Jacobi filius, Infans, Aug: 27, An: Dom: 1677.

At the Eaſt-End of this Chancel, on Brick-Work, lies a Stone with theſe Arms,
*Coppinger.* Bendy of 6, *Or* & *Gul.* on a Feſs *Az.* 3 Plates, in a Bordure *Arg.* impaling,
*Kirkham.* On a Bend, 3 Cinquefoils.

Gregory Coppinger of Bromehill-Houſe, who dy'd the 10 Febr. 1724, aged 65 Years.
Elizab: his Wiſe, bury'd the 19 of July 1702, aged 40 Years.

The Church-Yard here is kept incloſ'd, and is ſtill uſed by the Pariſhioners, for a Place of Burial.

Mary-Ann, Daughter of Mr. Geo. Dale of Norwich, aged 18, died July 1680.

There were antiently in this [r] Church, theſe Arms. *France. England* alone. *Eaſt-Angles. Ely* Abbey. *Clare. Fitz-Walter. Marſhall.*
—— *Arg.* A Bend *Az.*
*Howard*, *Vere*, and *Bardolf*.
*Carleton*, *Or* a Lyon Ramp: *Gul.*
*Mohun*, *Or* a Croſs ingrail'd *Sab.*

[s] This Church (or rather a Portion of Tithes in this Pariſh) was given as we read, to the Priory of *Huntington* in 1147, and 6 *s. per Ann.* in *Feltwell*, by *Hugh Plaiz*, for that Religious Houſe was taxed [t] for it's Portion in St. *Mary Wetyng*, in 1428, at 8 Marks, and the Rector paid it to the ſaid Priory. When *Norwich Domeſday-Book* was wrote, the Lady ALICE DE PLAYZ, was Patroneſs of this Church, and the Rector had a Houſe and 40 Acres of Land.

## RECTORS.

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| 1309, 12 *July*, | *Edmund Howard.* | King EDWARD II. Guardian of the Minor of Sir *Giles de Playz.* |
| 1340, 21 *July*, | *Thomas Deanmound*, on the Reſignation of *Howard.* | Sir GILB. TALBOT, Guardian to the Heir of Sir *Richard Playz.* |
| 1349, 14 *July*, | *Thomas Mabylionne.* | Sir RICHARD PLAYZ. |
| 1361, 4 *Sept.* | *William Smethe.* | Sir JOHN DE SUTTON, Knt. and Sir ROBERT PERPOUNT, Rector of *Ocley-Magna.* |
| 1372, 27 *March*, | *William Moill*, on the Reſignation of *Smethe.* | Sir JOHN PLAYZ. |
| 1393, 23 *Dec.* | *John Howelet*, | Sir John Howard. |
| 1400, 9 *April*, | *John Spark*, he was Rector of *Wrattyng-Parva*, and exchanged with *Howelet.* | |
| 1408, 20 *Dec.* | *William Elys*, | |
| 1418, 16 *Nov.* | *Thomas Grimelyn*, | |
| 1453, 9 *Auguſt*, | *Thomas Bevir*, on the Death of *Grimelyn.* | |
| | *John Donyngton.* | |
| 1468, 25 *Febr.* | *Thomas Spylmens*, on the Death of *Donyngton.* | ELIZ. Counteſs of *Oxf.* |
| 1488, 16 *April*, | *William Cook*, on the Death of the laſt Rector. | JOHN Earl of *Oxford.* |
| 1493, 28 *Febr.* | *Stephen Glover*, on the Reſignation of *Cook.* | |
| 1494, 20 *July*, | *Henry Pavy*, on the Death of *Glover.* | |
| 1498, 28 *Apr.* | *Thomas Craven* on the Reſignation of *Pavy.* | |

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[r] Coll: P.L.N. [s] Dug. Monaſt. Ang. Vol. 2. p. 6. [t] Taxat. Spirit. Relig. &c. MSS. J. Anſtis, Garter, fol. 30.

1503, 14 *Dec.* *Thomas Exſalle*, on the Death of *Craven*: He was alſo Prior of *Bromhill*, and held this Rectory united to *Weting All-Saints*. JOHN Earl of *Oxford*.

1504, 30 *March*, *William Craven*, on the Death of the laſt Rector.

1515, 22 *Jan.* *Tho. Atkynſon*, on the Reſignation of *Craven*. ELIZABETH Countеſs of *Oxford*.

1524, 19 *Jan.* *Rob. Gunthorp*, S.T.B. on the Death of *Atkynſon*.

1539, 2 *Dec.* *Henry Copinford*, on the Death of *Gunthorp*. Sir ANT. WINGFIELD, Knt.

1541, 22 *July*, *John Walden*, on the Reſignation of *Copinford*. *Ditto*.

1554, 20 *July*, *John Moore* Bachelor in the Decrees, on the Deprivation of *Walton*, URSULA KNIGHTLY of *Offechurch* in *Warwickſhire*, Widow.

1556, 21 *Dec.* *John Stokes*, alias *Holibread*, S.T.P. on the Death of *Moore*: ELIZ. WINGFIELD of *Dodham* in *Eſſex*, Widow, (ſee fol. 484.)

1571, 27 *June*, *Henry Leader*, A.M. on the Death of the laſt Rector, he had *All-Saints*. Sir ROBERT WINGFIELD; he was buried *Dec.* 1, 1588, in his own Church: He occurs alſo inſtituted *Dec.* 5, 1571, on the Preſentation of JOHN DOWBY, Gent. on a Grant for that Turn, from the Lord *Latimer*, Lord of a Moiety of the Town.

1588, *John Lambert*, S.T.B. on the Death of *Leader*. In 1603, in his Anſwer to King *James*'s Queries, he ſays there were 82 Communicants in this Pariſh: He was after Rector of *Duxford*, *St. John* in *Cambridgeſhire*.

1621, 9 *March*, *Thomas Matthew*, A.M. ROWLAND FOWLER, Eſq;

1651, 17 *Sept.* *Francis Hobman*, S.T.B. The Maſter, Fellows, &c. of *Gonvile* and *Caius* College in *Cambridge*, who are the preſent PATRONS. It hath been ever ſince held by Union with *Weting All-Saints*, for which ſee fol. 484.

This Church is valued in the King's-Books at 8 *l.* 1 *s.* 8 *d.* Firſt-Fruits were 7 *l.* 5 *s.* 6 *d.* and Tenths 16 *s.* 2 *d.* but by the laſt Act of Queen ANNE it is diſcharged from theſe, being ſworn at 45 *l.* *per Ann.* clear Value.

[u] *John Miller* by Will dated on *Sunday* before the Feaſt of St. *Michael*, 1473, deſires to be buried in the Iſle of St. *Mary*'s Church, gives to St. *Mary*'s *Gyld* xx *s.* to St. *Bapt. Gyld* vi *s.* viii *d.* for a new Rood-Loft 40 *s.* &c.

[x] 2 *Aug.* 1584, Buried *Brigid*, Wife of *George Fowler* of *Bromehill*, Eſq; 25 *Aug.* 1585, *James*, Son of *George Fowler* of *Bromehill*. 2 *April* 1613, *George Fowler*, Eſq; of *Bromehill*, Lord and Patron of both *Weetings*, aged 69. 25 *May* 1614, *John*, Son of *Rowland* and *Ann Fowler* of *Bromehill*, Gent. 29 *Nov.* 1619, *Aſtley*, Son of *Rowland* and *Ann Fowler*, Eſq; 5 *June* 1627, *Rowland*, Son of *Rowland Fowler*, Eſq: of *Bromehill*. 24 *Jan.* 1629, *Brian Fowler*, Gent. 13 *June* 1631, *Anthony Rous* Rector, born *July* 6, 1551. 21 *Oct.* 1637, *Rowland Fowler*, Eſq; 21 *Nov.* 1650, Mrs. *Ann Fowler*. 23 *Nov.* 1669, *Francis Hobman*, Rector.

The Tenths of this Town were 5 *l.* 10 *s.* The Prior of *Huntington* had a Meſſuage here, taxed in 1428, at 16 *d.*

In a Cloſe adjoining to the Eaſt-End of the Church-Yard of *Weting All-Saints*, are to be ſeen great and venerable Ruins of a large ſquare Caſtle, built of Flint Stone, &c. and has been moated round, at one Corner is a riſing Hill, where probably ſtood the *Keep*; this Caſtle was the Seat of the Family of *De-Plaiz*.

About two Miles Eaſtward of the Town, and in this Pariſh, are thoſe Entrenchments, or Holes, called *Grime's-Graves*, of which we have treated in the Account of the Hundred, and between the Town and that Place, are ſeveral *Tumuli*.

On the Weſt-Side of the Town, from the Edge of the Fenn, ariſes a Bank, or Ditch, which runs ſome Miles, and parts *Weting*, from *Wilton* and *Feltwell*, call'd the *Foſs*; and in the Fields of *Weting*, North of the Town, is a Green-Way, call'd *Walſingham Way*, uſed (as 'tis ſaid) by Pilgrims in their way to the Lady of *Walſingham* a *Madona* of ſuch high Repute, that the *Galaxia*, or *Milky-Way*, was called by People of thoſe Parts, the *Walſingham-Way*, as pointing to that Angle; here was formerly a Stone Croſs, now broke into two Pieces, commonly called, the *Stump Croſſes*.

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[u] Regr. Paynot. [x] Regr. of Weting.

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# KEBURN

UNDER the Land of the Earl *Warren*, and in this Hundred, a Town of this Name occurs in the Book of * *Domeſday*; one *Roger* in the Confeſſor's Time had half a Carucate of Land here, held by two Freemen, valued at 3*s*. In the Bounds of *Bromehill*, on a Green near to the *Ouſe-Parva*, where formerly *Bromehill-Fair* was kept, many Foundation-Stones have been dug up, and ſome Years paſt, a large Key, like an old Church Key, and ſome Grounds here (as I have been informed) are call'd by the Name of *Keburn*, at this Day. This has induced me to fix the Scite of this Place here, otherwiſe now loſt and unknown.

* Terre Willi: de Warenna, (Domſd. fol. 88.) GRIMESHOU Hund. In KEBURNA ten: Roger: ii. Lib: homines, dim: Car. terre & vi. Acr. & i. bord. & i. Acr. prati, ſemp: i. Car. & val. iii. Sol.

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# WILTON.

WEST of *Weting*, and on the North-Side of the *Ouſe-Parva* ſtands this Village, which derives it's Name from it's Scite, a Town of *Water* or *Springs*; as it always had the ſame Lords with *Hocwold*, from the Confeſſor's Time to this preſent, I ſhall treat of the Temporal State of it in that Place, it being now called *Hockwold-Wilton*, tho' in old Writings, more properly, *Wilton-Hockwold*. This being the Head Town of the two. *Domeſday* fol. 49, tells us, that the King had 3 *Bordars* in *Wella* (which I take to be *Hocuuella)* belonging to his Manor of *Methelwold*.

The *CHURCH* of *Wilton* is dedicated to St. *James*, it has only a Nave or Body, with a Chancel, built of Flint and Boulder, and cover'd with Reed; the Nave is in length about 57 Feet, and in breadth about 30. At the Upper End near the Reading-Desk, lies a Marble Stone with a Braſs Plate thus inſcribed,

> Orate pro anima Johannis Buckton, qui obiit v° die Febr. A° Dni:
> M°ccccc°xi. et pro anima Johanne Uxoris eius quorum Animabus
> propicietur Deus.

At the Weſt-End of the Nave ſtands a ſtrong four-ſquare Tower of Flint, *&c.* with Quoins and Embattlements of Freeſtone, in which hang 5 Bells, and on that is an octangular Spire of Freeſtone.

The Chancel is about 38 Feet in length, and 22 in breadth; againſt the South-Wall is a Compartment of Stone, and on the Summit,

COLBORNE. *Arg.* a Chev'ron between 3 Bugle-Horns *Sab.* garniſhed *Or*, impaling
TYRRELL. And under it the following Epitaph,

> Here lyeth the Body of MARY, the Wife of EDW. COLBORNE, ſometime of Bramford in the County of Suff: Gent. Eldeſt Daughter of Robert Tyrrell of Wilton in the County of Norff: Eſq; and with her three Sons, which ſhe bore to the ſaid EDWARD, viz. Edward, Robert, and Richard. She departed this Life the 30th of Nov. 1683, in the Year of her Age 44.
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> Hoc in Memoriam Chariſſimæ, Conjugis poſuit prædictus Edvardus Colborne.

On the North Side is a curious work'd Arch in the Wall, and below an old Graveſtone without any Arms or Inſcription, probably this might be for the Sepulchre of our Lord, of which ſee in *Northwold*.

There is an Aſcent of 3 Stone Steps to the Communion-Table, and behind the Table is an old Wainſcot Partition, which runs the breadth of the Chancel; on a Pannel of this Wainſcot, are two Prieſts kneeling at an Altar, with their Books open before them. On another Pannel, the Figure of St. *John* the *Evangeliſt*, with the Cup, and a Dragon iſſuing out of it, and on a Label, In principio erat Verbum, under him the Pourtraiture of a

Man kneeling, and this Label, **Ora pro nobis beate Jacobe.** On a third Pannel, the Figure of St. *John-Baptiſt*, with a Lamb, *&c.* and a Label, **Ecce Agnus Dei**, under him the Portraiture of a Woman, bidding her Beads, and this Label, **Omnes Sancti Apoſtoli orate pro nobis.** On the Pannels by St. *John the Evangeliſt*, are Shields of the Arms, of the Lord *Scales*, Lord *Poinings*, Lord *Arundel*, Earl *Warren*, and St. *George*.

There are two Head Stones in the Church-Yard, † the 1ſt hath a Shield, *Sab.* a Feſs between 3 Bells, and a Hand holding a Club for a Creſt,

1. In Memory of THO. BELL, who was born in the Houſe of Allbe, in Middleborough Pariſh in Scotland. He died Febr. 14, 1714, aged 60.

2. In Memory of the Wife of THO. BELL, her Maiden Name ELIZ. PAIN, died a Right of Burgeſs of Dumfres in Scotland, Nov. 22, 1725.

At 20 Years of Age I little thought,
That hither to this Place I ſhould been brought,
Therefore as in the Lord I put my Truſt,
I hope I ſhall be bleſt amongſt the Juſt.

The Prior of *Lewes* was taxed for his Spiritualities, or Portion here, in 1428, at 50*s.*

The Prior of *Flitcham* for his Temporalities 6*s.* 8*d.*

The Prior of *Bernwell* for his Marſh 3*s.*

When *Norwich Domeſday-Book* was compoſed, this was a Rector, the Rector had a Houſe, and 40 Acres of Glebe Land, and the Prior and Convent of *Lewes* in *Suſſex*, had the Patronage given them, by one of the Earl *Warren*'s, who founded the Priory.

## RECTORS.

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| 1299, 15 *Oct.* | *Thomas de la Lee.* The PRIOR of *Lewes.* |
| 1338, 16 *March*, | *Henry de Cockham.* JOHN Earl *Warren*, the Advowſons of all the Benefices belonging to the Priory of *Lewes*, being given to that Earl by the King, who aſſumed at this Time, the Priory Aliens on his Wars with *France*, into his own Hands, and *Lewes* was one of them. |
| 1340, 5 *Apr.* | *Roger de Honynton*, on the Reſignation of *Cockham*. JOHN Earl *Warren*. |

[y] After this, the Patronage of the Rectory, with the Glebes, Pentions, *&c.* was bought by the Maſter and Fellows of *Gonvile-Hall* in *Cambridge*, of *Hugh de Chintriaco*, Prior, *&c.* of *Lewes*, and Sir *Edmund Hengrave*, with the Licence of *Richard* Earl of *Arundel* Lord of the Fee, and the Rectory was about the Year 1350, appropriated by *William Bateman* Biſhop of *Norwich*, to that College. At this preſent Time, it belongs to the ſaid College, and is ſaid to conſiſt of one Acre and two Roods of Hempland, and two Common-Parts, containing 50 Acres, beſides 120 Acres of Arable Land, with the Tithe Corn, *&c.*

## VICARS.

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| 1386, 22 *Aug.* | *William Sondeſham*, preſented by the Maſter and Fellows of *Gonvile-Hall*, as were all the following Vicars. |
| 1393, 27 *Feb.* | *John Bomond.* |
| 1402, 6 *Dec.* | *Robert Doraunt.* |
| | *Walter Drew.* |
| 1446, 7 *Dec.* | *William Gawnton*, on the Reſignation of *Drew* |
| | *John Shipmeadow.* |
| 1452, 10 *March*, | *John Wilſon*, on the Reſignation of *Shipmeadow.* |
| 1461, 30 *Dec.* | *William Bylt*, on the Reſignation of *Wilſon.* |
| 1478, 23 *Apr.* | *Thomas Jay.* Lapſe. |
| 1487, 12 *Sep.* | *Thomas Hulet.* |
| 1491, 3 *Oct.* | *Henry Smyth*, on the Reſignation of *Hulet.* |
| 1503, 28 *March*, | *Simon Cowper*, on the Death of *Smyth.* |
| 1508, 28 *July*, | [z] *Edmund Kypar*, on *Cowper*,s Death. |
| | *Thomas Dynne.* |
| 1528, 11 *June*, | *Robert Raynold*, on *Dynne*'s Deprivation. |

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† I am informed they were Pedlers.

[y] The Deed of Hugh Prior of Lewes, is dated 28 of Edward 3. Cart. divers. Comit. in Cur. Recept. Scacarij.

[z] In his Will dated 8 Feb. 1525, mention is made of the Chapel of our Lady in the Church of St. James of Wilton, Regr. Grundesburgh fo. 130. he deſires to be buried in the Choir, before the Image of St. James, gives Money to the common Torches, and to the three Gilds there, proved 29 March 1526. And John Ketryngham by will dated 1 Sept. 1506, gives to the five Gawdies in the Chapell of our Lady, to continue there two Yere, every Year a Pound of Wax. (Regr. Rix.)

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| | *William Farlam.* |
| 1530, 27 *March,* | *Henry Barker*, on *Farlam*'s Reſignation. |
| | *Thomas Ireland.* |
| 1547, 14 *March,* | *Robert Longe*, on *Ireland*'s Reſignation. |
| 1557, 29 *Nov.* | *Richard Sharpe*, on the Death of *Long.* |
| 1579, 15 *July,* | *Robert Fermour*, on the Death of the laſt Vicar. In his Anſwer to King *James*'s Queries in 1603, he ſays there were 160 Communicants. |
| 1613, 19 *Jan.* | *Anthony Doughtie*, A. M. Rector alſo of *Cranwich.* |
| 1645, 23 *Apr.* | *Thomas Randolph*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Doughtie.* |
| 1665, 14 *Feb.* | *William Long* A. M. on the Ceſſion of *Randolph.* |
| 1680, 4 *July,* | *Charles Long*, A. M. on the Death of *Long.* |
| 1681, 26 *May,* | *Laurence Topcliffe*, LL. B. on the Ceſſion of *Long.* |
| 1720, 13 *Sep.* | The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Macro*, A. M. the preſent Rector, on the Death of *Topcliffe.* He was afterwards Lecturer of *Bury*, and is now Miniſter of *Great Yarmouth*, and D. D. and holds it united to *Hockwold.* The Maſter *&c.* of *Caius* College. |

This Vicarage is valued in the King's Books, at 6 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* and was diſcharged of Firſt Fruits, as appears from the Anſwer of the Clergy in 1603, the Tenths were 12 *s.* 9 *d.* and of theſe it was diſcharged by Queen *Anne*, being in clear Value 41 *l. per Ann.*

# HOCKWOLD,

STANDS at the South-Weſt Point of this Hundred, North of the *Ouſe-Parva*, near the great Level of the Fens, it belonged together with *Wilton*, (to which it now joyns, and of which it was then a Part) to

ALVEVA a *Saxon* Lady, in the Reign of the Confeſſor; at the Survey, *William* Earl *Warren* [*a*] was Lord: In the Confeſſor's Time, they were valued at 6 *l. per Ann.* at the Survey at 10 *l.* and were both one *Leuca* long, and half a one broad, and paid together 17 *d.* of the 20 *s. Gelt.* It occurs in the Survey by the Name of *Hocuuella*, *Hoc*, or *Hoke*, ſignifies a dirty low Situation, a Vale, ſometimes an Angle, Nook, or Corner, and *Wella*, a Place or Spring of Water, the other Name *Hockwold*, relates to it's Scite, in reſpect of *Northwold* and *Methwold.*

FULK DE BEAUFO, was Lord of this Town, and *Wilton*, in the Reign of King *John*, which he held of the Earl *Warren*, this *Fulk*, having no Heirs Male, theſe Townſhips were divided amongſt his four Daughters.

EMMA, who gave her Share to her Siſter *Agatha.*

AGATHA, married to Sir *Robert Aguillon.*

JOAN, to *Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp.*

And MARGERY, to *Robert Scales.*

AGATHA, by Sir *Robert Aguillon*, had alſo four [*b*] Daughters and Co-heirs.

AGATHA, who married Sir *Adam de Cockfield.*

ISABELL, married to *Luke de Ponyngs*, Son of *Thomas de Ponyngs.*

MARGERY, to Sir *Giles Argenton*; and after to *Jordan de Sackville.*

And JOAN, to *Ralph Fitz-Bernard*, Knt.

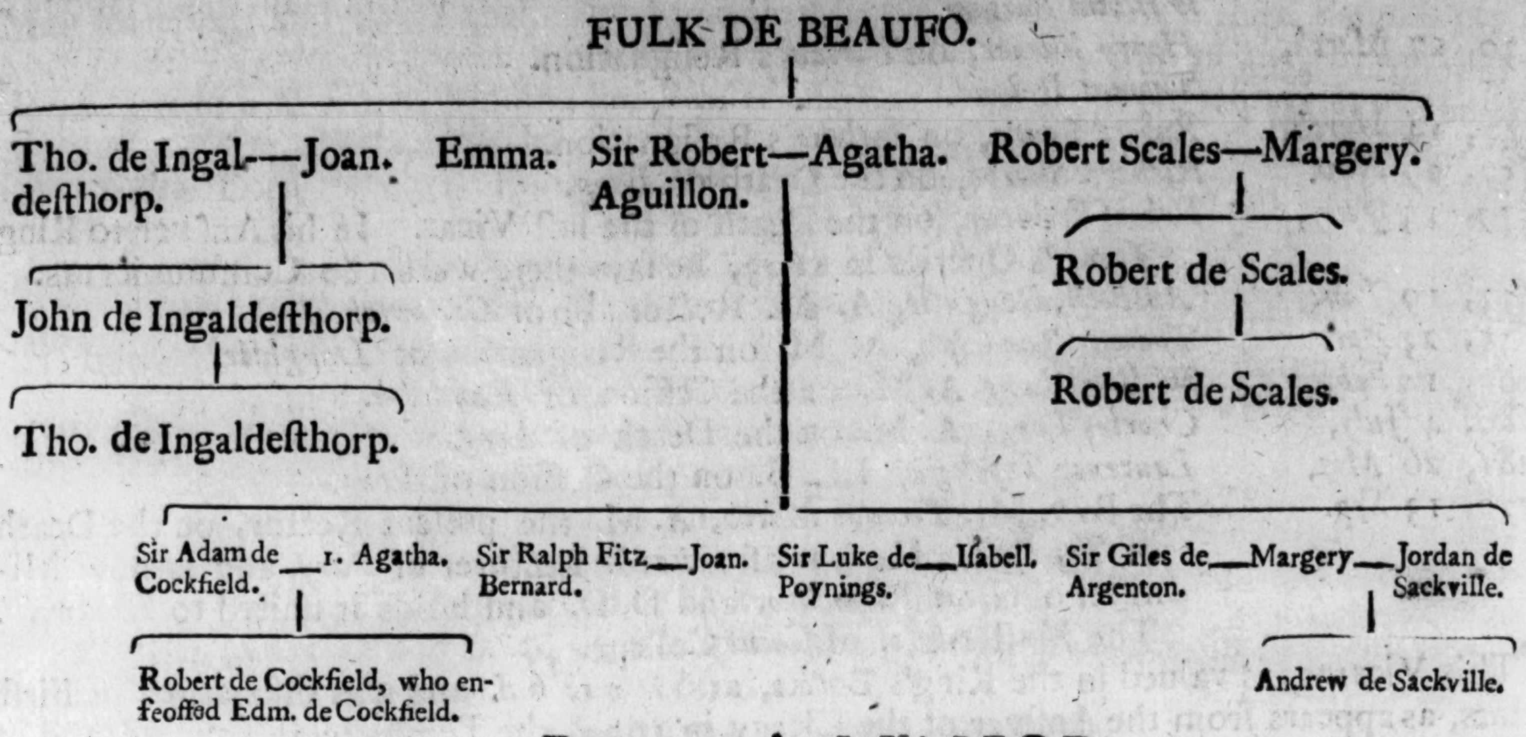
Which ſtill occaſioned a further Diviſion of the Townſhip as will appear from the enſuing Hiſtory.

[*a*] Terre Willi: de Warenna Hund: de GRIMESHOU. WILTUNA tenuit Alveva, T.R.E ſemp. v. Car: in dnio: & xvi. Villi: xxiiii bord. tunc x Sol. modo viii. xii Acr. prati, & iii. Car: homin: & vi Piſcine in dnio: vii. An. & xxx. Porc. cc. Oves. hic jacent viii Soc xx. Acr. terre ſemp. dim: car. tunc. & poſt. val. vi l. m° x l. Tot. habet i. Leug. in long. & dim. in lat. & redd. xvii *d.* de xx *s.* de Gelto, [Domeſd. fol. 86.]

[Domeſd. fol. 87.] Tenuit Alveva. T.R.E. in HOCUUELLA, i. Car: in dnio: in Fatwella, &c. in Riſinga inter totum ſemp. xvi. Vill: et xviii. Bord. et iiii. Serv. & iiii. Car: Hom: & xvi. Acr. prati, Silva CC. Porc xxx Capr. ſemp. ii. Runc: & vi. An: & lx. Porc. et C. Oves, & xvii. vaſa apum.

(fol. 300.) Wills: de Uuarenna [modo] tenet in WILTUNA, i. Lib. Homo T.R.E. xl. Acr. ii. Bor. i. Acr. prati, tunc & poſt. dim: Car: val. xx *d.* In hoc nil habuit niſi Commendat: ſuus Anteceſſor.

[*b*] Plita: Hill: Term. 7 Ed. 1. Rot 5.


FULK DE BEAUFO.
Tho. de Ingaldeſthorp.—Joan.
Emma.
Sir Robert Aguillon.—Agatha.
Robert Scales—Margery.
John de Ingaldeſthorp.
Robert de Scales.
Tho. de Ingaldeſthorp.
Robert de Scales.
Sir Adam de Cockfield.—1. Agatha.
Sir Ralph Fitz Bernard.—Joan.
Sir Luke de Poynings.—Iſabell.
Sir Giles de Argenton.—Margery—Jordan de Sackville.
Robert de Cockfield, who enfeoffed Edm. de Cockfield.
Andrew de Sackville.

## POINING's MANOR,

Sir ROBERT AGUILLON, held a Lordſhip in theſe Towns, in 20 *Henry* III. when an *Aid* was granted to that King, in 3 * *E.* I. Sir *Luke de Ponyngs* who married *Iſabell*, Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *Robert Aguillon*, was found to have a Lordſhip here, and claimed the Aſſize of Bread [c] and Beer. In 17 *E.* II. *Michael de Ponyngs*, and his Tenants, [d] were found to hold ſeveral Fees in *Hockwold*, *Wilton*, *Shipdam*, *Belhawe*, *Letton*, *Foulſham*, *&c.* And 1 *Edw.* III. [e] *Michael de Ponyngs*, ſetled on *Thomas* his Son, the Advowſon of *Hockwold*, and *Wilton*, which *Margaret*, Widow of *Michael* held for Life: This was that *Michael* Lord *Poynings*, who by Deed dated before *Calais*, 20 *July* 1347, granted his Creſt of a Dragons Head between two Wings *Ermine*, to Sir *Stephen de Valoynes*, Knt. about the ſame Time, the ſame Lord, had a Grant from King *Edward* III. of 200 Marks a Year, for the better Support of the Honour of a Banneret, [f] which he received of the King.

In 4 *Richard* II. *Richard*, ſecond Son of *Michael* Lord *Poynings* was Lord, he was one of thoſe Noblemen who accompanied *John* Duke of *Lancaſter* into *Spain*, in the 9th of the ſaid King, and had a [g] Protection on that Account.

The Jury in 25 *Hen.* VI. on the Death of *Robert* Lord *Poynings*, find [c] him to have held this Manor of *Hockwold* cum *Wilton*, and the Advowſon of the Church of *Hockwold*, two Meſſuages, 200 Acres of Land, 10 of Meadow, and 100 *s.* Rent, of the Manor of *Caſtle-Acre*, and in 1464, *Elizabeth* Lady *Poynings*, preſented to the Rectory, as Lady of this Manor.

After this, it was held by Sir *Edward Poinings*, Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports, Son of *Robert Poinings*, ſecond Son of *Robert* Lord *Poinings*, who preſented to the Church of *Hockwold* in 1497, and died on the 20 of *Oct.* in 13 *Hen.* VIII. and *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland*, was then found his Couzin and next Heir, his Grandfather having married *Eleanor*, Daughter and Heir of *Richard Poinings*, eldeſt Son of *Robert* Lord *Poinings*, which *Richard*, died in 1430, before his Father, and the aforeſaid Earl had Livery of it, [i] in 14 *H.* VIII. But in 21 *H.* VIII. a Fine [k] was levied between *Robert Ratcliff*, Viſcount *Fitz-Walter*, *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, *George* Lord *Haſtings*, Sir *Richard Walden*, Knt. *&c.* Querents, and *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland*, Defendent, of this Manor, an Act of Parliament being before this paſſed, that all the Lands of the Earl of *Northumberland*, for want of Heirs of the Body of the ſaid Earl, ſhould come to the King.

Afterwards it was conveyed by *Robert* Earl of *Suſſex*, to *Thomas Tindale*, Eſq; Son of Sir *John Tindale*, and *William Tindale*, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas*, and *John Tindale* his Brother, ſold it to

Sir WILLIAM PASTON.

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* This Luke, had the Share alſo, or Part of Joan, married to Fitz-Bernard, for by Deed without date, Sir Ralph Bernard, quited claim to Luke and his Heirs, in 116 s. Rent here, which Luke paid him.

[c] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Recept. Scacarij.

[d] Eſcheat. 17 Ed. 2.

[e] Fin. Norff. L. 1. N. 27.

[f] Pat. 21 Ed. 3 Pat. 1. M. 21.

[g] Rymer's Fœd. V. 7. P. 500, of this Noble Family ſee more in Dugdale's Baronage of England.

[h] Eſcheat. 25 Hen. 6. N. 24.

[i] Lib. Cedular fo. 39.

[k] Ped. Fin. Term. Trin. A° 21 H. 8. N. 87.

Clement Paston, Eſq; on the 20 of [l] *Jan.* in 26 of *Elizabeth*, had this Manor of *Poinings*, with thoſe of *Scale's*, *Mundefords*, and *Stewkeys*, in *Hockwold* and *Wilton*; and by an Inquiſition taken 3 *Sep.* 1613, after the Death of Sir *William Paſton*, it was found, [m] that he had ſetled the aforeſaid Manors, ſeveral Marſhes in *Feltwell* &c. by Deed dated 30 *Sept.* in 44 *Elizabeth*, on *Bridget Heveningham*, Wife of Sir *John Heveningham*, his Grand-Daughter, after his own Deceas, and her Iſſue in Tail Male. *William Heveningham*, Eſq; Son of Sir *John*, was Lord in 1631, and preſented that Year to the Church of *Hockwold*; This *William*, was one of King *Charles* I. Regicides, and being attainted in 1660, this, with the Manors above-mentioned, came to the Crown, and on 28 *Sept.* 1661, were granted to *Bryan* Viſcount *Cullen*, Sir *Ralph Banks*, Sir *Thomas Fanſhaw*, Knight of the *Bath*, *Edward Pitts*, and *Charles Cornwallis*, Eſq; and by them were ſold to Sir *John Crofts*, Bart. of *Weſtow* in *Suffolk*, and after his Death, and that of his Lady, were conveyed by her Executor, *Edward Proger* Eſq; Groom of the King's Bed-Chamber, to Sir *Cyril Wyche*, on the Payment of 12,000 *l.* Sir *Cyril* was Secretary of State in *Ireland*, in the Reign of King *William*, and was the Son of Sir *Peter Wyche* of *London*, and *Iſabell* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Rob. Bolls* of *Lincolnſhire*, which Sir *Peter*, was Ambaſſador in *Turkey*, [n] Comptroller of the King's Houſhold, and one of his Privy Council, and 4*th* Son of *Richard Wyche*, of *London* Merchant, who died 20 *Nov.* 1621, and was buried at St. *Dunſtans in the Eaſt*, *London*, by *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *Richard Salſtonſtall*, Lord-Mayor of *London*. Sir *Cyril* dying on the 28 *Dec.* 1707, left this Lordſhip &c. to his Son *Jermyn Wyche* Eſq; and it is now enjoyed by his Son

Cyril Wyche Eſq; who has a good agreeable Seat, with Gardens &c. near the Church of *Hockwold*, built (as I take it) by *William Heveningham* Eſq; but much improved by the preſent Owner.

## SCALES's Manor.

Robert de Scales, by the Marriage of *Margery*, one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Fulk de Beauſo*, had a Part and Lordſhip in this Town, and in the Reign of King *Henry* III. held three Quarters of a Fee, in *Hockwold* and *Wilton*.

In 3 King *Edward* I. *Alice* Lady *Scales*, recovered Damages [o] of *Richard Maule*, for the taking two Swans and ſeven Cignets out of her Fiſhery here; and in the Reign of King *Hen.* VI. *Robert* Lord *Scales*, was found to hold three Quarters of a Fee here, of the Earl of *Arundel*, and in 13 of the ſaid King, *John Hened*, Parſon of *Wridlyngton*, and *William Bateman*, granted to *John Cley* Clerk, *Nicholas de Maſſingham* &c. this Manor, which they had of the Feofment of *Robert* Lord *Scales*.

After this, it was held by *Anthony Woodvile* Lord [p] *Scales*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter, and Co-heir of the Lord *Scales*, and on the Death of the ſaid *Elizabeth*, ſans Iſſue, it deſcended to *Will. Tindale*, who was Knighted at the Creation of *Arthur* Prince of *Wales*, and declared Heir of the Kingdom of *Bohemia*, in right of *Margaret* his Great-Grandmother, Daughter to the Duke of *Theiſe*, and Neice to the King of *Bohemia*, the Wife of Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, whoſe Daughter and Heireſs *Alana*, was married to Sir *William Tindale*, of *Dean* in *Northamptonſhire*, and *Redenhale* in *Norfolk*, &c. Grandfather of the aforeſaid Sir *William Tindale* of *Hockwold*, who kept his firſt Court here with *Mary* his Wife, in 6 *Ed.* IV. This Sir *William* died on 22 *Feb.* 12 [q] *Henry* VII. and *John* was found his Son and Heir, who was created Knight of the *Bath*, at the Coronation of Queen *Ann Boleyn*, and married *Amphelicia*, Daughter of Sir *Humphry Conynsby*, one of the Juſtices of the Common-Pleas, and was ſucceeded by his Son Sir *Thomas Tindale*, who on 14 *Dec.* 26 *Hen.* VIII. ſetled this Lordſhip for the Payment of 42 *l. per Ann.* by way of Joynture, on Dame *Winifred* his 2d Wife, and *William Tindale*, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas*, with his Brother *John*, ſold it, (as has been obſerved above, in the Manor of *Poinings*, to Sir *William Paſton*,) and ſo it came as above, to *Cyril Wiche*, Eſq; the preſent Lord.

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[l] Eviden: Cyril. Wyche Armig. de Hockwold.

[m] Eſchaet. 11 Jac.

[n] King Charles I.

[o] Plita Hillar. Term. A°. 3 Edw 1.

(p) Of the Lords Woodvile and Scales, ſee at large in Dug. Bar. of England.

(q) Eſcheat. 13 H. 7. N. 16.

† ROBERT TYNDALE of Tonſover in Northamptonſhire, lived in the Reign of King *Henry* III. and 16 *Edw.* I.

Robert Tyndale, Temp. *E.* II.—Joan.

William Tyndale, obijt 40 *E.* III.—Elizabeth, dr. and Co heir of Henry de Dean, of Dean in Northamptonſhire.

John Tindale obit 1 *H.* V.—Catherine.

1. Richard obijt 3 *H.* V. *ſans* Iſſue.
2. Sir William Tindale Temp. *H.* VI.—Alana, dr. and Heir of Sir Simon Felbrigg.

Thomas Tindale, Eſq;—Margaret, dr. & Heir of Sir Wm. Yelverton.

Sir William Tindale Knight of the Bath.—Mary, dr. & Heir of Osbert Mundeford, Eſq; of Hockwold.
John Bleverhaſſet of Frenze in Norfolk, Eſq;—Jane.

Sir John Tindale Knight of the Bath, obijt 13 *H.* VIII.—Amphelicia, dr. of Sir Humphry Conynsby.

1. Ann, dr. of Wm. Paſton, Eſq;—Sir Thomas Tindale.—Winefred, dr. of Tho. Cauze, Gent. of Norw. firſt the Wife of Hen. Dinne of Heydon, Norf. then of Sir Hen. Farmer, of Eaſt-Baſham, and laſtly of Sir Thomas.

Wm. Tindale of Hockwold & Iſlington in Marſhland, Norf.
Sir John Tindale of Much-Mapleſted in Eſſex.
Humphry Tindale, Dean of Ely.

## MUNDEFORD's MANOR.

In 56 *H.* III. ADAM DE MUNDEFORD, Son and Heir of *Osbert*, ſetled by Deed on *Mary* his Mother, Lands here, and in *Wilton*, and *Mundeford*.

And from an Inquiſition taken in the Reign of King *Edward* I. it appears that *John de Mundeford*, held in *Hockwold*, and *Wilton*, three Quarters of a Fee of the Earl *Warren*, which as I take it, was given him by *Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp*, who married *Joan*, one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Fulk de Beauſo*, the aforeſaid *John*, having married *Sibill*, Daughter of the ſaid *Thomas*. In 9 *E.* II. *Osbert de Mundeford* [r] was rerurned to be Lord, and in 17 and 29 *E.* III. *Osbert de Mundeford* was found to hold the ſame of the Earl *Warren*. His Will by the Name of *Osbert Mundeford*, Senior, is dated 26 *Aug.* 1371, and was proved [s] 24 *April* following: He bequeaths his Body to be buried in the Church of *Hockwold*, gives to the High Altar there 10*s.* to *Margaret*, Daughter of *Adam de Mundeford* of *Saxham*, 100*s.* &c. and names *Alice* his Wife, Executrix.

OSBERT his Son, kept his firſt Court on *Wedneſday* after the Feaſt of the *Holy-Trinity*, 46 *E.* III. and by his Will dated *Aug.* 1396, [t] he orders his Body to be buried before the Altar of St. *Nicholas*, in *Hockwold* Church, gives ſeveral ſmall Sums of Money to the Churches of *Wilton*, *Feltwell St. Mary*, and *Mundeford*, and to ſeveral Religious Perſons, and appoints *Elizabeth* his Wife Executrix, who in 3 *H.* IV. was found to hold three Quarters of a Fee here of the Earl of *Arundell*, and the Earl of the King.

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† Elias de Tyndale, Lord of Tonſover, 9 E. 2. Nomina Villarum.

(r) Nomina Villarum.

(s) Regiſter Heydon, Norw. fol. 17 b.

(t) Regiſter Harſyke, Norw. fol. 211 a.

Osbert his Son and Heir ſucceeded, and by his Will dated at *Hockwold*, 4 *Octob.* 1456, and proved 20 *Dec.* following, he bequeaths his Body to be buried in the Church of *Hockwold St. Peters*, before the Chancel Door, gives to the Churches of *Hockwold*, *Wilton*, *Mundeford*, *Eaſt-Lexham*, *Norton* by *Fakenham* in *Norfolk*, and *Barrow* in *Suffolk*, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* a-piece, and vii Marks to be diſtributed amongſt the Poor of *Hockwold*, *Wilton*, *Mundeford*, *Feltwell*, *Methwold*, *Northwold*, *Cranewyz*, and *Weting*, for a Feaſt at his Burial; to the Gild or Fraternity of *Hockwold St. Peter*, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to that of *St. Mary* of *Weting*, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and the ſaid Sum to St. *Margarets* of *Norton*; to *Margaret* his Wife a Chamber in his Houſe at *Hockwold*, for her and her Maid, and 12 Marks Yearly; alſo Meat, Drink, Wood, and Candle, out of the Iſſues of his Manors in the ſaid Towns, and the Moiety of his Houſhold Goods for Life, Remainder to *Osbert* his Son, and *Elizabeth* his Daughter; to *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Osbert* his Son, 20 Sheep, to *Eſſelina*, Wife of *Adam* his Brother, 20 Sheep, to *Adam* his Brother 48 *l. per Ann.* out of his Manor of *Barrow* in *Suffolk*.

This laſt *Osbert* was alſo ſucceeded by a Son of his own Name, and dying without Iſſue Male, left only a Daughter and Heireſs, who being married to Sir *Will. Tindale*, Knight of the *Bath* (who died 12 *H.* VII.) brought this Lordſhip into the Family; from which it paſſed as is above ſhewn, to the preſent Lord, *Cyrill Wyche*, Eſq;

The *Mundefords* were of an antient and noble Extraction, deſcended (as 'tis ſaid) from *Hugh de Montfort*, one of the Commanders of the Army of Duke *William* (afterwards King of *England*) againſt *Henry*, King of *France* in 1054, their Pedigree ſince their ſettling in this Town, is as follow.

OSBERT DE MUNDEFORD—MARY.

† Adam de Mondeford,—Margery or
Temp. *H.* III. Matilda.

John de Mundeford, Temp. *E.* I. and II.—Sibil, dr. of Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp.

Osbert Mundeford, obijt 1371,—Alice, dr. (as 'tis ſaid) of John de Tydd.

1. John Mundeford 9 *E.* 3. died *ſans* Iſſue.
2. Osbert Mundeford, Eſq; obijt 1396—Elizabeth.

2. Adam Mundeford of Feltwell.—Eſſelina.
1. Osbert Mundeford, Eſq; ob. 1456—Margaret dr. of --- Barret.
3. John Mundeford, [z] 9 *R.* II.—Joan.

Osbert.
Osbert Mundeford, Eſq;—Elizabeth, dr. of ---Barney, Eſq;

Elizabeth died *ſans* Iſſue.
Sir William Tindale—Mary, ſole dr. and Heir of Osbert.

## Carle's MANOR.

By the Inquiſitions taken in the Reign of King *Henry* III. *John Carle* and *John de Hockwold*, were found to hold one Quarter of a Fee, of *Adam de Cockfield* and *Andrew de Sackville*,

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[u] Regr. Bruſyard, Part. 2. fol. 17. b.

† This Adam ſealed with a Lyon Ramp. and John his Son with 3 Flowers-de-Lys.

[x] In 19 R. II. John de Mundeford was Lord of Felmingham, in Right of Joan his Wife, Relict of Roger Roys, Eſq; and was one of thoſe Gentlemen of antient Coat Armour, who were appointed as part of the 20 Lances out of this County, ſent to King Henry V. into France. Ragman's Bag, in the Exchequer.

which came to them by *Agatha* and *Margery*, two of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Aguillon*. In 9 *Edward* II. *John de Hockwold* was return'd as Lord, and in the 15*th* of the ſaid King, a Fine was levyed between the ſaid *John de Hockwold* and *Joan* his Wife, Querents, *William de Suthery*, Parſon of *Hargrave*, and *John Luton*, Deforciants, of Meſſuages and Lands in this Town, *&c.* But in the 20 *Ed.* III. *Roger Pottys*, and *Richard Horn*, held here and in *Wilton*, one Quarter of a Fee, which was *John Carle*'s, and *John de Hockwold*'s; and 3 *Henry* IV. the aforeſaid *Roger* and *Richard*, together with *William Soper*, and *Edmund Langtoft*, held the ſame: After this, 34 *Henry* VIII. *Edmund Prat* had it, and died Lord, [z] and *John* was his Son and Heir; and in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Edward Prat* was Lord, and in 1650, *Osbert Prat*; after this it was ſold to the Maſter and Fellows of *Cajus* College in *Cambridge*, and is now held by *Cyrill Wyche*, Eſq; by Leaſe from that Society.

## *Cockfield*'s alias *Ellingham*'s, or *Allen*'s MANOR.

By the Inquiſitions taken in the Reign of *Henry* III. *Adam de Cockfield*, and *Andrew de Sackville*, were found to hold 3 Quarters of a Fee in *Hockwold* and *Wilton* of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl of the King. In 9 *Edward* II. *John de Cockfield* by Deed dated on *Wedneſday* before the Feaſt of St. *Barnaby*, in the 10 *Edward* II. grants to *William Bateman*, Citizen of *Norwich*, and *Bartholomew* his Son, and their Heirs, this Manor in *Wilton* and *Hockwold*, with the Advowſon of the Church of *Hockwold*: His Seal is a Croſs Gobony, on the right Side of his Helmet is a Wivern, and on the Left, a round Buckle: But in the 29 *Henry* III. *Roger Poteys* was Lord, and ſealed, as appears by his Deed with a Feſs between 3 Rowels. In the 3 *Richard* II. *John Wright* of *Hockwold*, and *Sibill* his Wife, Daughter of *Agnes Poteys*, and *Joan* Daughter of *Catherine Poteys*, Siſter of the ſaid *Agnes*, granted to *Osbert Mundeford*, this Manor, which *John de Elyngham*, and *Emma* his Wife held for her Life, on the Death of *John Poteys* their Couzin; and in 1453, *John Aleyn* died Lord, and left it to his Son *William*, and in the 10 *Elizabeth* it was held by *Thomas Watts*. In the 21 *James* I. *Francis Baxter* of *Stanford-Rivers* in *Eſſex* was Lord, who in 1631, conveyed it to *Tho. Heyward*, Gent. for 2400*l.* and *Heyward* in the ſame Year convey'd Part of it to *Richard Tyrrell*, Gent. and Part to *William Rolph*, and it is now poſſeſſed by *Cyrill Wyche*, Eſq;

## STEWKEY'S *MANOR*.

THOMAS DE INGALDESTHORP, by Deed dated 20 *Aug.* 8 *Edw.* II. gave to *John de Mundeford*, and *Sibill* his Wife, his Manor of *Stewkeys* in *Wilton* and *Hockwold*, being the fourth Part of the ſaid Townſhips, with the Advowſon of the Church of *Hockwold*.

JOHN DE INGALDESTHORP, of *Ikeburgh*, releaſed in 21 *Rich.* II. to *Elizabeth*, Wife of *Osbert de Mundeford*, 10 Marks Yearly Rent in the Manor of *Stewkeys*, this was held in the ſame Family, 'till *Mary*, Daughter and Heir of *Osbert Mundeford*, brought it to Sir *William Tindale*, from whom it paſſed (as I have already obſerved) to *Paſton*, *Heveningham &c.* and is now enjoyed by *Cyrill Wiche* Eſq;

The Tenths of this Town, and *Wilton*, were 7*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

The Temporalities of the Abbeſs of *Elſtowe*, were valued at 15*s.*

The Prioreſs and Nuns of *Thetford*, had a Moor here and a Fiſhery, which on the Diſſolution, came to *John Eyr*, Eſq; who ſold it 38 *H.* VIII. to *Thomas Tindale*, Eſq; and ſo it became annex'd to the Lordſhip of this Town.

There is a little Pedling Fair kept here on St. *James*'s Day, which is the Remains of the *Wake*, or Dedication-Day of *Wilton* Church, which is dedicated to that Apoſtle, as is before obſerved, but it is commonly called *Hockwold-Fair*.

The *CHURCH* of *Hockwold* is dedicated to St. *Peter*, and has a South Iſle annexed to the Nave or Body, which is in length about 47 Feet, and in breadth with the Nave, about 36 Feet, built of Flint and Boulder, on the Pavement lie ſeveral Marble Graveſtones, in Memory of the *Mundeford*'s, but the Braſs Plates are all reav'd. At the Weſt-End, ſtands a four ſquare Tower of Flint, *&c.* adorned with Quoins of Freeſtone, in which hang three Bells.

In a North Window of the Nave are two Shields.

*Az.* 3 Horſe-Locks *Arg.*

FINCHAM Barry of 6 *Arg.* and *Sab.* over all a Bend *Ermine*.

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[y] Eſcheat. 34 H. 8.

The Chancel is of the ſame Materials with the Church, but covered with Reed, and is in length about 37 Feet, and in breadth about 23, at the upper End of the South Wall, are three neat Arches of Stone, worked in the Wall, making three Seats or Stalls, for Biſhop, Prieſt, and Deacon, and at the Head of theſe Seats, is another Arch for Holy-Water, on the Summit of theſe Arches, are ſeveral Shields, now daubed over with Whiting. Againſt the Eaſt-Wall of the Chancel, is a large Marble Compartment, with the Buſts of a Man and a Woman in Alabaſter, and ornamented with ſeveral Inſtruments of Muſick, with two Angels, one on each Side of the Monument, and two Pillars of the *Corinthian* Order. On the Top is this Shield.

WYCHE, *Az.* a Pile *Erm.* quartering *Arg.* on a Chev'ron *Gul.* 3 Trefoils ſlip'd of the Firſt.

One of the Angels bears in his Hand a Muſick-Book, the other a Shield, *viz.*

HUNGERFORD, *Sab.* 2 Bars *Arg.* in Chief 3 Plates, Quartering

HUNGERFORD, Party per Pale indented *Gul.* and *Vert*, a Chev'ron *Or.*

Creſt, a Dexter Arm couped, holding a Trefoil. And this Inſcription,

Maria Hungerford, Johannis Hungerford, Armig:.
Ex eadem ſecum Antiquâ ſtirpe oriundi,
Vidua, omnibus Virtutibus ornata, Munificentia in Pauperes
Ornatiſſima, Piam efflavit Animam, 21 Die Auguſt: 1719.

Jermyn Wyche Armiger, Cyrilli Wyche Militis Filius
Qui Uxorem duxit Mariam Hungerford, unicam Mariæ et Johan: filiam,
Virtutum et Rei ex æquo Hæredem, de qua, tres
Qui ſuperſunt, ſuſcepit Liberos,
Vir Sciens, Prudenſq; legum vindex acerrimus, Obijt 7° Janu: 1719.
Hoc Marmor Pietatis et Amoris ergo poſuit Maria Wyche, filia et Uxor.

*Againſt the End of the North Wall, is a little Compartment, thus inſcribed,*

Near this Place lye interr'd, the Body of William Smyth, Rector of this Pariſh of Hockwold, who departed this Life the 28 of Decemb. 1665, aged 64 Years.

And of Martha his Wife, who likewiſe dy'd in the Month of March 1668, in the 52 Year of her Age.

When Chriſt who is our Life ſhall appear, than ſhall we alſo appear with him in Glory.

And this Shield, SMITH, *Az.* 2 Bars Wavy *Erm.* in Chief 3 Bezants, impaling, *Gul*, 2 Bendlets Verry *Arg.* & *Az.* on a Canton *Or*, a Buck Trippant *Sab.* FORD as I take it. Creſt, an Oſtriche's Head *Arg.* holding in his Beak an Horſhooe, *Or.*

*Againſt the North Wall of the Chancel, are theſe Funeral Atchievements,*

HEVENINGHAM, Quarterly *Or* & *Gul.* in a Bordure ingrailed *Sab.* 9 Eſcallops *Arg.* impaling *Az.* on a Chev: between 3 Lyons Heads eraſed *Arg.* as many Croſs Croſlets *Sab.*

WYCHE, impaling

NORRIS, Quarterly *Arg.* & *Gul.* in the 2d and 3d a Fret *Or*, over all a Feſs *Az.*

On the Area of the Chancel lyes a Black Marble Stone, in Memory of Collonel *Arthur Heveningham*, Eſq; 2d Brother of *William Heveningham*, of *Heveningham* in *Suffolk*, Eſq; who dy'd 20 Feb: 1657.

Alſo a Grey Marble with the Effigies of a Woman in Braſs, and by her Side on a Braſs Plate, 9 Children are pourtray'd, and on a Plate below, part of the Epitaph is remaining, *viz.*

Quiſquis eris qui tranſieris * ſta perlege, plora,
Sum quod eris, fueramq; quod es, pro me precor, ora.

Obitus Amfelicie Tendall Decimo Octavo die
Menſis Januar: An: Dni: Milleſimo cccccxxxii°

Adjoining to this is a Graveſtone, in Memory of *Will*: *Lyng*, Senior Fellow of *Cajus* College, *Cambridge*, and Rector of this Pariſh, who died *Jan.* 13, 1679, Ætat. ſuæ 54. And theſe Arms. LYNG, *Arg.* a Chev: ingrailed *Gul.* between 3 Whales Heads eraſed, *Sab.*

On a North Window of the Chancel,

Orate pro Animabus Johannis Bun . . . . . . . An: Dni: M.cccccxv.

* Theſe Words are now rea'ved.

RECTORS.

# RECTORS.

*Bernard* Rector, *ſans* Date.

*Adam Talebot*, Temp. *Hen.* III.

In 28 *Edw.* I. the King recovered the Preſentation, againſt *Edmund de Cockfield*, the Heir of *Andrew de Sackvile*, being under Age, and in Ward to the King.

1329, 15 *Oct.* *John de Waringhith.* The Lady MARGERY DE POININGS.

[a] In 7 *Edw.* III. the King recovered againſt *Margaret*, Widow of *Michael de Ponyngs*, by *Quare Impedit*, in the Right of *Robert de Scales*, under Age, and in Ward to the King, Son of *Robert* and *Iſabella* his Wife, Son of *Robert*, Son of *Robert* and *Margery* his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir of *Fulk de Beauſo*, who was Lord of this Town and *Wilton*, entirely.

11 *Edw.* III. *John de Slakham*, was Rector, as appears from a Fine then levied.

20 *Edw.* III. [b] *John Poteys* was Rector.

1349, 21 *Dec.* *Adam de Wykende.* Sir MICH. DE POYNINGS.

*John Baxſter* occurs 25 *Edw.* III.

1381, 8 *Sept.* *John Ergum*,

1382, 26 *Oct.* *Henry de Kelſtern*: He was Rector of *Yeſhamſtede*, in the Dioceſs of *Salisbury*, and exchanged with *Ergum*; one *Ralph Ergum* was Biſhop of *Salisbury* about this Time.

1385, 3 *March*, *John de Bungey*: He was Rector of *Weſt-Greenſtede*, in the Dioceſs of *Chicheſter*, and exchanged with *Kelſtern*.

Sir RICH. POYNINGS.

1421, 16 *Nov.* *William Tumbrell.* WALTER MEDFORD Clerk, *John Martyn*, *Richard Wakehurſt*, *Thomas Fykeys*, *John Bodney*, *Richard Shirfeld*, and *John Blaſt*, Feoffees for the Lord *Robert de Ponyngs*, in his Manor of *Hockwold.*

1427, 14 *Feb.* *Simon Farewell.* JOHN MARTYN, one of the King's Judges, *Richard Wakehurſt*, &c. He was Rector of *Uveſden* or *Ouſden*, in the Dioceſs of *Norwich*, and exchanged with *Tumbrell.*

1428, 8 *July*, *Will. Tumbrell*, again, preſented as before. By his Will proved 30 *Jan.* 1431, he deſires to be buried in his own Chancel.

1432, 28 *Feb.* *John Bennys.* Lapſe.

*Bryan Fiſhwyk*, occurs Rector in 38 *H.* VI.

1464, 20 *July*, *John Hall.* ELIZABETH Lady PONYNGS.

He was Chantry Prieſt of St. *Mary*, in the Church of *Over* St. *Mary*, in *Cambridgeſhire*, and exchanged with *Fiſhwyk*.

1477, 6 *Nov.* *John Coke*, A. M. Lapſe.

1495, 8 *Aug.* *John Perſon.* Lapſe.

1497, 7 *Apr.* *Will. Ryghtwys*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Perſon.* Sir EDW. PONYNGS Knt. He was alſo Vicar of *Fouldon.*

1502, 9 *May*, *Nicholas Urſwick*, on the Death of *Ryghtwys.* *Ditto.*

1506, *John Treman*, on the Death of *Urſwick*: He was alſo Rector of *Caſton* by *Tomſon*, and reſigned it for *Hockwold*, Sir EDWARD PONYNGS.

1513, 18 *March*, *Richard Sperchford*, on the Death of *Treman.* *Ditto.*

1529, 11 *Nov.* *Tho. Bacon*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Sperchford*: He was Rector afterwards of *Barrow* in *Suffolk*.

1539, 6 *July*, [c] *John Reynoldſon*, on the Reſignation of *Bacon.*

1540, 22 *Jan.* *Peter Williamſon*, on the Death of *Reynolds.*

ROBERT, Viſcount FITZ-WALTER.

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[a] Plita: Coram Rege, 7 E. 3. Rot. 5.

[b] Antiq: Cart.

[c] In a Regiſter (called Certificat. de Penſion:) relating to Penſions, paid the Religious on the Diſſolution of the Abbies, &c. I find this Remark. Sir Roger Walker, Pariſh Prieſt of Hockwold (Quære if this Hockwold, or Ockwold in Suffolk) lately Prior of the Cell of Uppewell (Marmound as I conceive) has a Pention of 4 Marks per Ann. and a Stipend, beſides Meat and Drink, &c.

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| 1547, 15 *July*, | *Gregory Biſhop*, on the Death of *Williamſon*. He was alſo Rector of *Clenchwarton* in *Norfolk*. [u] *Gregory Biſhop* A. M. Presbyter, non Conjugatus, ſatis Doctus, Reſidet, Hoſpitalis, non Prædicat, nec Licentiatus, Duo. | THO. TYNDALE, Eſq; |
| | *Chriſtopher Styles*. | |
| 1599, 8 *Oct*. | *Tho. Randall*, A. M. on the Death of *Styles*. In his Anſwer to the King's Queries in 1603, he ſays there were 173 Communicants in this Pariſh. | Sir WILLIAM PASTON. |
| 1631, 16 *Nov*. | *Will. Smith*, A. M. on the Death of *Randal*. | WILLIAM HEVENINGHAM, Eſq; |
| 1665, 14 *Feb*. | *Will. Lyng*, A. M. on the Death of *Smith*. | The Maſter and Fellows of Cajus College, Cambridge. |
| 1680, 4 *July*, | *Charles Long*, A. M. on the Death of *Lyng*. | |
| 1681, 26 *May*, | *Lawrence Topcliff*, LL. B. on the Ceſſion of *Long*. | |
| 1720, 13 *Sep*. | The Rev. Mr. *Tho. Macro*, A. M. the preſent Rector, on the Death of *Topcliffe*, he was afterwards D. D. Preacher at *Bury*, and now Curate of *Great Yarmouth*. He holds it united to *Wilton*. | |

This Rectory is valued at 9*l*. 13*s*. 11*d*. *ob:* in the King's Books, and pays Firſt-Fruits, 8*l*. 14*s*. 4*d*. 3*q*. Tenths 19*s*. 4*d*. 3*q*.

[u] Parkeri Certificator.

# *FELTWELL*.

THIS Town lies North of *Hockwold* and *Wilton*, and was given by *Ethelwald*, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, in the Reign of King *Edgar*, [x] to the Monaſtery of *Ely*; in *Domeſday* 'tis wrote *Fatwella*, and *Feltwella*, and may derive it's Name from ꝼeaꞇ and *Wella*, that is a pure Water, or Spring, or rather from the *Saxon* Word ꝼleoꞇ, which ſignifies an Eſtuary, Canal, or Bay, all which agree well with the Scite of this Village, on the Side of thoſe great Waters which came up to it, before the draining of the Fens.

In the Time of *Leofwine* 5th Abbot [y] of *Ely*, when the Tenures and Services of ſeveral Townſhips belonging to that Monaſtery were fixed; this was obliged to furniſh the Abbey with Proviſions for two Weeks in every Year, the Abbot had 45 *Socmen*, who as often as he commanded, were obliged to plow his Land, to weed, cut, and bind his Corn, and carry it to the Barn, and bring Proviſions to the Monaſtery; and as often as the Abbot wanted their Horſes, to ſend them to him, and whenever they forfeited, the Abbot had the Forfeitures; but on the Conqueſt, the Earl *Warren* encroached on many of theſe Privileges, and deprived the Monaſtery of a conſiderable Part of the Town.

What the Church of *Ely* held at the General Survey, is thus accounted for, * four Carucates in Demean, 30 Acres of Meadow, &c. the Village is ſaid to be one League and half in length, and one in breadth, and paid 30*d*. *ob:* *Gelt*, and was valued at 12*l*. *per Ann*.

## BISHOP *of* ELY's MANOR.

This Part was held by all the ſucceeding Abbots, 'till the Reign of King *Henry* I. at which time the Monaſtery of *Ely* being turn'd into a Biſhop's See; this Manor with many others, was veſted in the Biſhop, and accordingly in 35 *Henry* III. [z] the Biſhop of *Ely* had a Charter for Free-Warren in all his Lands here, and was found to hold the Manor of the King in *Capite*.

[x] Dug. Mon. Ang. Vol. 1. [y] Angl. Sacr. Vol. 1 p. 608.

* Terra Sanctæ Adeldrede. H. de GRIMESHOU.

FELTUUELLA, ten& ſemper Sancta Adeldreda, pro vi. Car: terre tunc xl. Vill: m° xxviii. tunc v. Bord: m° x. tunc xiiii. Serv. m° xii. tunc v. Car: in dominio m° iiii. tunc viiii Car: hom: m° vii. xxx Acr. prati, ſemper ii. Runc: xi. anim: cxl. Oves, tunc xxxiii. Porc. modo xxii. i Mol. & ii Piſcin: ſemper val. xii. lib: habet i Leug: & dim: in longo, & i. in lato, et xxx *d*. ob: de Gelto. Huic manerio Jacebant T. R. E. xxxiii. Soc: cum omni Conſuetudine, quos modo tenet Will: de Gar: [ſc. de Warrenna] & vi. liberos homines. Soca & Commendatio tantum. Totum habet idem Willus. (Domeſd. fol. 186.)

[z] Cart. 35. H. 3. L. 2.

[a] In 1277, 6 *Edw.* I. there was an Extent of this Manor, in which it is ſaid, upon the Oaths of *Nicholas Townſhead*, (ad capud Ville) *Nicholas Ingelond*, *&c.* Tenants then upon the Jury, that the Biſhop *(Hugh de Balſham)* had a Gallows, Pillory, View of Frankpledge, Conuſance of Buſhels, *&c.* and Liberty to hold all Pleas. which the Sheriff might, with Writ or without; the Demeans are thus diſtinguiſhed. In *Suthfeld* 40 Acres and an half, in *Portegatefeld* 121 Acres, in *Eſtfeld* 140 Acres, in *Mikelebredfeld* 217 Acres, in *Loverkehilſfeld* 173 Acres and an half, the whole being to be plowed with 3 Plows, to every Plow there was three Stone Horſes, and two Oxen, and two Horſes to harrow the Land. In *Hickegate*, *&c.* 60 Acres of Mowing Meadows, in the ſeveral Paſtures in *Hickegate* 40 Acres, capable of Mowing, in *Frithelmes* 30 Acres. *Item*, there belongs to the ſame Manor a certain Common Paſture, which begins at *Lingberewong*, and ſo on by *Ellengate*, to the Bounds between *Feltwell* and *Methwold*, in length one League and more, and in breadth a good Furlong, where the Villages of *Methwold*, *Wilton* and *Hockwold* have a right to common, and the other Lords of this Town, as the Biſhop and the Lords of this Town, have a right to common, in the Common Paſtures of *Methwold*, *Hockwold*, and *Wilton*, Horn, Underhorn; but no one ought or can dig, cut Heath, *&c.* but the Biſhop, and his Tenants only. There was a Marſh called *Suthfen*, common to all the Lords, *&c.* in the Town of *Feltwell*, for Feeding, Diging, *&c.* but the Towns of *Wilton* and *Hockwold*, could only inter-common within certain Bounds, [b] Horn,, Underhorn. There was alſo another Marſh belonging to this Manor, called *Northfen*, in which the whole Town might feed, digg, *&c.* but the Town of *Methwold* could only feed, unleſs between *Sleveſholm*, and *Toteſholm*; tho' the Jurors ſay, that the Bailiffs of *John* Earl *Warren*, and the Counteſs his Mother, hindered them from digging between *Redlake* and *Wyſſenhe*, for ſeven Years laſt paſt. The free Fiſhery of the Biſhop, called *Baldebeck*, is bounded, which *John Colſton* of *Brandon* then held, for 40*s.* *per Ann.* at the Lord's Will: As is the Fiſhery of *Bruneſlode*, which *Jeff. le Paumer* and *Richard*, Son of *Hamon* then held, at 8 *l.* *per Ann.* alſo that of *Feltwell-Fen* which *Rich. de Coldham* and *Richard Grut*, farmed, at 22 *l.* *per Ann.* There was alſo a Water-Mill belonging to this Lordſhip, called *Brigge-Meln*, which the whole Village farmed at 32*s.* *per Ann.* and a Wind-Mill. The Stock was 20 Cows and a free Bull, 60 Hogs and a free Boar, 1000 Sheep beſides thoſe of the Cuſtomary Tenants, *&c.* which ought to be in the Lord's Fold; and the Biſhop had all *Weifs* found on his Fee, or in the Highways within the Town. *Humphry*, Son of *Walter* and his Parceners, held 360 Acres free, the reſt of the Freeholders, and Copyholders, *&c.* with their Rents, Services, *&c.* are particularly ſpecified. The Tenants paid *Tallage*, *Childwite*, and a Fine on the Marriage of their Sons and Daughters, and could not ſell an Horſe-Foal, or an Ox, of their own breed, without the Lord's Licence, and the Lord had the beſt Beaſt for an *Heriot*, and if there was no Beaſt, then 32*d.* was paid in lieu of it, and the Heir paid *Relief*. The Quit-Rents were 23*s.* 5*d.* *per Ann.* 46 Hens, and 9 Capons, 210 Eggs; and the whole Sum of the Days Works 4348, by the ſmall Hundred, and every Mans Days Work, out of Harveſt, is valued at an Half-penny, and in Harveſt at a Penny.

In 34 *H.* VI. in an Account of the Lands of *Will. Grey*, Biſhop of *Ely*, this Manor was [c] valued at 36 *l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* *per Ann.* but in the Reign of King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, the Yearly Revenue was but 29 *l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* *ob:* Thus it continued in the See of *Ely*, 'till by an Act of Parliament in the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth*'s Reign, it was ſetled by way of Exchange on the Crown, and was held by Leaſe at the Yearly Rent of 30 *l.* 1*s.* 'till the 7 *James* I. who on the 29 *Nov.* in the ſaid Year, granted to *Robert Wace*, Eſq; this Manor with the Appurtenances, and all Perquiſites of Court thereunto belonging, ſince which time it has paſſed thro' ſeveral Hands, and was poſſeſſed by

CHARLES WREN, Son of *Matthew*, Biſhop of *Ely*, whoſe Daughter and Heireſs, brought it to

—— MUNSON, Eſq; and it is now owned by,

ROBERT CLOUGH, Eſq; of *Feltwell*, who has the *Lete* of half the Town, as belonging formerly to this Manor, when in the Hands of the Biſhops of *Ely*.

The *Lete* of the other Part of the Town belongs to the Hundred.

## SOUTH-HALL *MANOR*,

At the general Survey, we find that the Earl *Warren* had a Manor in this Town, which *Alveva* a *Saxon* Lady held in the Confeſſor's Time, of St. *Adeldred*'s Monaſtery of *Ely*, *viz.*

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[a] Regr. Ely, Biblioth. Cotton. Claudius C. 11. fol. 250.

[b] That is, with the Kinds of horned Beaſts only, whether they were young, and ſo without or under Horn, or old and ſo horned.

[c] In Cur. Recept. Scacarij.

two † Carucates in Demean, and three, held by 40 *Socmen*, valued at 70 *s. per Ann.* and *Simon* held one Carucate valued at 20 *s. per Ann.* there was a Church belonging to it, which *Godric* claimed as belonging to the Fee of *Ralph*.

The *Kokefelds* were very early infeoffed in this Lordſhip, by the Earl *Warren*, for in the 5 of King *John*, the Biſhop of *Ely*, and *Adam* [d] *de Kokefeld*, owed to that King, two Palfreys, to have a *Mercate* here, on ſuch a Day in the Week, which ſhould not be to the Prejudice of the Neighbouring Markets; this, as I take it, was held in the Reign of *Henry* III. by *Laurence de Hamelden*, and *Joan* his Wife, of the Family of the *Cokefelds*. In 3 *E.* I. [e] *Adam de Cokefeld*, was found to hold the fourth Part of this Town of the Earl *Warren*, who had a Gallows, Aſſize of Bread and Beer, *&c.* And in the 15th of the ſaid King, the Jury ſay, that *Robert de Cokefeld*, Son of *Adam*, claimed to hold a Market here, once a Week, on *Monday*, and a Fair Yearly on the Vigil, the Day of, and the Day after, the Feaſt of St. *Nicholas*: This *Robert*, died 25 *E.* I. ſeized of this Manor without Iſſue, and *Joan* his Siſter was found his Heir, this *Joan*, was probably the Wife of *William de Bello-Campo*, or *Beauchamp*, who in 7 of King *E.* II. [f] gave half a Mark for Licence to agree with *William de Wengrave*, for the Manors of *Feltwell*, with *Multon*, and *Waldingfield* in *Suffolk*, all held by *Robert de Cokefeld*, and accordingly in the ſame Year, a Fine was levied of this Manor, and they were all ſetled on *William Beauchamp*, and *Joan* his Wife, and the Heirs of *William*, on the Body of *Joan*, Remainder to the right Heirs of *Joan*.

In 25 *Edw.* III. this Manor, and that of *Multon*, in *Suffolk*, *&c.* were ſetled by [g] Sir *John de Chyvereſton*, on himſelf for Life, Remainder to *Hugh de Chyvereſton*, and his Heirs, being held by Sir *William Beauchamp* for Life, of the Caſtle of *Acre*, by one Knights Fee, the aforeſaid *Hugh*, was ſecond Son of Sir *John*, and marrying *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Roger de Rouhaut*, aſſumed that Sirname. After this we find it in the Hands [h] of *Elizabeth Lutterell*, who had a Grant of Free-Warren here, and in *Moulton*, *&c.* about 47 *E.* III. this *Elizabeth* was the Relict of Sir *Andrew Lutterell*, and Daughter of *Hugh Courtney*, Earl of *Devonſhire*, and of *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter of *Humphry de Bohun*, Earl of *Hereford*, ſhe purchaſed this Manor of Sir *John de Chevereſton*, and in 6 *H.* VI. Sir *Hugh Lutterell*, died ſeized of the Manor [i] of *Southall* in *Feltwell*, and of *Dunſtar-Caſtle*, in *Somerſetſhire*, *Moulton*, *Waldingfield*, *&c.* in *Suffolk*, and *John* was found his Son and Heir, and *Katherine* his Wife, was Relict of Sir *John Stretch*.

After this, it came into the Family of the *Woodhouſe*'s, and was in that Family in the *6th* Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, and continued ſo, 'till about the Year 1730, when it was ſold to Mr. *Brewſter*, of *Brandon* in *Suffolk*.

## DUNTON's MANOR.

Out of that Part of the Town which the Earl *Warren* held, beſides the Manor of *South-Hall*, ſeveral other little Lordſhips had their Riſe, amongſt theſe was the Lordſhip of *DUNTON*, ſo called from a Family of that Name, *Hugh* Son of *Alan* of *Dunton*, purchaſed Lands here, [k] of *John Godzing*, and *Sarah* his Wife, in 52 *H.* III. and in 11 *E.* I. other Lands of *Hugh*, Son of *Martin Clive* of *Methwold*, and *Alice* his Wife, and in the 12 of that King, a Fine was levied between the aforeſaid *Hugh*, *Ralph de Dunton*, and *Joan* his Wife, of Lands and Meſſuages here. In 18 *E.* III. [l] Sir *William de Doniton* was Lord: After this, it [m] came to the *Mundefords*, and in 22 *R.* II. a Fine was levied between *John de Mundeford* of *North-Elmham*, *Eliza. de Mundeford*, *John Brandon*, *&c.* Querents, and *John Alyen*, and *Agnes* his Wife, Defendants, of the fourth Part of the Manor; about the 20th of Queen *Elizabeth*, [n] *Francis Mundeford*, had Livery of this Manor, and thoſe of *Wendling-Abbots*, and *Spinvills* in this Town, and on the 17 *Dec.* 1600, *Edm. Mundeford*, Eſq; cove-

† Terre Willi: de Warenna Hund: de GRIMESHOU.
FATWELLA, tenuit ALVEVA, T.R.E. ii. Car: in dominio et in HOCUUELLA, i. Car: in dnio: & in RISINGA, i. Car: in dnio: inter totum ſemp. xvi. Vill: & xviii. Bord: & iiii. Serv. & iiii. Car: Homin: & xvi Acr. prati, Silva CC. Porc: xxx. Capr: ſemp. ii. Runc: & vi. an: & xl. Porc: & C. Oves, & xvii. vaſa apum.
In FATWELLA, xl. Soc: iii. Car: terre, & xl. Acr. v. Car: & viii. Acr. prati, & val. lxx. Sol. & i. Soc: tenet Simon, i. Car: terre & vii. Vill: & v. Bord: & iiii. Serv: & i. Car. in domnio, & iii. Acr. prati, & i. Car. hom: & val. xx Sol. & i. Eccleſia, hanc calumpniatur Godric ad feudum Radulfi quod jacuit in Stohu & inde vult unus homo Godric portare judicium. Super hos omnes, habuit Sancta Adeldreda Soca & omnem Conſuetudinem & Commendationem, & illorum vii. liberi erant cum terris ſuis, ſed Soca & Commendatio remanebat Sancte Aeldrede. Totum fuit Liberatum Willo: pro Eſcangio. (Domeſd. fol. 87.)

[d] Rot. Pip. 5 Joh.

[e] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Recept Scacarij. Plita. Coron. Norw. Sti. Hillar. 15 E. 1. R. 34. in dorſo. Eſch. 25 E. 1. N. 9.

[f] Pat. 7 E. 2. de Banco Rot. 107. Fin. E. 2. L. 2. N. 133.

[g] Fin Div. Com. E. 3. L. 4. N. 79.

[h] Cart. 47 and 51. E. 3.

(i) Eſch. 6 H. 6. N. 32.

(k) Fin. 52 H. 3. L. 9. N. 105. Fin. 11 E. 1. L. 2. N. 163. Fin. 12 E. 1. L. 3. N. 21.

(l) Fin. 18 E. 3. L. 3. N. 118.

(m) Fin. 22 R. 2. L. 2. N. 95.

(n) Lib. Cedular. Aº 20 Eliz.

nants with Sir *Thomas Knevet*, to levy a Fine of the aforeſaid Manors, 6 Meſſuages, 633 Acres of Land, 100 of Meadow, 180 of Paſture, 200 of Furze and Heath, 100 *s.* Rent, and the Liberty of 3 Folds, with the Appurtenances, here and in *Hockwold*, *&c.* in Order for a Joynture, which was afterwards levied. And on the Death of Sir *Edm. Mundeford*, Son of the aforeſaid *Edmund*, in 1643, this, and the aforeſaid Manors, of *Wendlyng-Abbots*, and *Spinvills*, came to *Simon Smith*, of *Winſton* in *Norfolk*, Gent. who married *Elizabeth*, Siſter by the whole Blood, to the ſaid Sir *Edmund*, who died *ſans* Iſſue; from *Smith*, it came to the *Fleetwoods*, and was poſſeſſed by *Smith Fleetwood*, Eſq; Son of *Charles Fleetwood*, Eſq; and *Frances* his Wife, probably the Daughter of *Simon Smith*, which *Smith Fleetwood*, was baptized at *Feltwell*, [*o*] on the 29 of *July* 1647, and by *Mary*, Daughter of Sir *John Hartop*, Bart. had *Smith Fleetwood*, Eſq; his Eldeſt Son, and *Charles Fleetwood*, and by one of them 'twas ſold to *Robert Jacomb*, Eſq.

## SPINVILL'S MANOR,

So called from a Family of that Name, was Part of the Earl *Warren*'s Fee, *William de Spyneville*, held [*p*] half a Fee of that Earl, when an *Aid* was granted to King *Henry* III. on the Marriage of his Siſter to the Emperor. Afterwards it came to the *Mundefords* about the End of *Edw.* III. and paſſed as has been obſerved in the Manor of *Dunton*.

## WENDLING-ABBOT'S MANOR,

Was alſo Part of the Earl *Warren*'s Fee, and held by *Baldwin de Maners*, in the Reign of King *Henry* III. after this, it came to the Abbey of *Wendling*, in *Norfolk*, and by the Inquiſitions made in 20 *E.* III. it appears that the Abbot of *Wendling*, the Lord *William de la Zouch*, and *John de Tydd*, held half a Fee here of the Earl *Warren*, late *Baldwin de Manner*'s. In this Abby, it continued 'till the Diſſolution, when it came to the *Mundefords*, and has paſſed, as has been obſerved, in the Manor of *Dunton*.

In 1428, the Temporalities of this Abby, in this Town, were valued at 5 *l.* 13 *s.* 7 *d. ob: p. A.*

## *Eaſt-Hall*, alias *Bromhill*, MANOR.

Was alſo a little Lordſhip belonging to the Earl *Warren*'s Fee, and held of that Earl ſoon after the Conqueſt, by the Antient Family of *De Plays*, of *Weting*, by the Service of half a Knights Fee, and *Alice de Plays*, Widow of Sir *Hugh de Plays*, releaſed in 40 [*q*] *H.* III. the Right that ſhe had in the third Part of this Manor, to *Richard de Plays*, in [*r*] 18 *E.* II. we find that there then belonged to this Manor, 8 Meſſuages, 300 Acres of Land, 8 Acres of Meadow, 60 *s.* Rent, with a Fiſhery in *Feltwell* Water, held of the Caſtle of *Acre*. In 6 *R.* II. Sir *John Plays*, made ſeveral Deeds of Feoffment of this Manor, to *Will. Beauchamp*, *&c.* in Order to ſettle it on the Priory of *Bromhill*, [*s*] and in 25th of that King, there was Licence of *Mortmain* granted. In that Houſe it remained 'till the Diſſolution, and was then given by King *Henry* VIII. to *Cardinal Woolſey*, and on his Attainder, reverting to the Crown, 'twas granted to *Chriſt*'s *College* in *Cambridge*, [*t*] by way of exchange, and in that College, it ſtill continues, and is leaſed out by the Society.

* STIGAND Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, who was Lord of *Methwold*, at the Conqueſt had 60 Acres of Land belonging to that Manor, which extended into this Town, this, after the Conqueſt was ſeized by the King, and at the Survey was kept for him by *Will. de Noiers*, but ſoon after, the Conqueror gave it to the Earl *Warren*, and ſo it became Part of his Fee.

## TYDDS MANOR.

So called from a Family of that Name, was alſo a Part of the Earl *Warren*'s Fee, being held 20 *E.* III. by *John de Tydd*, and ſoon after it came to the *Mundefords*, and paſſed as has been already obſerved in the Manor of *Duntons*.

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[o] Regr. of St. Mary's Church.

[p[ Teſta de Nevill.

[q] Fin. Div. Com. 40 H. 3. Of the Family of de Plays, ſee in Weting.

[r] Fin. Norff. 18 Ed. 2. L. 6. N. 59.

[ſ] Pat. 15. R. 2. Pat. 2.

[t] See fo. 41.

* Terre Stigandi Epiſcopi quas Cuſtodit Will: de Noiers, in Manu Regis. Hund. de Grimeſhou. In FELTWELLA lx. Acr. viz. belonging to the King's Manor of Methelwalde. (Domeſday fo. 48.)

The *Mundefords* of *Feltwell* were a younger Branch of the Family of *Hockwold.*

OSBERT DE MUNDEFORD of Hockwold.—ALICE, dr. of John de Tydd.

1. Osbert Mundeford of Hockwold.

2. Adam Mundeford of Feltwell, ob. 1463.—Eſſelina.

Osbert Mundeford of Feltwell, obijt 1490.—Elizabeth, dr. of Francis Heath of Mildenhall, Eſq;

2. Gertrude, dr. of Robert Hoting, of London.—Francis Mundeford of Feltwell, dead in 1538.—1. Margaret, dr. of Tho. Thorſeby, Eſq; of Lynn, ob. 1520.

1. Margaret, dr. of John Son and Heir of Sir John Townſend of Rainham.—Osbert Mundeford died in 1580.—2. Bridget, dr. of Sir John Spilman of Narburgh.

Elizabeth.—Jeffry Cobb of Sandringham.

1. Francis obijt *ſans* Iſſue.

Frances dr. of Sir Thom. Gawdy of Claxton.—2. Edm. Mundeford, Knighted in 1603.—Abigail, dr. of Sir Thom. Knevet of Aſhwell-Thorp.

3. Osbert. 4. Thomas, M.D. 5. Adam. 6. Richard. 7. John. 8. Jeffrey. 9. Edward.

Sir Edm. Mundeford died in 1643, without Iſſue.—Penelope, dr. of Tho. Son & Heir of Sir John Brews of Wenham-Parva in Suff. married there Sep. 2, 1614.

Elizabeth.—Simon Smith Eſq;

1. Muriel married to Sir --- Manwood.

2. Abigail to Sir Edward Steward.

3. Dorothy to John Spilman, Eſq. of Narburgh.

4. Elizabeth to Miles Hobart of Intwood, Eſq; then to Sir Hugh Cartwright of Coſſington in Notinghamſh.

Beſides the Manors above-mentioned, *Fotheringhay* College in *Northamptonſhire*, had conſiderable Lands here, Part of which, King *Edward* VI. by Letters Patents, dated 8 *June*, [u] in his ſeventh Year, granted Licence to Sir *Richard Lee*, to alienate a Moiety of *Redmore*, being a Moiety of 164 Acres lying in *Feltwell*, *Helgay*, and *Southrey*, in *Norfolk*, and *Lakenheath* in *Suffolk*, with the Rights of Fiſhery in thoſe Towns, and the Moiety of all that *Lode*, called *Barlode*, and the Moiety of 25 Acres of Marſh, called *Norlands*, to *Nich. Bacon* Eſq; and in 38 of Queen *Elizabeth*, Sir *Robert Wingfield* died, ſeized of this Moiety.

The other Part was alſo held by Sir *Richard Lee*, and conveyed by him in the firſt of [x] Queen *Mary*, to Sir *Ambroſe Jermyn*, of *Ruſhbrook* in *Suffolk*, and on 1 *Dec.* 25th *Elizabeth*, Sir *Robert Jermyn*, had Licence to alienate it to *Henry Warner* Eſq; and on an Inquiſition taken 16 *Oct.* 21 *Charles* I. *Henry Warner* Eſq; was found to die poſſeſſed (as 'tis ſaid, of the Manor of *Redmore*) the whole as I take it, being then in him, and *Henry* was his Son and Heir, aged 8 Years.

The Monks alſo of *Caſtle-Acre*, had Lands in this Village: *Adam de Cochefeld*, by Deed without date, about the Reign of *Henry* III. gave to the Prior &c. of *Caſtle-Acre*, for the Health of his own Soul, and that of *Lucy* his Wife, and *Aveline* his [y] Mother, one Toft in *Feltwell*, and all the Land of *Habbe*, and a Meadow thereto belonging, and alſo 23 Acres of Land of his Demean. Witneſſes *Rand. Maraſcall*, *Haymo Clerk*, of *Feldewelde*, &c. And *Alice de Kokefeld*, for the Health of her Soul, that of the Earl *Warren*, and of her Lord *Adam de Kokefeld*, *William de Crichetot* her Brother, and *Alan* her Son, gave to the Prior &c. of *Caſtle-Acre*, the Yearly Rent of 7*s.* out of Lands, which *Roger*, Son of *Aluric* held, together with the ſaid *Roger*, and this, with the Conſent of *Adam* her Son, whom ſhe appoints her Heir, to inherit the ſaid Village after her Death. Witneſſes, *Will. Fitz-Gilbert*, *Will. Fitz-Philip*, *Ralph de Acra*, *Roger de Monte-Caniſio*, &c.

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[u] Pat. 7 E. 6. [x] Ped. Fin. Term. Mich. 1 Par. N. 45. [y] Regr. Caſtle-Acre, fol. 87. 2.

In 7 *Richard* I. a Fine was levied between *Adam*, Son of *Archard*, and the Monks of [z] *Acre*, of 40 Acres of Land, conveyed to them, and this Priory was taxed in 1428, for their Temporalities here, at 29*s.* 8*d.*

Here is a little Fair kept Yearly on the 20 of *November*.

The Tenths of this Town, were 10*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* *ob:*

## St. NICHOLAS'S CHURCH,

Stands at the Weſt End of the Town, and is a ſmall Pile of Flint and Pebbles, in length about 36 Feet, and in breadth, together with the North and South Iſles, about 48, and covered with Lead.

On the South Wall of the Nave, are Letters wrought in Stone, in Memory of John Do, and Thomas Dey, Benefactors to that Work.

The Chancel is in length about 27 Feet, and about 17 in breadth, and is covered with Thatch, the Communion Table is railed in, and has an Aſcent of two Steps.

Againſt the End of the Nave, is a little Tower, round at Bottom, and octangular at Top, in which hang 5 ſmall Bells; this Church was repaired, and in a good Meaſure re-edifyed in 1494: On 6 *May* [a] in that Year, an Indulgence was granted for that Purpoſe, which, with the Bells in the Tower, was lately deſtroyed by a ſudden Fire.

We learn from the *Norwich Domeſday-Book*, that the Rector then had a Houſe and 40 Acres of Land, and that the Patronage of the Church, was in the See of *Ely*.

## RECTORS.

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| | [b] Mr. *Richard de Lynde*, occurs Rector about 1290. |
| 1312, 15 *May*, | Mr. *John de Diggs*. Collated by the Biſhop of *Ely*, who is ſtill Patron. |
| 1337, 13 *Sep.* | *Adam de Lynham*. |
| 1342, 9 *May*, | *John de Worth*. |
| 1342, 19 *June*, | *John de Keynſham*, on the Reſignation of *Worth*. He was Rector of *Obeleigh*, in the Dioceſs of *Bath* and *Wells*, and exchanged with *Worth*. |
| 1384, and 1399, | *Thomas Blakelake*, occurs Rector. |
| | *Thomas Morton*. |
| 1416, 21 *Sep.* | *Tho. Reynold*, on *Morton*'s Death. |
| 1420, 15 *June*, | *Rob. Crowe*, on *Reynold*'s Reſignation. |
| 1449, 11 *Aug.* | *John Newhouſe*, on *Crowe*'s Death. |
| 1452, 13 *Feb.* | *Tho. Farneham*, on *Newhouſe*'s Reſig. |
| 1465, 15 *Nov.* | *John Davy*, on *Farneham*'s Death. |
| 1487, 10 *Apr.* | *Joh Wyot*. |
| 1525, 22 *Nov.* | *Robert Okynge*, LL. B. on *Wyot*'s Death. |
| 1554, 23 *June*, | *William Jerves*. The Queen. |
| 1561, | [c] *John Crane*, S. T. B. |
| | *Thomas Heithe*. |
| 1585, 15 *Apr.* | *Thomas Thorn*, on *Heithe*'s Reſignation. The Queen. In his Anſwer to King *James*'s Queries, he obſerves, that there were in 1603, 114 Communicants in this Pariſh. He was Rector of *Hemingſton*, and *Cleydon*, in *Suffolk*. |
| | *Richard Davenport*. He was ejected before [d] 1650, by the long Parliament, but lived to be reſtored. |

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[z] Fin. 7 R.I.

[a] Regr. Alcock, Bp. of Ely, p. 97.

[b] MSS. penes Car. Parkin Rect. de Oxburgh.

[c] Magr. Joh: Crane, S.T.B. Presbyter, non Conjugatus, doctus, non reſidet, non Hoſpitalis, in Rectoria ſua de Tivettiſhall, prædicat licentiatus, Tria. Certificator. Archiepiſc. Parkeri in Biblioth. Coll. Corp. Chriſt. Cantab.

(d) Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy, Part 2. p. 231.

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| 1664, 25 Oct. | *Nathaniel Coga*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Davenport*. He was Fellow, and Maſter of *Pembroke-Hall* in *Cambridge*, and was buried in the College Chapel. | The BISHOP of ELY. |
| 1694, 14 *Apr.* | *Nathaniel Naylor*, on *Coga*'s Death. | |
| 1701, 5 *Aug.* | *Thomas Rawlins*, A. M. on the Ceſſion of *Naylor*. He had been Vicar of *Chatteris* in *Cambridgeſhire*. | |
| 1732, 23 *Sep.* | The Rev. Mr. *James Virtue*, A. M. on *Rawlins*'s Death. He had been Rector of *Weſt-Halton* in *Lincolnſhire*, and of *Catfield* in *Norfolk*, and holds this with *Glemsford* in *Suffolk*. | |

This Rectory is valued at 19*l*. in the King's-Books.

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM

## St. MARY'S CHURCH,

Is a regular Pile of Flint, Boulder, *&c.* conſiſting of a Nave, a North and South Iſle, with a Chancel covered with Lead, the Roof of the Nave is of Oak, on the Principals of it are the Effigies of ſeveral Religious, the Roof is ſupported by Pillars form'd of four Pilaſters of Stone joined together, making ten handſome Arches, five on each Side, with as many Windows over them. At the Weſt End of the Nave ſtands a large and lofty ſquare Tower of Freeſtone, embattled with four Pinnacles, under the Battlements are the Arms of
MUNDEFORD, *Arg.* 3 Flower-de-Lys, *Gul.* and thoſe of
FINCHAM, Barry of 6, *Arg.* & *Sab.* a Bend over all *Erm.* Founders of that Building.

On the Pavement, as you aſcend the Nave, lies a Marble Graveſtone, and on it a Braſs Plate, thus inſcribed,

**Orate pro Animabus Osberti Mundeford filii Ade Mundeford et Elizabeth Conſortis ſue, qui quidem Osbertus obiit primo Die Menſis Januarii An° Dni. M.cccclxxix.**

And on a Shield of Braſs, the Arms of MUNDEFORD as above.

On Another,

**Orate pro Animabus Ade Mundeford Armigeri et Esseline Uxoris eius, qui quidem Adam obiit Sexto Die Menſis Martii An° Dni: M.cccclxiii. Quorum Animabus propitietur Deus Amen.**

On the Head of a Seat near this, the Arms of *Mundeford*, with a Mullet for difference.

On a Third,

**Orate pro Animabus Franciſci Hethe de Mildenhale Armigeri et Gracie Uxoris qui quidem Franciſcus obiit iiii die Janu: A° Dni: M.cccclxx.**

And on a Shield, HETHE, *Arg.* 3 Pellets in a Triangle, on the 1ſt, 3 Croſs Croſlets of the Firſt, impaling,
TEYE, *Arg,* a Feſs between 2 Martlets in Chief, and a Chev. in Baſe *Az.*

At the End of this Iſle, on the Right-Hand againſt the Chancel Wall, is a little Marble Compartment, with the Effigies of a Man in Armour, and on the Summit, Quarterly MUNDEFORD, and *Gul.* a Croſs ingrailed *Or*, and this Epitaph.

Hic jacet FRANCISCUS MOUNDEFORD Armiger, filius primogenitus OSBERTI MOUNDEFORD, Armig: ex BRIGETTA Uxore ſua, qui FRANCISCUS obijt ſine exitu 1° Januarij An° Dni: 1590.

Near this is the Stone Stair-Caſe, that leads to the old Rood-Loft, and on the Croſs Pavement lies an old Grey Marble Stone, with the Portraiture of a Woman in Braſs Bidding her Beads, and on a Plate this,

**Orate pro Anima Margarete Mundeford, quondam Conſortis Franciſci Mundeford, Armig: que obiit xxvi° die Menſis Maii A° Dni: M.cccccxx. Cuius Anime propitietur Deus Amen.**

At the End of the ſaid Nave, on the Left-Hand againſt the Chancel Wall, is a neat Marble Compartment, ornamented with three ſmall Arches, and in them the Effigie of *Osbert Mundeford*, Eſq; in Armour, his Helmet before him, and his two Wives, all on their Knees. On the Summit, Quarterly MUNDEFORD, and *Gul.* a Croſs ingrailed *Or*, and this Motto, *SOYES, LOYAL ET JOYAL.*

Over the Effigies of his firſt Wife, is the aforeſaid Quarter'd Shield, impaling Quarterly,

1. TOWNSEND, *Az.* a Chev'ron *Erm.* between 3 Eſcallops *Arg.*
2. HAYWELL, *Gul.* a Chev'ron *Or*, between 3 Flowers-de-Lys *Arg.*
3. BREWSE, *Arg.* a Lyon Ramp. in Cruſile of Croſs Croſlets *Gul.*
4. UFFORD, *Sab.* a Croſs ingrailed *Or.*

Over the Effigies of his ſecond Wife,

MUNDEFORD as before, impaling Quarterly,

1. SPELMAN, *Sab.* Plateé detween 2 Flaunches *Arg.*
2. NARBURGH, *Gul.* a Chief *Erm.*
3. FROYK, *Az.* a Chev'ron between 3 Leopards Heads *Or.*
4. STURGEON, *Az.* 3 Sturgeons naiant in Pale *Or*, over all, Fretty of 8 Pieces *Gul.*

And on the Body of the Monument,

Hic jacet OSBERTUS MOUNDEFORD Armiger, qui primô duxit Margaretam, filiam Johannis, Filij et Hæredis Domini Rogeri Towneſende Militis, poſtea Brigettam unam filiarum Domini Johan: Spilman de Narburgh Militis, et ex primâ Uxore Exitum habuit unicam filiam, ex ſecunda, filios Novem, et filias quinque, Qui Osbertus obijt 28° die Menſis Julij An° Dni: 1580, Ætat: ſuæ 73.

In the Windows of the Nave on the North Side, are theſe Shields,

Quarterly, *Or* & *Gul.* in the 1ſt Quarter a Tree *Vert.*

SOUTHWELL, *Arg.* 3 Cinquefoils *Gul.*

On the South Side,

DE-GREY of *Merton*, *Az.* a Feſs between 2 Chev'rons *Or.*

MANNING, Quarterly *Or*, & *Gul.* a Croſs Flory between 5 Trefoils ſlip'd *Or*, and TEY as before.

On the Pavement of the Chancel lies a Black Marble-Stone, in Memory of JOHN WACE, Gent. who died 3 *Feb.* 1672, with this Shield, Barry of 6, *Arg.* and *Gul.* Near this, lies another, in Memory of CATHERINE WACE, who died 17 *April* 1679. There is an Aſcent of three Steps to the Communion-Table, and againſt the South-Wall, three curious Stone Arches and Seats, for the Biſhop, Prieſt, and Deacon, and at the Head of them, an Arch for the Holy-Water, and in the North-Wall is a Cupboard, once a Repoſitory for Relicks.

When the Earl *Warren* at the Conqueſt took Poſſeſſion of that Lordſhip which *Alveva* held, the Patronage of this Church, which *Godric* laid claim to, came to him, and was given by him, or one of his Deſcendents, to the Abby of *Lewes* in *Suſſex*, and we find from *Norwich Domeſday-Book*, that in the Reign of King *Edward* I. it was in the Patronage of that Abby, that the Rector had a Houſe and 40 Acres of Land.

## RECTORS.

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| 1303, 21 *Nov.* | *Nicholas de Coulteſhale.* The BISHOP of *Norwich*, the Prior of *Lewes* being then excommunicated. |
| 1338, 7 *Feb.* | *Robert de Stanhowe.* JOHN Earl WARREN, the Patronage of all the Benefices belonging to the Abby of *Lewes*, being granted to him by the King, who on Account of his Wars with *France*, ſeized the Priory Aliens (of which this was one) into his own Hands. |
| 30 and 46 *E.* III. | [e] *Thomas de Lexham.* |
| 1391, 21 *Nov.* | *John de Debenham.* The PRIOR and CONVENT of *Lewes.* |
| 1417, 4 *March*, | *Thomas Alkok. Ditto.* By his Will, proved 3 [f] *Oct.* 1438, he deſires to be buried in the Chancel, and a Stone laid over him. |
| 1430, 4 *Jan.* | Mr. *John Crowcher*, S. T. B. Dean of *Chicheſter*, on *Alkok*'s Death. *Ditto.* The Feaſt of the Dedication of this Church, [g] which was uſed to be kept annually on 14 *April*, was enjoyn'd by the Biſhop of *Norwich* 24 *Sep.* 1433, to be kept for the Future annually on 24 *Sept.*<br>*John Bernard.* |

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[e] Evidcut. Cyril. Wyche Armig. de Hockwold.

[f] Regr. Surflete p. 60.

[g] Lib. Inſtitut. Norwic. 9.

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| 1462, 26 *May*, | *Thomas Topyn*, on *Bernard*'s Death. | The Prior &c. |
| 1491, 21 *Jan.* | *Thomas Adams*, A. M. on *Topyn*'s Death. | |
| 1503, 13 *Jan.* | *Andrew Swynne*, A. M. on *Adams*'s Death. | |
| 1512, 19 *Oct.* | *Alexander Trodes*, S. T. B. He was Prebendary in the Collegiate Church or Chapel in the Fields at *Norwich.* | |
| 1527, 19 *Aug.* | *Richard Taylor*, LL. B. on *Trodes*'s Death. He was Vicar of *Hunſtanton* in *Norfolk*, and reſigned for this. | |
| 1543, 30 *Oct.* | *John Holland*, [*h*] on the Death of the laſt Rector, Chaplain to the Duke of *Norfolk*. THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*. | |
| 1553, 30 *Feb.* | *Philip Parrock*, on *Holland*'s Death. The DUKE of *Norfolk*. | |
| 1555, 8 *Nov.* | *Henry Grene.* Lapſe. | |
| 1599, 8 *Nov.* | [*i*] *Tho. Randal.* In 1603, it was certifyed to the King, on his Queries, that this Church was ſerved by a Curate, *Ambroſe Fisk*, the Benefice heretofore preſentative, was long ſince leaſed by the Incumbent, Lord Biſhop and Patron, and is ſo holden and ſerved by the ſaid Curate, and that there were 120 Communicants in this Pariſh. | |
| 1609, 25 *Nov.* | *Robert Warren*, A. M. The King, it being forfeited on the Attainder of the Duke of *Norfolk*, in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Reign. | |
| 1619, 18 *June*, | *Thomas Randal*, A. M. The King; united to *Hockwold.* | |
| 1631, | *William Smith*, Rector alſo of *Hockwold.* | |
| 1666, 3 *April*, | *John Randolph*, S. T. B. | The King. |
| 1684, 18 *Feb.* | *Robert Simpſon*, A. M. on *Randolph*'s Death. | |
| 1728, 13 *Sep.* | The Rev. Mr. *Edw. Bearne.* | |

This Rectory is valued in the King's Books, at 14*l.* 17*s.* 3*d. ob:* Tenths 1*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* 3*q.* There is a Pention paid Yearly by the Rector, of 5*l.* 10*s.* to the D. of *Norfolk*, of which 5*l. per Ann.* was paid as a Pention to the Prior of *Lewes*, for his Portion of Tithes here, and was ſo charged in 1428, the other Penſion of 10*s.* was paid to the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre*, for his Portion, both which, on the Diſſolution, were given to the Duke of *Norfolk*.

Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, gave, and ſettled by Deed of Feoffment 10 *Sept.* 1642, on Sir *Thomas Woodhouſe*, Bart. Sir *Ralph Hare*, Bart. Sir *Robert de Grey*, Knt. *Philip Meadhouſe*, Eſq; *William Heveningham*, Eſq; *Framlingham Gawdy*, Eſq; *Thomas Derham*, Eſq; *Arthur Heveningham*, *William Gawdy*, *George Fowler*, Gent. *William Smith*, of *Hockwold*, Clerk, and *William Peck*, of *Bromhill*, Gent. and their Heirs and Aſſigns, two ſeveral Parts of Marſh or Fen-Ground in *Feltwell*; in the *South-Fenn*, one containing 600 Acres, called *Ten-Feet-Ground*, and the other containeth 240 Acres, called the *Wannage*; on this Truſt and Confidence, that from, and after his Deceaſe, when the ſaid two ſeveral Parts of Marſh or Fen-Ground, ſhall be by Means of draining, &c. made worth the Sum of Threeſcore Pounds *per Ann.* then 20*l.* of the Yearly Iſſues and Profits thereof, ſhall be diſpoſed Yearly, in buying of Frize or ſome other Cloathing, to be diſtributed unto, and amongſt the poorer ſort of People, inhabiting in *Feltwell*, which have heretofore been born, or ſhall be born in *Feltwell*, and the Reſidue of the Yearly Profits, *viz.* 40*l.* ſhall be diſpoſed Yearly for, and towards the Maintenance of a Free-School in the ſaid Town, for the teaching of the Children of the Inhabitants, in Grammar, and other Learning freely. And if the ſaid Lands ſhould become worth more then 60*l. per Ann.* the Surpluſage ſhall be retained and kept by the Feoffees, 'till the ſame ſhall amount to ſo much, as the ſaid Feoffees or their Succeſſors, may purchaſe therewith, ſome convenient Ground in *Feltwell*, with a convenient Houſe thereupon, or elſe to build one, for an Alms-Houſe, for the placing and

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(*h*) This Advowſon was granted to the Duke on the 22 Dec. 29 H. VIII. (Pat. 29, H. VIII. Part. 4) Robert Prior of Lewes ſurrendered it to the King in the ſaid Year. (Fin. Term Mich. N. 208.) This Rector made a very remarkable Leaſe of this Rectory, which was confirmed by the Duke, the Biſhop, and Dean and Chapter of Norwich, under their Hands and Seals 10 Oct. 37 H. VIII. dated 26 Sept. in the 37th of the ſaid King, to Geo. Holland, Secretary to the ſaid Duke, for 99 Years, from St. Michael next enſuing, the ſaid Rector reſerving only 12*l.* per Ann. Rent, the Dwelling in a Chamber, Firing, and Waſhing of his Linnen, which Leaſe took accordingly Effect, bound his Succeſſors, and did not expire 'till the Year 1646. The Plea in the Preamble is, in Conſideration of George Holland's great Coſt, Charges, and Expences, which he had been at in the Parſonage, and alſo hereafter intended to be at, about the edifying, building, and repairing of the Dwelling, and Manſion-Houſe of the ſaid Rectory; and the aforeſaid Rector was obliged to ſerve the Cure, or cauſe it to be ſerved, the aforeſaid George paying the Penſion of 5*l.* 10*s.* to the Duke of Norfolk, due formerly to the Priories of Lewes and Caſtle-Acre, and 4*d.* per Ann. Rent of Aſſize to Chriſt's College in Cambridge, alſo the Tenths, Synodals, Procurations, and repairing, &c. all the Edifices.

(*i*) Lib. Conſignat. Norw. 1604.

dwelling of poor aged and impotent People therein, inhabiting in *Feltwell* aforeſaid, and then the Surpluſage above 60*l. per Ann.* ſhall be Yearly beſtowed amongſt the poor People of the ſaid Alms-Houſe.

## BURIALS *in this* CHURCH.

[*k*] *Elizabeth Morewode*, Relict of *John Morewode*, and Siſter of *Francis Mundeford*, was buried here in 1542, in the Chapel of St. *Cateryn*, ſhe enjoyns her Executors to provide a Stock of Neat Cattle, that there may be a Yearly *Obit* kept for her.

[*l*] 30 *July* 1580, *Osbert Mundeford*, Eſq; 2 *Jan.* 1590, *Francis Mundeford*, Eſq;
20 *Sep.* 1605, Sir *Thomas Knevet*, Knt. 6 *May* 1617, Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, Knt.
29 *June* 1621, *Henry*, Son of Sir *Hen. Clere*, Bart. 11 *May* 1643, Sir *Edm. Mundeford*.
26 *April* 1650, Lady *Abigal Mundeford*. 1728, *Robert Simpſon*, Rector.

## MARRIAGES.

23 *Nov.* 1569, *George Fowler*, Eſq; of *Bromhill*, and *Bridget Mundeford*.
24 *Sep.* 1582, *John Foſter*, Gent. and *Urſula Mundeford*.
31 *Dec.* 1582, *Thomas Might*, Gent. and *Elizabeth Mundeford*.
6 *July* 1638, *William Valendyne*, and *Temperance Mundeford*.
16 *Dec.* 1660, *William Becket*, of *London*, Eſq; and *Alice Hodgekinſon*.
16 *Oct.* 1666, *Smith Fleetwood*, Eſq; and *Mary Hartop*.
8 *Nov.* 1666, Sir *John Hartop*, Bart. and *Elizabeth Fleetwood*.

The Regiſters in Churches, were firſt appointed to be kept in 1538, juſt upon the Diſſolution of Monaſteries, and ſince that Time, have proved ſome of our beſt Helps towards the preſerving of Hiſtory, their Uſe (as a learned Biſhop [*m*] obſerves) might be of a further Extent, if Care was taken to regiſter the moſt remarkable Occurrences, relating to the publick Concerns of the ſeveral Pariſhes, ſuch as Recoveries of Benefactions, Properties in Seats or Iſles, Rights of Advowſon, &c. But it will be our everlaſting Reproach, if (inſtead of thus improving the good Deſigns of our Anceſtors, for the continuance of their Names and Memories) we omit, even that Part of our Duty, which is now enjoyn'd by an Eccleſiaſtical, as well as Civil Authority, and record Matters in Church Books, after ſuch a Manner, as will only ſerve, to render them Monuments of our Negligence; for ſince Inquiſitions *poſt mortem*, are now taken away by the Statute of 12 *Car.* II. the Entries in theſe Books are now become the Chief Evidences, to prove Pedigrees and Deſcents, on which Titles to Eſtates do often depend. Therefore it behoves all Rectors, Vicars, *&c.* to be careful in this Caſe, and not to commit ſuch Books into the Hands, much more to the Truſt and Keeping of illiterate Perſons, on any Account whatever.

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[k] Regr. Godſalve, Norw. fol. 299. & 43.

[l] Regiſter of St. Mary's Church, ſeveral of the Family of Mundeford, baptized as appears from the Regiſter, alſo of the Families of Foſter, Peyton, Bell, Clere, Woodhouſe, Fleetwood, and Apſley.

[m] Nicholſon's Library, p. 175. Conſtit. Eccl. Ao. D. 1603. Can. 70.

## *METHWOLD.*

LIES North of *Feltwell*, and on the Weſt Side of the Hundred, the principal Part of it was given to the Monaſtery of *Ely*, by *Ethelwold* Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, in the Time of King *Edgar*, and when the Tenures and Services of ſeveral Lordſhips belonging to that Monaſtery, were ſetled in the Time of *Leofſwine*, the 5th Abbot, this was obliged to furniſh the Houſe with Proviſions, for [*n*] two Weeks in every Year.

In the Time of the Confeſſor, *Stigand* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* was Lord, but was deprived of it at the Conqueſt: At the General Survey it was in the Conqueror's Hands, and

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[n] Dug. Mon. Ang. V. 1. p. 94. Angl. Sacra V. 1. p. 608.

kept for * him by *William de Noiers*. When *Stigand* was in Poſſeſſion, there were 20 Carucates of Land, 30 Acres of Meadow, and 6 Carucates in Demean, at the Survey but five, two Mills and the Moiety of another, and ſeven Fiſheries in Demean, in the Confeſſor's Time valued at 20 *l.* at the Survey at 30 *l. per Ann.* It was two Leagues long, and half a one in breadth, and paid 2 *s. ob: Gelt.* Another Part or Lordſhip was at the Survey, held by *William*, Earl *Warren*, † and had 3 Carucates which 4 free Men held in the Confeſſor's Time, valued then at 20 *s.* at the Survey at 45 *s. per Ann.* *Simon* and *Jeffry* held of the ſaid Earl, 2 Carucates, valued at 40 *s. per Ann.* and *Stigand* had the *Soc.*

The Town takes it's Name (as moſt do) from it's Scite, *Methelwalde*, that is, the *Wold* between *Northwold* and *Hockwold*, the *Midlewolde*; and thus it was wrote in the Time of King *Henry* II. when *Simon de Midlewolde* was amerced [*p*] 10 Marks, for Pleading in Court-Chriſtian about Lay-Fees, juſt after the Diſpute between King *Henry* II. and *Becket*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*.

Soon after the Survey the Conqueror gave that Lordſhip which *Stigand* held, to the Earl *Warren*, and thus he became Lord of the whole Town; and by the Inquiſitions taken in the Reign of King *Henry* III. the Earl *Warren* was found to hold it of the King in *Capite*, as parcel of his Barony, and the Jury amongſt the Pleas of the Crown [*q*] 15 *Edward* I. ſay, that the Earl claimed in his Manor here, a Gallows, View of Frankpledge, and Free-Warren. But in the 12th Year of King *Edward* II. [*r*] *John*, Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, having no Iſſue, ſetled this Manor after his own deceaſe, with thoſe of *Gymingham*, *Beeſton*, and *Thetford*, the Hundred of *Brothercroſs* and *Gallow*, and 39 Knights Fees in divers Towns, with the King's Licence on *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaſter*. And on an Inquiſition taken the 21 *Edward* III. after the Death of the Earl [*s*] *Warren*, the Jury find this Manor to be held of the ſaid Earl in *free Soccage*, by the Service of one Bearded Arrow; that there was a Meſſuage and a Pidgeon-Houſe, valued Yearly at 3 *l.* 600 Acres of Arable Land, Price *per* Acre, *per Ann.* 2 *d.* 6 Acres of Meadow, valued at 6 *s.* one Wind-Mill valued at 20 *s.* the *Segges* Marſh was valued at 10 *l.* and *Redmere* Marſh at 10 *l.* Rents of Aſſize in *Methelwold*, *Northwold*, *Woodryſing*, *Helgeye*, and *Wells*, belonging to this Manor 7 *l. per Ann.* and with the Days Works, Cuſtoms, and Services of the Tenants, 7 *l. per Ann.* more, the Pleas and Perquiſites of Courts, with the *Lete* in *Methwold*, *Wells*, and *Helgey*, were worth 6 *l. per Ann.* more.

After this in the 28th of the ſaid King, *Henry* Duke of *Lancaſter*, was found to hold it of the King, in *free Soccage*, by the Service of a Roſe, and on the Death of the ſaid Duke, it was aſſigned 35 *Edward* III. to *Maud* his Daughter and Co-heir, married to *William* Duke of *Heinault*, and on her Deceaſe *ſans* Iſſue, it came to *Blanch* her Siſter and Co-heir, the Wife of *John* of *Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaſter*. *John* of *Gaunt*, by the Lady *Blanch*, had *Henry* his Son and Heir, Duke of *Lancaſter*, and afterwards King of *England*, by the Name of *Henry* IV. and ſo it was veſted in the Crown, and the ſucceeding King as Dukes of *Lancaſter* enjoy it, and the Lord *Berkley* of *Stratton*, holds it by Leaſe from the Crown.

## BROMHILL MANOR.

Beſides the Capital Manor of *Methwold*, there was one held by the Prior, and given moſt likely to that Houſe, by one of the *Playz's*, (which Family, held Lands here of the Earl *Warren*) and probably by Sir *Hugh de Playz*, on his founding the aforeſaid Priory. In the Reign of *Edw.* I. [*t*] *John de Methwold*, aliened Lands to that Priory, and about the ſame Time, [*u*] *John*, Son of *Simon Fulcher*, and *Beatrix*, Daughter of *Ralph*, was alſo a Benefactor to them in this Place, ſo that in 1428, the Temporalities of that Houſe, were valued at 3 *l.* 3 *s. per Ann.* On the Diſſolution of the aforeſaid Priory, it was granted together with that Priory, to Cardinal *Woolſey*, and came (as has been obſerved in *Bromhill*) after his Attainder, to *Chriſt*'s *College*, in which Houſe it ſtill continues, and is leaſed out by that Society.

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* Terre Stigandi Epiſcopi, quas cuſtodit Will: de Noiers, in Manu Regis, GRIMESHOU Hund. (Domeſd. fol. 48.)

METHELWALDE tenuit Stigandus T.R.E. xx. Car: terre tunc xxviii. Vill: poſt xxiiii. m° xviii. tunc iiii. Bord: poſt viii. m° xiii. ſemper xxiiii. Serv: xxx Acr. prati. tunc vi. Car: in dom: poſt & m° v. tunc xxiii Car: Homin: poſt xiii. m° vii. ſemper ii. Mol: & dim: vii. Piſc. in domnio. iiii. Runcin: xii. anim: lxxxiiii. Porc. DCCC. Oves, xxvii. vaſa apum.

Hic ſemper jacet i. Bervita. WETINGA, &c. as at fol. 477. In FELTWELLA lx. Acr. terre & in TEDFORDA dim: Car: terre. &c. i. Eccleſia Sce: Elene &c. (See Thetford St. Helens) et in HALINGHEIA i. lib. Homo xxx. Acr. i Car. & in WELLA, iii. Bor: et in toto manerio viii. Car: poſſent eſſe. Tunc valuit xx *l.* m° xxx. et habet ii. Leug. in longo & dim. in lato, & reddit ii. Sol: & i. obulum, de xx Sol: de Gelto, et iiii Liberi Homines jacent huic manerio T.R.E. modo habet Wills: de Uuar: [ſc. Will: de Warenna.]

† Terre Willi: de Warenna Hund: de GRIMESHOU. (fol. 87.)

In MATELWALDE, iiii. Libi: homines iii. Car. terre ſemper iiii. Vill: & i. Bord: & iiii Acr. prati, tunc iiii. Car: poſt & m° iii. tunc valuit xx. Sol: m° xlv. Stigandus Socam, et fuere Liberati pro Eſcangio Simon: & Galt: ii. Car: terre & xl. Sol. Val:

[*o*] This Manor was very large and extended itſelf into Weeting, Feltwell, Croxton, Helgey, Well, &c. all which is here valued and accounted for. [*p*] Madox Hiſt. Exch. p. 390. Mag. Rot. 31. H. 2. R. 3. a. [*q*] Plita. Coron. Norw. Craſt. Sancti Hillar. A° Ed. 1. 15. Rot. 34 indorſo. [*r*] Fin. 12. Ed. 2. L. 4. N. 90. Pat. 12, Ed. 2. Part. 1. M. 3. [*s*] Inquiſ. penes Camerar. Scacarij. [*t*] Eſch. 21. Ed. 1. N. 126. Fin. 2. Ed. 2. L. 1. N. 71. (*u*) See fol. 480, 481.

From the Will of *William Bachcroft*, Eſq; of *Bexwell*, who died in 1518, we find the Manors [x] of *Tudenham*'s, *Gunton*'s, and *Hilly*'s, in this Town, of which he died poſſeſſed, *Gunton*'s, was held of the King, as Parcel of the Manor of *Methwold*, and the Dutchy of *Lancaſter* in Soccage, and paying 5 *s.* Rent *per Ann.* and *Hellys* was held as the other, paying 3 *s.* 4 *d. per Ann.* and *Richard Bachcroft*, Eſq; died ſeized of them in 3 *E.* VI. They are now wholly loſt or neglected, and that of *Gunton*'s, is ſaid to be in the Hands of *Rob. Clough*, Eſq; of *Feltwell*.

# OTRINGHITHE.

In this Hundred of *Grimeſhou*, we find a Town in the General Survey, wrote *Otrinkechia*, and *Otringheia*, then the Land of † the Earl *Warren*. Three Free-Men held here in the Confeſſor's Time, one Carucate of Land at 5 *s.* and one *Gaulter*, held then of the Earl a Mediety of the Town, valued at 20 *s.* It was four Furlongs long, and three broad, and paid 4 *d. Gelt*.

This Name is now loſt, but was the ſame Place, that we now call *Methwold-Hithe*, a little Hamlet about a Mile Weſt of the Town, and now in the Pariſh of *Methwold*, the Family of *De Playz*, had a conſiderable Eſtate here, and in the Reign of King *Henry* II. there was a Church, concerning the Patronage of which, there was a great Controverſy, between Sir *Ralph de Playz*, *Henry* Prior, and the Convent of *Acre*, which was adjuſted by *William Turbus*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, when it was allowed to be the Right of the ſaid *Ralph*, and his Heirs for ever, to preſent to the ſame, and the Perſon preſented, [y] was to pay to the Church of St. *Mary de Acre*, 12 *d.* on the Payment of which, the Convent had no further Claim or Demand. This Eſtate and Church, was given, as was obſerved in the Manor of *Bromhill* in this Town, (it being Part of the ſaid Manor) to the Convent of *Bromhill*, and in 1428, the Temporalities of that Houſe in *Otringhithe*, were valued at 9 *l.* 10 *s.* 3 *d.* and on the Diſſolution of that Priory, when it was granted by the King to Cardinal *Woolſey*, it is ſtiled the Manor of *Oteringhithe*, with the Rectory; on the Attainder of the ſaid Cardinal, it came to *Chriſt*'s *College* in *Cambridge*, and being united to the Manor of *Bromhill*, is leaſed out with it, by that Society. The Church hath been in Ruins many Ages, in which the Prior and Convent of *Caſtle-Acre* had an Intereſt, for *William* the ſecond Earl *Warren*, [z] is ſaid to have given in the Reign of *Henry* I. the Church here to that Priory, which *Ebrard*, or *Everard*, Biſhop of *Norwich* confirmed, but yet as I obſerve, it was found to be in the Family of *De Plaiz*. In 1203, *Philip de Mortimer* Prior, and the Convent of *Acre*, grant by Deed to *Geffry*, Son of *Alan de Ingaldeſthorp*, and his Heirs, all their Land at *Otringeithe*, with the Appurtenances, paying Yearly 17 *s.* for all Services, and in 1428, the ſaid Priory was charged for Temporalities here, at the ſame Sum.

There was formerly a conſiderable Market at *Methwold*, kept on *Tueſday*, but now almoſt diſuſed, and there is a Fair Yearly on St. *George*'s Day: It's *Warren* is large and famous to a Proverb for Rabbits, a late * Author obſerves, that in the Reign of King *Cnute*, *Leoffwine* Abbot of *Ely*, agreed to find the Duke of *Lancaſter*'s Family with them, two Months in every Year, but at that time there was no Duke thus entitled, nor for many Ages after. Great Suits have been commenced, on Account of the Damage of the Rabbits, and in 1606, there was a Cauſe depending in *Chancery*, and another in the Dutchy Court of *Lancaſter*, between Sir *William Paſton*, Sir *Philip Woodhouſe*, Sir *John Heveningham*, Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, &c. Lords of the adjoining Towns, and the *Warrener*.

The Tenths of this Town were 9 *l.* 6 *s.* 9 *d.*

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(x) Regr. Giles p. 856, Inquiſ. 3 Ed. 6. Norff. N. 72.

† Terre Willi: de Warrenna. Hund. GRIMESHOU. (Domeſd. fol. 88.)

OTRINKECHIA, i. Car: terre iii. Liberi Homines iii. Bord: ſemper ii. Car: & val. v. Sol. Idem Galterus medietatem.

OTRINGHEIA iiii. quar: in Longo & iii. in Lato et reddit in Gelto iiii *d.* hoc totum eſt de Caſtellatione de Lewes.

(y) Regr. Caſtle-Acre, p. 119.

(z) Dug. Mon. Ang. V. 1. p. 625. This was moſt likely the Church of St. Hellens, which as we learn from Domeſday was then endowed with a Carucate of Land.

* Britan. Ant. et Nova, p. 349. Norff.

The CHURCH of *Methwold* is dedicated to St. *George*, and was built (as I take it) in the Reign of *Edward* II. from the Pile itſelf, and from the Arms of the Earl *Warren* in the Chancel Window, before it came into the *Lancaſter* Family: It is a regular Building, with a Nave, North and South Iſles, and a Chancel of Flint, Pebble Stones, *&c.* cover'd with Lead, the Nave is in length, from the Screen to the Arch of the Tower, 54 Feet, and in breadth, including the Iſles, about 46 Feet, the Roof of the Nave is ſupported by fluted Pillars of Stone, forming four lofty Arches on each Side, and over them as many Windows, and on the Heads of the Principal Wood-Work of the Roof, are Figures of the Religious. At the Eaſt-End of the Nave, lie ſeveral Marble Graveſtones, deprived of their Braſs Plates; at the South-End of the Screen, is a Stone Stair-Caſe, the Way to the Rood-Loft, over this Part of the Church, on the Gabel of the Chancel, is an Arch of Stone and Brick, where the Saints Bell formerly hung: This Bell, as a worthy Author [a] has obſerved, was not ſo called from the Saint's Name that was inſcribed on it, nor from that Saint to which the Church was dedicated but becauſe it was always rung out, when the Prieſt came to that Part of the Service, *Sancte*, *Sancte*, *Sancte*, *Domine*, *Deus Sabaoth*, *Holy*, *Holy*, *Holy*, *Lord God of Sabbaoth or Hoſts*, purpoſely that they who could not come to Church, might underſtand what a ſolemn Office the Congregation were at that Inſtant engaged in, and ſo even in their Abſence, be once at leaſt mov'd, to lift up their Hearts to him that made them, for this Reaſon, the *Sancte*'s Bell was generally hung where it might be heard fartheſt. Sometimes in a Lanthorn at the Top of the Steeple, or in a Turret at one Corner of it, if a Tower; ſometimes thruſt out of the uppermoſt Window, if a Spire, and ſometimes in an Arch or Gallows, on the Out-Side of the Roof between the Church and Chancel: this laſt Sort were ſo placed, that the Rope might come down into the Church, and ſo being nearer the Altar, the Bell might be more readily rung out, when the Prieſt came to the ſacred Words. To this we may add another more prevailing Reaſon, it being ordained in the Church of *Rome*, that on the [b] Conſecration and Elevation of the Hoſt, Notice ſhould be given in every Church, by the Sound of a Bell, that the Faithfull not Preſent, might be put in Mind of this great Miſtery.

There is now ſuch an Arch with a Bell in it, between the Church and Chancel of *Diſs* in *Norfolk*, with the Rope hanging down, as you enter the Chancel.

The Chancel is ſeperated from the Church, by a Wooden Screen, but the Pannels of it ſeem to have been tranſpoſed, on them are theſe Inſcriptions.

On the Left Side as you enter the Chancel,

**Orate pro Animabus Rici: Stalworthy, et Thome filii eiuſdem qui fieri fec. : : : : :**
**et Animab: Thome Crofte et Robarti Keteryngton.**

On the Right,

**Orate pro Anima Robarti Keteryngton Junioris, et Marger: Ux: eius : : : : : : :**
**Orate pro bono Statu Juvenum.**

The Chancel is about 30 Feet in length, and 19 in breadth, and has an Aſcent of three Steps to the Communion Table. On the Area before the Steps, lies a large Marble Graveſtone, about 10 Feet in length, and 4 in breadth, on this has been the Pourtraiture, or Effigies of the Perſon here interred, in compleat Armour, with a Canopy of Braſs Work over his Head, and four Shields, one at each Corner, alſo two Rims or Plates of Braſs running about the whole Marble, the Effigies (with all the Braſſes) was about 50 Years ſince (as 'tis ſaid) reaved, by a Sacrilegious Wretch, then Clerk of the Pariſh, and ſold to a Tinker, of whom, ſome Part of the Braſſes were recovered but not before he had broke them into ſmall Pieces, ſome of theſe Fragments are ſtill preſerved in the Church Cheſt, but they are only inſignificant Pieces of his Armour, Part of the Head of the Lyon that was Couchant at his Feet, moſt of them are Rim-Pieces that ornamented the Stone, and have Quater-Foils on them. The Tradition here, is, that this is in Memory of one of the Earl *WARREN*'s, Lords of the Town, from whom they had their Privileges, but I cannot come into that Opinion: The Burial of that Noble Family is well known and allowed by all Antiquaries, to have been in the Abby of [c] *Lewes*, in *Suſſex*, *John* the laſt Heir Male of that Noble Family, died the 21 *Edw.* III. being then 61 Years of Age, and was buried under a rais'd Tomb, near the High-Altar in the Abby of *Lewes*, leaving *Aliee* his Siſter, Wife to *Edmund* Earl of *Arundel*, his next Heir in Blood. It is no doubt, in Memory of ſome conſiderable Perſon, but from the Shape, Figure, Armour, Dreſs, and other Inſignia, as may in ſome Meaſure be gathered from the Inciſions in the Stone, it appears to be in Memory of ſome Eſquire, or Knight, rather then of a Lord or

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[a] Peck's Ann. of Stamford p. 52. L. 8. [b] Durant. de Ritibus Eccleſ: p. 679. L. 2. [c] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. p. 12.

Earl. In a looſe Paper of the late Worthy Antiquary Mr. *Le-Neve* Norroy, the Hand Writing of *Guybon Goddard* (as he ſays) we have this.

*Methwold*, in the Chancel a Man in compleat Arms, a Surcoat of *Warren* or *Clyfton*, (*Quære*) for the Place where the Bend might be, and the direct Place for the Bend is broken out, 4 Places for Eſcutcheons, 3 defaced, one left, a Feſs between two Chev'rons, and a File with 3 Labels, and in an old [d] MSS. quoted by Mr. *Le-Neve*, are theſe Words.

*Clifton.* }
*Methwold.* } Adam de Clifton, *on the Graveſtone*, Obiit - - - - cclxvii.

Sir *Adam de Clifton* was Lord of *Cranwich*, and *Hilburgh*, &c. in 20 *E*. III. and held ſeveral Fees of the Earl *Warren*, this Knight lived the greateſt Part of that King's Reign, and died on 28 [e] *Jan.* 1367, and in the next Year 1368, in *July*, the King preſented to the Free-Chapel of St. *Margaret* at *Hilburgh*, as Guardian to the Heir of Sir *Adam de Clifton*.

The only Difference and Way of knowing the Arms of *Warren*, from thoſe of *Clifton*, (when Engraven and not painted) is by the Bend in the Arms of *Clifton*, but this we are told was broken out, moſt likely, on Purpoſe to induce Perſons to believe it to be the Arms of *Warren*. The other Arms then remaning, *viz.* a Feſs between two Chev'rons, and a File with three Labels, I take to be the Arms of *Baynard*, and this Shield here placed is a further Proof, that this is in Memory of Sir *Adam Clifton*.

In the Church of *Aſhwell-Thorp* in *Norfolk*, is a very curious Monument, for one of the *Thorps*, who died in the Reign of *R*. II. on the Body of this Monument, are to be ſeen at this Day, the Arms of *Clifton*, and the Arms alſo of *Baynard*, with thoſe of *Thorp*, &c. by which it appears, that the *Clifton*'s, and the *Baynard*'s, were certainly by Marriage related.

On the Pavement about the Communion-Table, lye ſeveral Marble Graveſtones.

*On one near the South Wall*,

Here lyeth the Body of MARGERY, the Wife of THO. SWIFT of Methwold, who departed this Life the 27th Day of Feb: 1696, aged 55 Years.

*On another adjoyning*,

Here lyeth the Body of RICHARD SWIFT, Eldeſt Son of EDW. SWIFT, Eſq; and ELIZ: his Wife, who departed this Life the 8th Day of March, 1705, aged 21. Here likewiſe lieth the Body of EDW. SWIFT, Younger Son of EDW. SWIFT and ELIZ: his Wife, who departed this Life the 12th Day of January 1707, aged 20 Years.

Here lyeth the Body of STEPHEN SWIFT, Son of the ſaid EDW. SWIFT and ELIZ. his Wife, who departed this Life the 4th Day of Decembr. 1709, aged 23 Years.

*On a Fourth*,

Here lyeth the Body of STEPHEN SWIFT of Methwold, &c. Gent. who departed this Life on the 17th of April 1686, aged 61. Here lyeth the Body of HANNAH SWIFT, Wife of the ſaid STEPHEN SWIFT, who departed this Life the 9th of Nov: 1714. Aged 87.

*And one thus inſcribed*,

Here lyeth the Body of Sir *HUGH CARTWRIGHT* of Nottingham, Knt. aged 74, and dy'd An: Dom: 1668.

*Near to this, another*,

Here lyeth the Body of EDW. SWIFT, Eſq; who departed this Life the 24th of Febr: 1720, An: Ætat: ſuæ 61.

At the Weſt-End of the Nave is a good four-ſquare Tower, embattled and cop'd with Freeſtone, and ornamented with a Pinnacle at each Corner, herein is a Clock and a Dial-Plate againſt the Bellfrey, fronting the Nave of the Church, the Tower is built of Flintſtone, &c. with Quoins of Freeſtone, wherein hang 5 large Muſical Bells; on this ſquare Tower is rais'd another Octangular one, and out of this riſes a neat octangular Spire, or Pyramid of Crocket Work, on the Summit of which is a Vane, this octangular Tower and Spire is of Brick, but cas'd with Freeſtone.

[f] *William* the firſt Earl *Warren*, in the Time of the Conqueror, gave this Church amongſt others, to the Priory of *Caſtle-Acre*, which he had founded; and by Deed *ſans* Date, the Prior of St. *Pancraſe* (that is *Lewes*) with the Conſent of the whole Chapter, gave to the Prior and Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*, the Tythe of this Church, for the Yearly Rent of 40*s*. This I take to be the Penſion paid by *Caſtle-Acre* to *Lewes*, as being then a Cell to that Houſe. Witneſſes, *Roger* Sub-Prior, *Rainbird* the Sacriſt, and *William* the Deacon,

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[d] Penes J. Anſtis, Garter, mark'd E. 26. F. xi.

[e] Pedigree of Clifton.

[f] Mon. Ang. Vol. 1. p. 621, 624, &c.

*Thomas*

*Tho. Britton*, [g] Rector of St. *George de Melewda* (as 'tis ſometimes alſo wrote) exchanged Lands with *Hamline Plantaginet*, Earl *Warren*, this muſt be between the Year 1163, and 1202, for then the ſaid Earl dy'd; by this it plainly appears that the Church was not at that time appropriated.

*William* [h] Earl *Warren* in an Epiſtle to *Pandulf*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, in or about 1203, earneſtly entreats him, that he would appropriate to the ſaid Priory this Church, and to move him to it, he lets him know, that his Anceſtors had aſſigned this Church to the aforeſaid Monaſtery, to find Firing for Strangers, and all the Poor that ſhould come to the Monaſtery, of which there is great Want in thoſe Parts, and indeed it ſeems not to be fully confirmed to them, 'till the Year 1249, when *Walter de Suffield*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, did it in this Form. [i] " Omnibus, *&c.* *Walterus* Dei Gratia *Norwic:* Epus: *&c.* Nover: " Nos Cartas *Johis:* Primi (that is *John* of *Oxford* Biſhop) *Johis:* 2<sup>di.</sup> (that is *John* " *Grey* Biſhop) et *Tho:* (that is *Tho. de Blundeville*, Biſhop of *Norwich*) inſpexiſſe, ex quarum " tenore perpendimus, Eccleſiam de *Melewde* Priori et Monachis de *Caſtle-Acre*, eſſe collatam, *&c.* et Confirmatione Capituli Noſtri *Norwic:* munitam, nos igitur, *&c.* duximus " Confirmandam. Teſt. Magiſtris *Robert:* et *Will.* de *Colcheſter*, et de *Suffolc:* Archdiaconis, " *Tho:* Rectore Eccl: de *Humerſfeud*, *Will:* de *Witewell*, *Rob:* Rectore Eccl: de *Prilleſton*, " *Will. de Ludham*, *&c.* Dat: apud *Marham*, vi. Kal: *Jan:* 1249."

That it was appropriated before the Year 1299, is certain, for in that Year *Ralph Walpole*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, ſetled the Right and Privileges of the Rectory, and of the Vicarage, and then the Vicar had his preſent Houſe aſſigned him. [k] " Univerſis, *&c.* *Radulphus*, " *Norwic:* Epiſcus, *&c.* Nover: quod cum Prior et Conv: de *Caſtle-Acre* qui Eccleſiam " de *Methelwolde* in proprios uſus obtinent ſuper Portionibus retinendis, et aliis aſſignandis " perpetuis Vicarijs in eadem Eccleſia de *Methelwolde*, &c. perpetuo ſervituris ſe noſtre ordinationi ſubmiſerint, &c. Ordinamus quod prædicti Prior et Conv: Capitale Meſſ: quod " antiquitus fuit Rect: ejuſd: Eccl: totam terram dominicam ad dictam Eccl: ſpectantem, omnes decimas Garbar: et Bladi cujuſcunque generis in tota Parochia prædicta retineant et " habeant in perpetuum. Totum vero reſiduum excepta Portione quam ijdem Prior, &c. " nomine Prior: et Conv: *Lewenſ.* in eadem Parochia percipiunt, aſſignamus ad ſuſtentationem " Vicariorum in perpetuum, una cum Meſſ: Predictorum Prior: et Conv: quod eſt ex oppoſito Eccl: predicte. Omnia vero onera ordinaria ſuſtinebunt Vicarij, præter refectionem " et reparationem cancelli, cujus onus incumbet Pri: et Conv: de *Caſtle-Acre* memoratis; " et extraordinaria utraque pars ſupportabit et agnoſcet pro rata ſue portionis. Dat: apud " *Eccles:* 2 Nonas *Auguſti* An: Dni: 1299."

In 1428, the Spiritualities of the Prior, *&c.* of *Caſtle-Acre* in this Church, were valued at 34 Marks, and the Spiritualities of the Prior of *Lewes* 40*s.* being the Portion or Pention abovementioned, due from *Caſtle-Acre* Priory.

## VICARS.

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| 1301, 29 *Sep.* | *Richard de Theford.* | The Prior and Convent of *Caſtle-Acre.* |
| 1305, 10 *Sep.* | *Thomas de L'Apre.* | |
| 1331, 1 *July,* | *Reginald de Warwyk.* | |
| 1349, 21 *Sep.* | *Robert Coa*, de *Flete* in *Holland.* | |
| 1392, 19 *Oct.* | *John Walpol.* | |
| 1400, 15 *Sep.* | *John Roche.* | |
| 1401, 29 *Oct.* | *William Stonhalle*, he was Rector of *Eaſt-Bilney*, and exchanged with *Roche.* | |
| 1403, 26 *Sep.* | *John Bacun.* | |
| 1424, 24 *Aug.* | *John Puyghton*, on *Bacun*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1447, 3 *Dec.* | *Edmund Stokeman.* | |
| 1450, 9 *Oct.* | *Adam Bulman*, on *Stokeman*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1450, 9 *March,* | *John Richer*, alias *Barbour.* | |
| 1469, 8 *Oct.* | *Ambroſe Ede*, on *Barbour*'s Reſignation. He was afterwards Rector of *Oxburgh.* | |
| | *Robert Naton.* [l] | |
| 1485, 20 *May,* | *Henry Spycer*, A. M. on *Naton*'s Reſignation. | |

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[g] Dug. Mon. Ang. V. 1. p. 639.

[h] Mon. Ang. V. 1. p. 638. Regr. Caſtle-Acre, fol. 1. & 7.

[i] Regr. Caſtle-Acre, fol. 126. b.

[k] Regr. Caſtle-Acre p. 126. in Biblioth. Harleana.

[l] In 1475, mention is made of the Gild of the Holy Trinity in this Church, in the Will of Katherine Stalworthy, Regr. Hubbart Norw. and in 1485, of the Image of St. Gregory in the Will of Tho. Younge, Regr. Caſton, Norw. p. 295.

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| 1533, 6 *Nov.* | [*m*] *Simon Anderſon*, on *Spycer*'s Death. At the Diſſolution of the Priory of *Caſtle-Acre*, a Fine was levied between [*n*] the King and *Thomas*, Prior of *Caſtle-Acre*, of this Rectory, and the Advowſon of the Vicarage, and ſoon after, on 22 *Dec.* in the ſaid Year, the King granted them to *Thomas* [*o*] Duke of *Norfolk*, together with the Penſion belonging to the Abby of *Lewes*. |
| | *Thomas Smith*, [Rector alſo of *Southrey*, as I take it.] |
| 1573, 2 *Sep.* | *Chriſtopher Conſtable*, on *Smith*'s Reſignation. WILLIAM DYXE, and WILLIAM CANTRELL, Eſq; Truſtees to the Duke, in 1603, he obſerves that there were 252 Communicants here, and that the Lords *Thomas*, and *William Howard*, were Patrons, and held the Parſonage Impropriate. |
| | *Robert Sterling*. |
| 1604, 25 *Feb.* | *Robert Brundiſhe*, A. M. on *Sterling*'s Death. JOHN YOUNG, and JOHN ARMIGER *vel* AUNGIER, of *Methwold*. *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*, had Licence 1 *Sep.* in 11 King *James* I. to alienate this Rectory, and the Advowſon of the Vicarage, to Sir *Henry Hobart*. |
| 1644, 1 *Nov.* | *John Cooper*, A. M. on *Brundiſhe*'s Death. WILLIAM BUCWORTH, Eſq; |
| 1673, 24 *Dec.* | *Anth. Franke*, A. B. on *Cooper*'s Death. The Lady ZOUCH (Relict of *James Hobart*, Eſq;) and THOMAS Lord RICHARDSON. |
| 1690, 9 *April*, | *Thomas Jukes*, alias *Jenks*, on *Franke*'s Death, Rector alſo of *Ickburgh*. JOHN PRUDE, alias HUBART, of *Kingſtone-Upon-Thames*, Gent. |
| 1696, 13 *Oct.* | *John Newſon*, on *Jukes*'s Reſignation, Rector alſo of *Cranwich*. JOHN PRUDE. |
| 1713, 21 *May*, | *John Prattant*, A. B. on *Newſon*'s Death. ROGER NORTH, Eſq; of *Rougham* in *Norfolk*, Impropriator. |
| 1722, 9 *Aug.* | The Rev. Mr. *Robert Ruſhbrook*, the preſent Vicar, on *Prattant*'s Death. ROGER NORTH, Eſq; of *Rougham*. |

This Vicarage is valued in the King's-Books at 9*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* and being in clear Value 24*l.* *per Ann.* It is diſcharged of Tenths, *&c.*

## SLEVESHOLM PRIORY, *commonly called* SLUSHAM.

Was in the Pariſh of *Methwold*, in the Marſh or Fens, about a Mile and Half Weſt of the Church of the ſaid Town; it was a Cell to the Priory of *Caſtle-Acre*, founded by *William* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, and dedicated to the *Bleſſed Virgin* and St. *Giles*, [*p*] who by Deed gave [in the Reign of King *Stephen*] a certain Iſland in the Moore or Fen of *Melewode*, called *Sleveſholm*, in pure and perpetual Alms to GOD and *All-Saints*, to *Paul* the Monk, and the Monks ſerving God there, and after the Deceaſe of *Paul*, to him who ſhall ſucceed him there as Prior; who was to be a Monk of, and to be elected out of the Priory of *Caſtle-Acre*, and was to be preſented to, and admitted by the Earl *Warren*, and his Heirs, *&c.* on his doing Fealty to him; and one of his Succeſſors wrote to *Pandulf* Biſhop of *Norwich*, to take this Cell into his Protection. *John* Earl *Warren*, confirmed the aforeſaid Charter, or Deed of his Anceſtor, in the 3 *Edward* II. And in the Year 1428, the Temporalities of it were valued at 35*s.* 7*d.* *ob: per Ann.*

On the Diſſolution it was granted to the *Mundefords* of *Feltwell*, and *Francis*, Son of *Osbert Mundeford*, Eſq; had Livery of it, in the 23d of *Elizabeth*: In 1600, *Edmund Mundeford* held it. After this we find it poſſeſſed by Captain *Smith* of *Croxton*, who conveyed it to *Edward-Saunders Seabright*, and Sir *Thomas Seabright*, Bart. dy'd poſſeſſed of it in 1736.

**PAUL**, Prior of this Cell.
**THOMAS**, Prior.
**THOMAS**, in the 3d of *Henry* V.
**STEPHEN**, in the 7th of *Henry* V.

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[*m*] In Archbiſhop Parker's Certificatorium, he occurs by the Name of Simon Andersby, Presbyter non Conjugatus, mediocriter Doctus, non reſidet, non Hoſpitalis, in Comitatu Eboracenſi, non Prædicat, nec Licentiatus, nullum aliud. In 1519, there was the Image of our Lady of Pity here, as appears from the Will of William Young. Regr. Giles, p. 195.

[*n*] Ped. Fin. Term. Mich. 29 H. 8. N. 207.

[*o*] A° 29 H. 8. Pat. 24.

[*p*] Mon. Ang. V. 1. p. 638. Regr. Caſtle-Acre fol. 7. 14.

[*q*] E. Rotulis Manerij de Methwold.

# NORTHWOLD

ADJOYNS to *Methwold*, and lies on the South-Side of the River *Wiſſey*, it is called *Wold* from it's Situation, in an open Champion-Country, and *North*, in reſpect of *Methwold*, and *Hockwold*. It was given by *Ethelwold*, Biſhop [r] of *Wincheſter*, in the Reign of King *Edgar*, to the Monaſtery of *Ely*, being Royal Demeans, and that Prelate is ſaid to have given to the King *Hertinge* in exchange, it was at that Time eſtimated at 12 Hides. At the General Survey, we find that the Powerfull Earl *Warren*, had deprived the Monaſtery of Part of this Town, and that there were then two Lordſhips here, one, belonging to the Church of *Ely*, another, to the Earl *Warren*.

## Bishop *of* Ely's MANOR.

That Lordſhip which St. *Adeldrede* (that is the Church of *Ely*, ſo called from St. *Audrey* the Foundreſs) held at the Time of the Survey, * is thus accounted for, 6 Carucates of Land, 16 Acres of Meadow, valued in the Confeſſor's Time, at 8 *l.* then at 9 *l.* the Town was one *Leuca* long, and half a one broad, and paid 30 *d. ob: Gelt.* In the Time of *Leoſſwine* the fifth Abbot of *Ely*, [s] when the Tenures and Services belonging to the Monaſtery were ſetled, this was enjoyn'd to furniſh the Houſe with Proviſions for two Weeks in every Year. This Part, or Manor, was held by the Abbots and Convent of *Ely*, 'till the Reign of King *Henry* I. when the Church being changed into a Biſhops See, 'twas ſettled on the Biſhop, and accordingly in the 24 of *H* III. [t] *Hugh* Biſhop of *Ely* was Lord, when a Fine was levied between him, and *Robert de Inſula*, of two Carucates of Land here, releaſed to the Biſhop and his Succeſſors, with all his Rights in all Lands, Fees, and Services, belonging to the Biſhops Demeans here, and in the Iſle of *Ely*, for which the Biſhop gave to *Robert* 400 Marks. In 3 *Edward* I. the Biſhop was found to [u] hold this Lordſhip, being a Moiety of the Town, in *Capite*, as Parcel of his Barony, and in the ſeventh Year of the ſaid King, there was an Extent of [x] it, when the Jurors ſav that the Biſhop had Liberty of holding all Pleas which the Sheriff might, with Writ, or without, a Gallows, Tumbrel, View of Frankpledge, Aſſize of Buſhels, Flagons, and other Meaſures, and the Advowſon of the Church; but the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* had two Parts of the Tithes of the Earl *Warren*'s Fee, called *New-Land*, which Sir *Thomas de Pavely*, and *Roger de Wylſham*, and their Parceners, held in Demean.

The Manor Lands were, 488 Acres of Arable, by the great Hundred, and the Perch of 16 Feet, at 4 *d.* per Acre, the Meadow 20 Acres, at 6 *d.* per Acre, but if any Field lay fallow, then the Feed of it was Common. The Heath called *Scorteling*, was Common to all the Manors of the Town, for feeding only; the Marſh called *South-Fen*, conſiſted of 1000 Acres, in which the whole *Soke* of the Town might feed, dig, *&c.* but the *Soke* of *Methwold*, could only feed there, as this Townſhip did in the Common of *Methwold*, with their Beaſts, *Horn*, *Underhorn*. The Jury find *William* Earl *Warren*, to have appropriated 40 Acres of this *South-Fen*, called *Thornham*, by his Power, and *Walter de Bedingham*, a Free-Man of this Town, had brought a Writ of *Novell Diſſezin* againſt the Earl, before Sir *Gilbert de Segrave*, *&c.* at *Cambridge*, but the Judgment on this Verdict was not yet given, being reſpited by a Day of Love with the Aſſent of the Judges, at the Inſtance of the Earl. There was another Marſh, called *North-Fen*, wherein the whole Town might dig, feed, common, *&c.* and a Common Paſture between the Town, and *Cranwiſe*, in which the Townſhip might feed only. The ſeveral Fiſheries of *Edred*'s, were held by Sir *Osbert de Helgey*; *Yxeheth*, and *Ruwere*, by *John de la How*; *Fulheth-Mere*, *Beche*, *Littlewere*, *Hith-*

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[r] Dug. Mon. Ang. V. 3. P. 93.

* Terra Sancte Adeldrede. Hund. de Grimeſhou. (fo. 186.) NORTHWALDE, tenet ſemper Sancta Adeldreda pro vi. Car: terre. ſemper viii. Villi: xix. Bor. iiii. Serv. tunc iii. Car: in Dominio m°. iiii. tunc v. Car. hom. m°. iii. xvi Acr. prati. ii. Mol: ii Piſcin: ii. Runc. xi. Animal. cxxx. Oves, tunc xxi Porc. m°. xxii. tunc valuit viii. Lib. m°. ix. hic jacebant T. R. E. iii. Soc. cum omni Conſuetudine, & iiii. Liberi homines. Soca & Commendatio tantum. Totum tenet Will: de Warenna. habet i. Leug: in Longo, & dim: in Lato, & xiii. & ob: de Gelto. Aij Ibi Tenent.

[s] Mon. Ang. V. 1. P. 608. Stephens Addit. to Mon. Angl. V. 1. P. 394. [t] Fin. Lig. 4. [u] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Rec. Scacarij. [x] Regr. Ely in Biblioth. Cotton. Claudius. C. 11. fol. 258.

*were*, and *Tappys*, wherein none but the Biſhop was to fiſh. The Stock was 15 Cows and a Free Bull, 20 Hogs and a Free Boar, 500 Sheep, by the great Hundred, beſides thoſe of the Cuſtomary Tenants, which were to be in the Lord's Fold. *Henry*, Son of *William de Inſula*, held 140 Acres, paying only 10*s*. *per Ann.* and had a Fold; *John de la How*, held 140 Acres at the ſame Rent, and had a Fold; the reſt of the Free-Holders, and Copy-Holders, with their Rents, Services, *&c.* are particularly ſpecifyed, and are for the moſt Part, the ſame with thoſe, mentioned in the Biſhop's Manor of *Feltwell*.

In an Account of *Edmund Pierpoint*, Receiver General of the Revenues of the See of *Ely*, about the Reign of Queen *Mary*, the reſerved Rent of this Manor, amounted to 22 *l.* 10*s.* 11 *d. ob.* it continued in the See, 'till Queen *Elizabeth* in the beginning of her Reign, had it ſetled by Act of Parliament on the [*y*] Crown, by Way of Exchange, and 'twas held of the Crown by the Payment of 22 *l. per Ann.* ſince which Time it has gone through ſeveral Hands, *viz. Pierce*, *Croft*, *&c.* and was ſold by Sir *Philip Skippon*, and *Ann* his Wife, Sir *Robert Hatton*, and *Cecily* his Wife, to *Thomas Holder*, Eſq; in 35 *Charles* II. who by *Bridget*, Daughter of *Richard Graves*, of *Mickleton* in *Glouceſterſhire*, Eſq; Bencher and Reader of *Lincoln*'s-*Inn*, had one Daughter and Heir, *Elizabeth*, married to *Henry Partridge*, Eſq; late of *Bukenham-Houſe*, Lord of this Manor, whoſe Son

Henry Partridge, Eſq; by his ſecond Wife, Daughter of Mr. *Wright* of *London*, is the preſent Lord.

The above-mentioned Fee-Farm Rent, of 22 *l. per Ann.* out of this Manor, payable to the Crown, was granted to Sir *John Mordaunt*, and on his Foundation of this Hoſpital, on *Blackheath*, he ſetled it on that Houſe.

## Dageney's MANOR.

At the General Survey, § we find the Earl *Warren* poſſeſſed of a Manor or Moiety of this Town, which in the Confeſſor's Time, was held by the Church of *Ely*, and is thus accounted for, five Carucates of Land, held by 34 Socmen of St. *Adelrede*, in the Reign of King *Edward*, then valued at 60*s.* now at 5 *l. per Ann.*

This Part, the aforeſaid Earl beſtowed on his Dependents, to be held of him by Knight's Service, amongſt which was the Family of *De Pavili*, or *Pavilleys*, who were antient Lords of this Manor, and in the Reign of King *Henry* I. *Ralph de Pavili*, gave the Tithes of [*z*] all his Land in this Town, to the Abby of *Caſtle-Acre*, founded by the Earl *Warren*. In the firſt Year of King *John*, [*a*] *Ralph de Beauchamp*, had a Grant of the Cuſtody of the Heir of *Reginald de Pavely*, with all the Land he held in Fee, the Day he began his Journey to *Jeruſalem*, in which Journey he died; and on the 19 of *July*, in 27 *Henry* III. the King granted to *Roger de Pavilly*, the Land which *Reginald* his Brother held in this Town, and the Sheriff had Orders to deliver it, and in the 34th of the ſaid King, the aforeſaid *Roger*, had a Grant of the Lands of *Thomas de Pavilly* his Brother, in this Town, valued at x *l. per Ann.*

After this in the 3d *Edward* I. *Roger Dakeney*, or *De-Akeney*, [*b*] was found to hold a fourth Part of this Town of the Earl *Warren*, being infeoffed (as 'tis ſaid by that Earl) ſome Time before the Inquiſition then taken; from this *Roger Dakeney*, the Manor aſſumed it's Name, and was as I have obſerved, the ſame Part and Lordſhip, that was held before by the *Pavillys*; and on 1 *Edward* II. a Fine was levied between *Robert de Akeney*, and *Agnes* his Wife, of 37 Meſſuages, 546 Acres of Land, [*c*] and 40*s.* Rent in this Town, granted to *Thomas*, *&c.* for their Lives, who occurs Lord in the 9th Year of the ſaid King, this was (as I take it) that Sir *Thomas Dakeney*, who ſerved King *Edward* I. in his Wars againſt the *Scots*, and is on the Roll among other *Norfolk* Knights, that lived in that King's Reign, and bore *Arg.* a Croſs between 4 Lioncels *Gul.* which Arms are ſtill to be ſeen in one of the Chancel Windows of *Northwold* Church. In the 19th of the ſaid King, a Fine was levyed [*d*] between *John de Hotham*, Biſhop of *Ely*, and *Roger*, Son of *Robert Dakeney*, of this Manor, 21 Meſſuages, *&c.* and 4 *l.* Rent. which *Agnes*, Widow of *Thomas Dakeney* held for Life, conveyed to the Biſhop for 200 Marks, who gave it to the Prior and

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[*y*] See in Stanford for this Exchange, &c.

§ Terre Willi: de Warrenna, Hund. de GRIMESHOU. (Domeſd. fol. 87.)

NORHWALDE xxxiiii. Soc. Sanĉte Adeldrede. v. Car: terre ſemper vii. Car: & viii. Acr. prati. Tunc valuit lx. Sol. m° C. Sanĉta Adeldreda Soc. & Commend: & omnem Conſuetudinem, de illis xxx tantum. Et iiii. Erant Liberi. Soca & Commendatio Sanĉte Adeldrede.

[z] Mon Ang. Vol. 1. p. 625. [*a*] Cart. 1 Joh. m. 53. Rot. Vaſcon. Claus. 27 Hen. 3. Pat. 2. m. 3. Plita: Coron. 34 Hen. 3. R. 5. [*b*] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Rec. Scacarij. [c] Fin 1 E. 2. L. 6. N. 3. Nom. Villar. (*d*) Fin. 19. Ed. 2. L. 6. N. 106.

Convent of *Ely*, and by them it was exchanged with *Thomas de Chepham*, for the Manor of *Overhall* and *Neitherhall* at *Littlebury* in *Eſſex*; but in the 14th of King *Edward* III. *Rich. de Walpole*, and *Martin de Mendham*, Chaplains, held it by half a Knight's [e] Fee, of Sir *John de Norwich*, as belonging to the Manor of *Sculthorp* in *Norfolk*, and by Deed dated at *Sculthorp*, on *Monday* next after the Feaſt of St. *Hillary*, in the ſaid Year, they granted to Sir *John* and his Heirs, the Yearly Rent of 2 lb. of Pepper, out of this Manor. Witneſſes, Sir *Conſtant. de Mortimer*, Sir *William de Kerdeſton*, Sir *Adam de Clifton*, Sir *Roger de Norwich*, *John de Thorpland*, *Symon de Reynham*, *Richard de Holdyke*, *John de Brightwalton*, &c. and in the 20th of the ſaid King, one Quarter of a Knight's Fee here, was held of the [f] ſaid Sir *John*, who held it (as 'tis ſaid) of the King, by *John de Weſenham*; but in the 5th Year of *Richard* II. *William* Earl of *Suffolk*, Son of [g] *Margaret*, Siſter and Heir of Sir *Thomas de Norwich*, was found to be the Capital Lord. In the third Year of the following King, *Tho. Monchenſy*, and *Katherine* his Wife held the ſame of Sir *Robert Knolls* (the famous Warrior) and he of the King as Duke of *Lancaſter*, having purchaſed this and the Manor of *Havill*'s in this Town, moſt probably of *John de Weſenham*, who was Lord of both; from *Monchenſy* it paſſed with that of *Hovills* to the *Talboths*, and were ſetled on *Tho. Talboth*, and *Joan* his Wife in Tail, by Fine in 19 *H.* VI. by *William Spoon*, and *Thomas Clerk* their Truſtees; this *Thomas Talbothe* died Lord, 14 *Sept.* 1474, and lies buried with his Wife, in the Church of *Northwold*. The next Account I meet with of this Manor, is in 13 *H.* VII. [h] when a Fine was levied between *James Hobart*, &c. Querents, and *John Michell* Senior, and *John Michell* Junior, &c. Deforciants of the Manors of *Hovell*'s and *Dageneys* in *Northwold*, and *Walter Hobart*, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir *James Hobart*, on the 24 *Aug.* in 9 *H.* VIII. ſetled them on *Robert Ratcliff* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and others, to the Uſe of himſelf and *Ann* his Wife (Siſter of the ſaid Lord) and their Heirs Male, but in 31 [i] *H.* VIII. *Walter Hobart*, then a Knight, with his Wife, conveyed them by Fine to *John Pall.*

After this, they were poſſeſſed by Mr. *Adamſon*, who in 1704, ſold them to *Tho. Holder*, Eſq; whoſe Widow is the preſent Lady of the aforeſaid Manors.

## Havell's *or* Hovil's MANOR.

Another Part of the Earl *Warren*'s Fee or Moiety of this Town, was given by that Earl to the *Plaiz*'s, of whom we have ſpoken at large in *Weting*, and in 12 *H.* III *Hugh de Plaiz*, granted to *Ralph de Dunton*, [k] the fourth Part of a Knights Fee here, to be held of him, and in 13 *Edw.* I. a Fine was paſſed between *John le Botiler*, Querent, [l] *Tho. Woolmer*, and *Alice* his Wife, Impedients of 12 Meſſuages, 194 Acres of Land, and ſeveral other Parcels of Land, and 4*l.* Rent, ſold to *John*, and in the 31 of the ſaid King, he was found to hold half a Fee of Sir *Giles de Plays*. But in 9 *E.* II. [m] *William de Haville* (from whom this Lordſhip had it's Name) was Lord, and in 24 *E.* III. a Fine was levied between *John de Weſenham*, the aforeſaid *William*, and *Margaret* his Wife, of this Manor conveyed to *John*, who in the 35*th* of the ſaid King, was found to die ſeized of the ſame. After this, it was held by *Tho. Monchenſy*, and paſſed from him to *Talbothe*, &c. as is obſerved in the Manor of *Dageney*'s, to which it was then united, and Mrs. *Holder*, is the preſent Lady.

The Scite of this Manor is now to be ſeen in a Paſture-Cloſe, at the South-Eaſt End of the Town.

In the Town of *Northwold* is a Fair, kept Yearly on St. *Andrews* Day, to which Saint the Church is dedicated.

*Hugh de Norwold*, Biſhop of *Ely*, in the Reign of King *Henry* III. and *John de Norwold*, Abbot of *Bury*, in 1280, who wrote the Annals of this Kingdom, and the Diſpute between *Robert Groſthead* Biſhop of *Lincoln*, and Pope *Innocent* IV. were Natives of this Place.

The Prior of *Weſt-Acre*, was taxed in 1428, for his Temporalities here at 12*d.*

The Prior and Convent of *Shouldham*, for their Temporalities in Land and a Fiſhery, at 13*s.* 4*d.*

The Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* for his Temporalities, 30*s.*

The Tenths of the Town, were 12*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and has it's Nave, North and South Iſles, with a Chancel, all built with Flint Stones, Boulder, &c. covered with Lead, at the Weſt End of the Nave, is a very large and lofty four-ſquare Tower, of the aforeſaid Materi-

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(e) Regr. Coll. Metingham, fol. 35. 88.

(f) Inquiſit. 20 Ed. 3.

(g) Eſch. N. 27.

(h) Fin. 13 Hen. 7. Trin. 13 N. 17.

(i) Ped. Fin. Term. Paſch. 31 Hen. 8. N. 17.

(k) Fin. 12 Hen. 3. L. 2. N. 4.

(l) Fin. 14 Ed. 1. L. 3. N. 110. Eſch. 31 Edw. 1.

(m) Nomina Villar. Fin. Norff. 24 Ed. 3. Lib. 4. N. 100. Eſch. 35 Ed. 3. 2 Part.

als, with Quoins and Embattlements of Free-Stone, and 8 Pinnacles of Stone carved; in this Tower hang 5 Bells, and here is a Clock, with a Dial on the South-Side fronting the Street, this neat and ſtrong Tower, was build in the Reign of King *Edw.* IV. as appears from the Will of *John Miller* of *Weting*, dated in 1573, [*n*] wherein he bequeaths 20*s*. towards the building of it.

The Church is about 65 Feet in length, and about 55 in breadth, including the Iſles, near the Font lies a large Marble Graveſtone, and thereon the Pourtraiture of a Man in Braſs, but that of his Wife is reav'd, and on a Plate of Braſs, this,

Orate pro Anima Johannis Perſe, qui obiit xii° die Menſis Novemb. A° Dni: M.ccccv. et pro Anima Katharine Uxoris eius quornm Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.

This Gentleman gave by Will in 1501, a Meſſuage with 61 Acres of Land to this Town, for charitable Uſes, which they enjoy [*o*] at this Day.

About the Middle of the Nave, on a Graveſtone, is the Portraiture of a Woman, that of the Man being reav'd, and on a Plate,

Orate pro Animabus Roberti Dameyt et Alice Uxoris ſue, qui quidem Robertus obiit ſecundo die Menſis Aprilis A° Dni: Millimo cccc° Viceſimo Quinto, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.

On a ſmall Plate of Braſs on one Side of this Stone, are the Portraitures of 3 Daughters, that with the Sons on the other is reav'd, and inſtead thereof, a Fragment of ſome old Epitaph, thus inſcribed,

Margaret. : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : have Mercy. is now fixed thereon.

At the Upper End of this Nave in the Croſs Iſle, lies a Marble Graveſtone, once ornamented with a Cup of Braſs, and having a Plate thus inſcribed,

Praye for the Sowle of Syr John Dawſon, the whech deceſyd the xxviii. Day of February in the Yere of our Lord M.cccccxxxi, an whoſe Sowle Jeſu: have Mercy.

Some few Years paſt, juſt as you enter the Chancel, there lay a Grey Marble, with a Plate thus inſcribed,

Orate pro Animabus Thome Talbothe qui obiit xiiii° Die Septemb. An° Dni: M.cccclxxiv. et Johanne Uxoris eius, Quorum Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.

This Graveſtone in Memory of the antient Lord of *Dageneys* and *Haviles*, is now removed and loſt; and in it's Place lies one with this Inſcription,

Here lyeth the Body of RICHARD CARTER, Gent. who dy'd 10 July, 1723, aged 75 Years.

At the Weſt-End of this Nave is a large Gallery for the Singers, and on the Head of two old Seats under it, a Shield with a Sword and a Mace in Saltire, in Alluſion to St. *Andrew*; here are alſo ſeveral Leather Buckets and a Fire Engine, dated 1717, the Gift of *Henry Partridge*, Eſq; of *Buckenham-Houſe*.

The Roof of this Nave is of Oak, painted and gilt with Gold, and ornamented with the Letter *A.* and a Crown over it, in Honour of St. *Andrew*, and with many ſpread Eagles *Sab.* St. GEORGE's Arms.

FORDHAM, *Sab.* a Chev'ron between 3 Croſſes Fluree *Or.* The Arms of *Fordham*, Biſhop of *Ely*, in the Reign of King *Richard* II. in his Time 'tis probable this preſent Church was built, and above theſe Arms (at ſome diſtance) a Mitre may be obſerved.

ELY See, *Gul.* 3 Ducal Crowns *Or.* St. EDMUND, or the EAST-ANGLES, *Az.* 3 Ducal Crowns *Or.*

*Hugh de Norwold* Biſhop of *Ely*, bore alſo the two laſt Arms, *Gul.* a Saltyr Raguly, *Arg.* in Alluſion as I take it, to the Saint of the Church, and one more which is now obſcure.

Over the Arch of the loweſt Window, on the South-Side in Stone-Work, is this Inſcription, Pray for the Sowle of John Stalyng.

At the Eaſt End of the South Iſle, is an Aſcent of two Steps, and here are remaining two Pedeſtals, for Statues, on a Deſk here, are the three Volumes of *The Martyrs*, by *John Fox*, the Gift of *Henry Partridge*, Eſq;

About the Middle of the Iſle, in the Wall near the Foundation, in a large Stone-Coffin, lies immur'd the Founder of this Part or Iſle, probably *John Stalyng* aforeſaid; and near this is a Mural Monument of Stone, in Memory of *Ann*, Daughter and Heireſs of *John Hopkin*, of *Ely* Gent. and Wife of *Tho. Gordon*, Gent. who died 23 *Feb.* 1732, aged 22.

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(*n*) Regiſter Paynot, Norw.

(*o*) Town Cheſt Writings.

On the Eaſt-Window of the North Iſle, was the Hiſtory of the Salutation painted, Ave Maria Gratia plena, being now to be ſeen in a Label.

The Chancel is divided from the Nave by a Wooden Screen, on which were painted ſeveral Saints: This Pile appears from the Workmanſhip to be more antique than the Nave.

On the Head of an Oaken Stall in the Chancel is this Shield carved, *Az.* a Saltire *Gul.* between a Mullet in Chief, pierced *Or*, and 3 Doves (as they ſeem) *Arg.* the greateſt Part of the ſame Arms is now remaining in the Hall of the Rectory-Houſe, and was ſome Years paſt to be ſeen in the Parlour Windows, and near to it was painted the Effigies of ſome Rector, ſitting alone (as great as *Epicurus* himſelf) at a Table well furniſhed with Meat and Drink, and this Motto, Gaudere et Epulari opportet.

On the Head of an oppoſite Stall, are the Arms of St. GEORGE.

*On the Pavement near the North-Wall, lies a Marble Stone, having*

HOLDER's Arms, *Sab.* a Chev'ron between 3 Anchors, *Arg.* impaling GREAVES, *Gul.* a ſpread Eagle Or, crowned *Arg.*

Here lyeth the Body of THO. HOLDER, who died the 24th of February, 1713, aged 74.

*In the middle of the Pavement is a Marble Graveſtone, and on it a Plate of Braſs, on which*

SCOT per Pale, indented *Arg.* & *Sab.* a Saltire counterchanged, impaling On a Bend, 3 Leopards Faces.

Carmen THOMÆ SCOTI filij quondam Rectoris hujus Eccleſiæ, et a Sacris Domeſticis Regi *JACOBO*, ſub eodem marmore, una cum Matre Sepulti, ab eodem dum in vivis eſſet compoſitum, Sepulchro ſuo inſcribendum, obt. 12° die Novemb. An: Incarnationis Chriſti 1616, Æt: ſuæ 68.

Quem vivens Matri Lapidem feci eſſe Sepulchrum,
Me quoque defunctum contegit iſte Lapis.
Ut Quæ, me vivum concepit Corpore viva,
In ſua me rurſus viſcera concipiat.

*Engliſhed thus, by* Tho. Scot *his Eldeſt Son.*

This Stone which living, on my Mother, I
Caus'd to be laid, now dead, on me doth lye.
So ſhe that quick conceiv'd me in her Womb,
Receives me dead, and now becomes my Tomb.

The Communion Table is rail'd in, and has an Aſcent to it of three Steps, on the Pavement here, is a Marble Stone with this Epitaph.

*M. S.* DEBORÆ NOVELL cujus Exuviæ ſubter Marmor hoc deponuntur, Uxoris Johan: Novell, *S.T.P.* Ille ex Agro Surrienſi ortus, bonis Literis Cantabrigiæ enutritus, *D.D.* Wrenij [Epiſcopi Elienſis] a Sacris, Eccleſiæ hujus quondam Rector, ſub Tyrannide Cromwellij Pſeudo-Protectoris plura graviaque ſuſtulit, tandem vero cum aurâ Benigniori frui licitum eſſet, vitâ orbatus eſt, Maij enim die primo, Anno Æræ Chriſtianæ 1661, fatis ceſſit, et hic juxta poſitus eſt. Illa Annos 19 viro defuncto ſuperſtes fuit, Liberos peperit 11, Quorum pars major Morti ſuccubuerunt, et circumcirca inhumantur. Conjugi fuit fida, proximis amica, vidua vere caſta, familiæ decus, Matronis exemplar, ſed heu! Extremum clauſit diem An: ſalutis hamanæ, 1679.

Adjoining to this, lies a Stone in Memory of *William Novell*, Son to Dr. *Novell*, who died 18 *July* 1654.

Againſt the Eaſt-End of the North Wall of the Chancel, is a large and lofty Pile, of Clunch or Chalk-Stone, the upper Part is of curious wrought Spire-Work, with arch'd Canopies, adorned with many Nitches, and in them little Pedeſtals for Images, on the Body or lower Part, are the Effigies of three Men in Armour, and three Trees, a Tree between each Man, all in a declining falling Poſture; this is as I conceive, what was before the Reformation called, *The Sepulchre of our Lord*, the Poſture of the Men, alluding to what the Scripture obſerves of the Guard or Keepers of the Sepulchre: *And for fear of him the Keepers did ſhake and became as dead Men, and the Earth did quake and the Rocks rent, &c.* Theſe Sepulchres were erected always (as I take it) on the North-Side of the Chancel near to the Altar, thus *Thomas Fienes* Lord [p] *Dacres*, by his Will bearing Date 1 *Sep.* 1531, bequeathed his Body to be buried in the Pariſh Church of *Herſt-Monceaux* in *Eſſex*, on the North-Side of the High-Altar, appointing that a Tomb ſhould be made, for placing there the Sepulchre of our Lord, and Sir *Henry Colet*, Wills [q] to be buried at *Stepney*, at the *Sepulchre*, before Seynt *Dunſtan*; and his Monument is to be ſeen at this Day on the North-Side of the Chancel, of the ſaid Church. Great Wax Lights were generally burning here, *John Wethamſtede*, Abbot of St. *Albans*, appointed 12 Wax Lights [r] to burn about the Sepulchre of our Lord, and gave Money for them for ever, and great Pomp and Pageantry was uſed here on High-Feſtivals, on the Day of the Reſurrection, or *Eaſter-Day*, the Crucifix and the Pix were taken out of this Place, where they were depoſited in a ſolemn Manner on *Good-Friday*, by the Prieſt, on the ſaying *Surrexit, non eſt hic.*

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[p] Dug. Bar. Vol. 2. p. 244.

Againſt the South-Wall is a painted Board, ornamented with an Urn, and two Cupids above, below, with a Book and two Death's Heads, on each Side are Foliages, Feſtoons, &c. thus inſcribed.

> On this South-Side of the Chancel, lies the Body of ROBERT BURHILL, *D. D.* Rector of this Church, and Reſidentiary of Hereford, who by his learned Works, writ in Latin againſt the Champions of the Romiſh Church, did great Service to the Proteſtant Cauſe in general, as well as to the Church of England in particular. He was moſt intimate with the Famous Sir WALTER RALEIGH, and aſſiſted him in the Critical Part of his *Hiſtory of the World*. Was alſo a good Antiquary and Poet, as well as a great Divine, which appears from ſeveral MSS. of his, now in Oxford; in this Place he took Sanctuary at the breaking out of the Troubles in Oct. 1641, to revive the Memory of ſo worthy and learned a Man, SAMUEL KNIGHT *D. D.* Prebendary of Ely, erected this Table An. Dni. 1727.

In the loweſt Window of the Chancel on the South-Side, is Woodhouses's Arms, *Sab.* a Chev. *Or*, Gutté de Sang, between 3 Cinquefoils *Erm.* and in the upper Window on the North-Side.

Dakeney, *Arg.* a Croſs between 4 Lyons Rampant *Gul.* Beſides theſe, there were formerly,

[s] France and England Quarterly.

[t] Knowls, ſideth a Feſs Dancy between 3 Leopards Heads *Sab.*

[u] Talbot, *Arg.* a Croſs between 4 Lyons Ramp. *Gul.*

Curche, *Az.* a Lyon Ramp Siniſter *Arg.* [x] *Gul.* 3 Keys *Or.* The Arms of the Priory, and of the Deanery of *Ely*.

Ralph de Pavely who held Part of this Town of *William* Earl *Warren*, gave in the Reign of King *Henry* I. the Tithes of his Land here, to the Priory of *Caſtle-Acre*; Tithe being in that Age, in the Gift of any Lord or Owner, ſo that it was aſſigned or given to any Church or Religious [y] Houſe, and *Walcheline*, Son of *Lambert de Roſei*, who held alſo Lands here of the aforeſaid Earl, gave alſo the Tithes of his Land to the aforeſaid Priory, and in the Year 1277, when an Inquiſition was taken, the Patronage of the Church was found to be in the Biſhop of *Ely*, but the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* held two Parts of the Tithes of the Lands which were of the Fee of the Earl *Warren*. To avoid therefore Diſputes and Troubles on this Account, there was an antient Compoſition between the Priors &c. of *Caſtle-Acre*, and the Rectors of the Church, who on the Payment of 30 s. *per Ann.* to the aforeſaid Priors, had the Right and Portion of Tithes above-mentioned, and accordingly we find that in 1428, as I have obſerved before, the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* was taxed at 30 s. for the ſame. On the Diſſolution of that Priory, it came to the Crown, and from thence to the Duke of *Norfolk*, and ſince that, has paſſed as a Lay-Fee thro' ſeveral Hands, and the Rev. Mr. *Pile* of *Lyn*, is the preſent Owner.

## RECTORS.

[z] Mr. *Walter de Stow* occurs Rector about 1290, the Rector then had a Houſe and a Carucate of Land, was valued at 41 Marks, and paid 3 s. *Peter-Pence.*

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[q] Dr. Knight's Life of Dean Colet, P. 7. and Miſſcellan. P. 462.

[r] Tho. Otterbourne, V. 1. P. 114. append. by Mr. Hearne.

[s] MSS. J. Anſtis, Eſq; Garter mark'd E. 26. fol. 11.

[t] Sir Robert Knolles or Knowls, the great Warriour in the Reigns of Ed. 3. and Rich. 2. bore Gul. on a Chev'ron Arg. three Roſes of the firſt, ſideth, that is impales, Quære his Wifes Name, Beverly, Weſt, Poulton, &c. bear a Feſs Dauncy, &c.

[u] This as I have obſerved, is rather the Shield of Dakeny.

[x] Collect. Le-Neve, Norroy.

[y] Of this Practice and Cuſtom, ſee Kennet's Parochial Antiquities, P. 79.

(z) MSS. Membran, penes Car. Parkin Rect. de Oxburgh.

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| 1314, 17 *Febr.* | Mr. *Ralph de Pyltone.* Preſented by the Biſhop of Ely; he was buried in the Chancel, part of his Graveſtone is ſtill to be ſeen, and this Inſcription, :::::: **Anima Radulphi de P** :::: | |
| 1336, | *Bernard de Sautre*, Prieſt. | |
| | *John Glatton*, by his Will dated on *Sunday* after the Feaſt of St. *Andrew*, 1397, [*a*] deſires to be buried near the Marble Stone of Mr. *Ralph de Pilton*, and gives a Silver Cup to the Altar of St. *Etheldred* in this Church. | |
| 1397, 31 *Decem.* | *John Sandon*, on the Death of *Glatton*. | BISHOP of ELY. |
| 1398, 1 *Auguſt*, | *Robert de Wetheringſette*, on the Reſignation of *Sandon*. | |
| 1412, 25 *March*, | *Stephen Noble*, on the Reſignation of *Wetheringſette*; he had been Rector of *Watlington*, and was alſo Rector of *Cranwich* in *Norfolk*. | |
| 1421, 17 *Sept.* | *John Drew*, he was Rector of *Tharfield* in *Hertfordſhire*, and exchanged with *Noble*; by his Will [*b*] he deſires to be buried in the Church of St. *Lawrence* of *Harpley* in *Norfolk*, of (which Church he was alſo Rector) between two Pillars near the Pulpit. | |
| 1435, 17 *April*, | *Tho. Belton*, on the Death of *Drew*; he Wills to be buried in the Chancel of *Northwold*, and gives [*c*] a Silver Cup to the Altar of St. *John Baptiſt* in that Church. | |
| 1442, | *Thomas Lane.* | |
| 1465, 13 *Jan.* | *John Downham*, on the Reſignation of *Lane*. | |
| 1494, 20 *April*, | *Richard Hooke*, on the Reſignation of *Downham*, who had a Penſion aſſigned him out of this Rectory, of 20*l. per Ann.* for 4 Years, to be paid by *Hooke*. | |
| | Maſter *Rich. Aldey*; he was alſo Maſter of *Thompſon* College in *Norfolk*. | |
| 1519, 26 *May*, | *Miles Ragon*, on the Death of *Aldey*. | |
| | *Robert Cliff*; he was Rector of *Outwell*, LL.D. and Warden of *Mancheſter* College. | |
| 1538, 20 *July*, | *John Clark*, on the Death of *Cliff*. | |
| | *Leonard Hutchenſon.* | |
| 1554, 10 *Dec.* | *Tho. Barnard*, A.M. on the Death of *Hutchenſon*. | |
| 1556, 16 *Dec.* | *Henry Thorneton*, on the Reſignation of *Barnard*. | |
| | *Thomas Thackham*, he occurs in 1561. | |
| 1563, 11 *Dec.* | *Tho. Scot*, Senior, A.M. | |
| 1576, 15 *May*, | *Tho. Scot*, Junior, A.M. on the Reſignation of *Tho. Scot*, Senior; he was alſo Rector of *Oxburgh*. | |
| 1616, 6 *Dec.* | *Daniel Wigmore*, S.T.B. on the Death of the laſt Rector, he was Rector of *Snailwell*, Archdeacon of *Ely*, and dy'd in 1644, having reſigned this Church. | |
| 1622, 1 *May*, | *Robert Burhill*, S.T.B. in 1612, he [*d*] was Rector of *Snailwell*. | |
| 1641, | *John Novell*, S.T.B. on the Death of *Burhill*; he was Fellow of *Pembroke-Hall* in *Cambridge*, had been Rector of *Topcroft* in *Norfolk*, and Vicar of *Walton cum Felixſtow* in *Suffolk*. | |
| 1661, 15 *June*, | *Thomas Wrenn*, M.D. and S.T.B. He was Son to *Matthew Wrenn*, Biſhop of *Ely*, educated in *Cambridge*, and created Dr. of Phyſick at *Oxford* 2 *Aug.* 1653, by the Chancellor's [*e*] Letters, Rector of *Littlebury* in 1660, and of *Willingham* in *Cambridgeſhire*, on his Reſignation of this Church. | |
| 1662, | *William Holder*, S.T.P. Fellow of *Pembroke-Hall* in *Cambridge*, Rector of *Blechyndon* in *Oxfordſhire*, and afterwards of *Tharfield* in *Hertfordſhire*, Canon of *Ely* and St. *Pauls*, Sub-Deacon of the King's Chap- | |

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[*a*] Regr. Harſick, p. 238. [*b*] Regr. Hurning, p. 250. Vol. 2. p. 10, &c. (*e*) Ath. Oxon. p. 133.

(c) Regr. Doke, p. 159. (*d*) See of him in Athen. Oxon.

pel, and Sub-Almoner. [*f*] He is buried in a Vault under St. *Pauls*, *London*.

1687, 7 *June*, *Francis Roper*, S. T. B. on the Ceſſion of *Holder*. He was Fellow of St. *John*'s College in *Cambridge*, and reſigned this Rectory ſoon after the Acceſſion of K. *William* III.

1691, 9 *May*, *Thomas Armſtrong*, Rector alſo of *Beccles* in *Suffolk*. The KING.

1714, 19 *Octob.* The Rev. *John Clark*, A. M. the preſent Rector, afterwards Prebendary of *Canterbnry*, D. D. and Dean of *Salisbury*. The KING, the See being void; the Biſhop of *Ely* is now Patron.

This is a Rectory valued in the King's-Books at 29*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* *ob:* and pays Firſt Fruits 26*l.* 16*s.* 3*q.* Tenths 59*s.* 5*d.* 3*q.*

In 1277, *Andrew de Ripa* held (*g*) a Water-Mill here, with the Suit belonging to the ſame, and 48 Acres of Land, with a Toft and it's Appurtenances, late *Osbert de Ripa*'s, alſo 24 Acres and 3 Tofts, with a Meſſuage, late *Walter*'s Father of the ſaid *Andrew*, paying 30*s.* Yearly for all Services, which were aſſigned towards the Maintenance of a Chaplain in the Church of *Northwold* for ever, by the Charter or Deed of *Hugh*, Biſhop of *Ely*, and this Chaplain was found by the Rector, and called the *Chantry Chaplain*.

In this Church there were the Gilds of the *Holy-Trinity*, and of St. *John* Baptiſt, as appears from the Will of *Sparhewe*, (*h*) Widow in 1489, who deſires to be buried by her Husband in the Porch of the Church of St. *Andrew*, and leaves Legacies to thoſe *Gilds*.

*Robert Harwood* by his Will (*i*) dated 18 *May* 1517, deſires to be buried before the Altar of our Lady in the Church, gives 12 Milch-Kyne to *Trinity-Gyld*, ſix of them to be lett for 5*s.* by the Yere, of which, 5*s.* 5*d.* to be paid evermore Yerely upon *Good-Fryday*, to five poor Perſons of the Town of *Northwold*, and 3*s.* 11*d.* of the ſame 5*s.* to be paid and diſtributed for a ſolemn *Dirige*, to be kept for him and his Friends evermore Yerely upon *Trinity-Monday*, and 8*d.* given to the Ringers the ſame Day, and the other 6 Kyne to be lett at the Price aforeſaid, to the Profit of the ſame Gyld.

*Richard Powle*, Vicar of *Fouldon* in 1479, (*k*) gave about 40 Acres of Land, &c. in this Town, to the Townſhip, to repair the Church, &c. which they at this Day enjoy. In 1503, *Robert Blake*, Pariſh Prieſt of *Oxboro*, gave all his Lands in *Northwold*, to repair that Church for ever.

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(f) Ath. Ox: p. 139. [g] Regr. Ely, ut ſupra. (*i*) Regr. Giles, p. 21. (k) Writings in the Town-Cheſt.

(*h*) Regr. Typps, & Regr. Surflete, p. 141.

## WITTINGTON *HAMLET*,

ABOUT three Miles Weſt of the Town, and near *Stoke-Ferry*, is the Hamlet of *Wittington*, belonging to this Townſhip. In 15 *James* I. *Char. Croft* Eſq; was found to have died poſſeſſed of a Free Tenement [*l*] and Lands here, called *Hulliars*, held of the Manor of *Northwold* in Free-Soccage, and the Rent of 9*s.* 11*d.* *per Ann.*

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[*l*] Eſcheat 15 James, Pat. 1. N° 78.

## *CRANWICH*,

LIES Eaſt of *Northwold*, on the South Side of the River *Wiſſey*, and derives it's Name from the *Saxon* Word Caꞃne (*Angulus*) a Turn, Nook, or Corner, and ƿic, a Bay, Port, or Landing-Place, or from Caꞃne, and the River *Wiſſey*, being wrote in *Domeſday*, CRANEWISSE.

* In the Reign of *Edward* the Confeſſor, there were two Lordſhips, one was held by a Freeman of *Harold* (afterwards King) who had two Carucates in Demean, and 4 Acres

of Meadow, *&c.* the right of half a Mill, and half a Fiſhery, and was valued at 60*s. per Ann.*

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* Terre Willi: de Warrenna. Hund. de GRIMESHOU. CRANEWISSE, i. lib. hom: Heroldi ſemper ii. Car. in dnio: & x. Vill: & v. bor. & iii. Ser. & iiii. Acr. prati, tunc & poſt. iiii. Car: & dim. hom: m° iii. dim. Mol. & dim. Piſc. Silva x. Porc. ſemper iiii. Runc. tunc. vii. An: ſemper xiii. Porc. tunc C. Oves, m° cxx. & vii. Vaſ. apum & Val. lx.s.

* The other Moiety or Lordſhip was held by a Free-Man of St. *Audrey*, who had two Carucates in Demean, 4 Acres of Meadow, *&c.* the Right of half a Mill and half a Fiſhery, and was valued at 60*s. per Ann.*

The whole contained ſeven Furlongs in length, and four in breadth, and paid 9*d. ob: Gelt*, when the Hundred was aſſeſſed at 20*s.* It [*m*] belonged to the Caſtle of *Lewes*.

On the Conqueſt, theſe Lordſhips were given to the Earl *Warren* by the Conqueror, and ſo being united, became one Manor.

In the Reign of King *Henry* I. *Peter de Cranwich* was Lord and held it of the Earl *Warren*, this *Peter*, [*n*] gave to the Convent of *Caſtle-Acre*, founded by the Earl *Warren*, Part of a Wood, 2*s. per Ann.* in Tithes, two *Solidates* and an Half of Land, and a Thouſand Eels, *per Ann.*

Soon after this, the

CAILLYS or CAYLEYS were Lords, *John de Cally*, [*o*] occurs Lord in the 4*th* of King *John*, and his Father (as appears from a Tryal then) was Lord before him. In the Reign of *Henry* III. [*p*] *Adam de Cayly*, held here one Knight's Fee of the Earl *Warren*, and in the 12th of that King, purchaſed of *William de Butery*, 40*s.* Rent, iſſuing out of a Mill, Lands, *&c.* here, for 16 Marks of Silver.

[*q*] In 3 *E.*I. Sir *Osbert de Cayly* was Lord, and claimed the Aſſize of Bread and Beer here, and in 9 *E.* II. *Tho. de Cailly* was Lord: On the Death of this *Thomas*, about 17 *E.* II. the Lordſhip deſcended to *Adam*, Son of Sir *Roger de Clifton*, by *Margaret*, Siſter and Heir to Sir *Thomas*, then a Minor; which *Adam*, then a Knight, was Lord in 9 *E.* III. Sir *Adam* dying in 1367, the Manor deſcended to Sir *John Clifton*, Son of *Conſtantine*, Son of Sir *Adam*, who was Lord in 50 *E.* III. and was ſummoned to Parliament, as a Baron from the aforeſaid Year to the 12*th* of *Richard* II. and died at *Rhodes* on St. *Laurence*'s Day, [*r*] in the ſaid Year, leaving *Conſtantine* his Son and Heir aged 16, who was alſo ſummoned to Parliament in 1393, and 1394, on whoſe Death, it came to his Son Sir *John Clifton*, [*s*] who by his Will dated 6 *Aug.* and proved 8 *Sep.* 1447, deſired to be buried in the Priory of *Wymondham*, and gave this Manor, with thoſe of *Hilburgh*, and *Weſt-Bradenham*, to remain in the Hands of his Executors, *Joan* his Wife, *John Haydon*, *John Barrington*, and *Thomas Wetc*, for 12 Years, then to return to his right Heirs; by *Joan* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, he had one Daughter *Margaret*, married to Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. who dying without Iſſue before her Father, the Lordſhip came to the *Knevets*; *Elizabeth*, Siſter of Sir *John Clifton*, being married to Sir *John Knevet*, Grandſon to Sir *John Knevet*, Lord Chancellor of *England*, and in 7 [*t*] *Hen.* VIII. Sir *William Knevet*, of *Bukenham* Caſtle, was found to die ſeized of it, being held of the Earl of *Arundel*; and in 28 *H.* VIII. Sir *Edm. Knevet* ſold the Manor and Advowſon, 4 Meſſuages, 4 Tofts, 500 Acres of Land, 30 of Meadow, 20 of Paſture, 500 Acres of Furze and Heath, 100 of Moor or Fen, 100 of Marſh, 3 of Alders, and 7*l.* Rent, and the Right of Faldage here, *&c.* to

JOHN BOLDERO, and *Stephen Heyward*. And on an Inquiſition taken the 24 *July*, [*u*] in 26 *Elizabeth*, *John Boldero*, Gent. was found to have died the 29 *May* laſt, ſeized of a Moiety of the Manor, *&c.* and *Edmund* was his Son and Heir, aged 30 Years, and *John Heyward*, was found in the ſaid Year, to dye ſeized of the other Moiety. The aforeſaid *Edmund*, was alſo found on the 3 *Auguſt*, in the firſt King *James* I. to have died 24 *Dec.* 45 *Elizabeth*, ſeized of a Moiety, and *John* was his Son, aged 21 Years; ſoon after this, *John Boldero*, ſold his Part or Moiety, to

WILLIAM HEYWARD, Son of *Stephen*, who was Lord of the whole Town, and Patron in 1603, and in the Reign of King *Charles* I. it came again to the Family of *Knyvet*, on the Marriage of *Emma*, Daughter and Heir of *William Heyward*, Gent. with —— *Knevet*, Eſq; of *Aſhwellthorp*, and in 1665, Sir *John Knevet*, preſented to this Rectory as Lord and

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Hund. de Grimeſhou. Terre Willi: de Warrenna, (fol. 89.)

* In ead. ten: idem Wills: i. lib: hom: Sce: Aeldr: Soc: & comd. ii. Car: terre ſemper ii. Car: in dnio: & ix. Vill: & v. Bor: & ii. Ser: & iiii. Acr: prati, tunc & poſt. iiii. Car: & dim. hom: mo: iii, & ii. Car: in dnio: & dim. Mol: & dim. Piſcar: Silv. x. Porc. & iiii. Run: & vi. An: & xvii. Por. tunc C. Oves mo cxx. & vii. vaſa, apum & val. lx *s.*

Totum habet vii. quar. in long. & iiii. in lat. & redd. ix. Den: & i. ob: de Gelto, de xx s. Hoc eſt de Caſtellat: de Lauues.

[*m*] Lewes in Suſſex, the Head of the Barony of the Earl Warren.

[*n*] Dug. Mon. Ang. V. 1. p. 625, 626.

[*o*] Plita: apud Bedford a die Sancti Mich. &c. A° Quarto. R. Joh: Rot. 5.

[*p*] Inquis. temp. Hen. 3. Fin. 12 Hen. 3. Lig. 2. N. 193.

[*q*] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Rec. Scacarij Weſtmon. Nom. Villar. Fin. 9. Ed. 3. L. 2. N. 3.

[*r*] On the 8th of January 1388, Elizabeth his Widow, preſented to this Church.

[*s*] Regr. Wylby, p. 103, of the Cliftons, Caillys, &c. See in Dug. Baronage.

[*t*] Eſch. 7 Hen. 8. Fin. Mich. 38 Hen. 8. N. 462.

[*u*] Eſch. 26 Eliz. Com. Suff. N. 16. Eſch. 1. Jac. Pat. 2. N. 174.

Patron, and in 1720, Coll. *P. Knevet*, ſold it to *Henry Partridge*, Eſq; of *Bukenham-Houſe*, whoſe Son *Henry Partridge*, Eſq; is the Preſent Lord.

The Tenths of this Town, were 2*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

The *Lete* is in the Lord of the Hundred.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to the *Bleſſed Virgin*, [x] and is a rude old ſingle Building of Flint, Boulder *&c.* covered with Tile, in length about 35 Feet, and 15 in breadth, to this Nave is a Chancel annexed, about 30 Feet long, and 15 broad, with an Aſcent of two Steps to the Communion Table, and is covered with Thatch; here lye ſeveral Marble Graveſtones.

*One is thus inſcribed.*

Here lyeth JANE the Daughter of THOMAS STEWARD, of Barton-Mills Eſq; and the Wife of WILLIAM HAYWARD, buried the 23 of November 1633.

*Another thus.*

Here lyeth WILLIAM HEYWARD Gent. Patron of this Church, buried the 10 Day of Dec. 1630.

*On a third, this only legible.*

---- Vir Pius. --- in Memory (as 'tis ſaid) of Mr. *Doughty*, Rector.

At the Weſt-End of the Nave, ſtands a Narrow but lofty round Tower, of Flint *&c.* embatled and coped with Freeſtone, wherein hangs one Bell. This Tower is of great and venerable Antiquity, built (as I conceive) in the Reign of the *Daniſh* Kings, and probably by *Harold* King of *England*, of whom a Free-Man, as I have obſerved, held a Moiety of this Town, in the Time of the Confeſſor.

In this Church were formerly the Arms of *Clifton* painted in Glaſs.

## *RECTORS.*

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| 1310, 7 *July*, | *Thomas de Hulm*, had this Church given him in *Commendam*. | |
| 1317, 10 *June*, | *Walter Kyng*. Sir WILLIAM BERNAK, and WILLIAM, Son of *John Beney*, of *Thetford*, Patrons *hac vice.* | |
| 1321, 24 *Jan:* | *John de Waſteney*. Sir WILLIAM DE WASTENEY, and [y] JOAN his Wife. | |
| 1349, 15 *July*, | *Robert Wygh.* | Sir ADAM DE CLIFTON. |
| 1349, 28 *Oct:* | *William Hulle.* | |
| | *William de Redingham.* | |
| 1350, 5 *Sep.* | *Robert Byſhop*, on *Redingham*'s Reſignation, Vicar alſo of *Weſt-Bradenham.* | |
| | [z] *Robert Osborn*, occurs Rector 41 *E.* III. | |
| | -----*Smith.* | |
| 1376, 22 *Jan:* | *Edmund Ive*, on *Smith*'s Reſignation. RICHARD HOLDICH, JOHN REED, JOHN HOLKHAM, JOHN MORLEY, and THO. DE FLETCHAM. *Ive* was Vicar of *Chipenham*, in *Cambridgeſhire*, and exchanged with *Smith.* | |
| 1386, 17 *Sep.* | *John Anſty*, on *Ive*'s Reſignation. Sir JOHN CLIFTON. *Anſty* was Rector of *Canfield-Parva*, in *Eſſex*, and exchanged with *Ive.* | |
| 1388, 8 *Jan:* | *Jeffrey Pegge.* ELIZABETH, Relict of Sir *John Cliffton.* | |
| 1390, 30 *Aug:* | *John Boulder.* Ditto. | |
| 1415, 14 *Sep:* | *Stephen Noble.* JOHN DREW, THOMAS BRAMPTON, RICH. CREYK, and ROGER RAWLYNS, Patrons by Virtue of a Deed of Feoffment from *Conſtantine Clifton* deceaſed. *Noble* was alſo Rector of *Northwold.* | |
| 1417, 1 *June*, | *Walter Waſteney.* JOHN DREW, *&c.* By his Will [a] proved the 5 *May* 1434, he requires to be buried in this Church, and leaves Money to the Gild of St. *Mary.* | |
| 1434, 29 *Apr.* | *William Stalworth.* Sir JOHN CLIFTON. | |
| | *Richard Love*, occurs in 36 *H.* VI. | |
| 1468, 27 *Apr.* | *Robert Aleyn*, on *Love*'s Reſignation. JOHN TOPPYS of *Norwich*, by the Gift and Grant of *John Knevet*, Eſq; *Aleyn* in his Will dated [b] 22 *Dec:* 1493, deſires to be buried in this Church, and gives to St. *Mary*'s Gild a Quarter of Malt. | |

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[z] Regr. Paynot. [a] Regr. Surflete. P. 141. [b] Regr. Typps.

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| 1493, 16 *Jan:* | *Thomas Cook*, A. M. RICHARD ROOS, Eſq; and JOAN his Wife. He was alſo Rector of *Hilburgh*. |
| 1533, 4 *Dec:* | *Henry Callibutt*, on *Cook*'s Death. EDMUND KNEVET, Eſq; buried in his own Church 15 *Apr.* 1560. |
| 1560, 28 *Nov.* | [*c*] *John Balkey*. STEPHEN HAYWARD, and JOHN BALDERO. |
| 1564, 11 *Apr.* | *Edward Balkey*, on *John*'s Reſignation. Ditto. |
| 1579, 13 *Jan.* | *Tho. Garthſide*. Ditto. |
| 1583, 21 *Jan.* | *Robert Dey*, on *Garthſide*'s Reſignation. JOHN BOLDERO, of *Fornham* St. *Martin Suff.* and *Margaret* Relict of *Stephen Hayward*, late of *Bury* St. *Edmund*. In his reply to King *James*'s Queries, in 1603, he obſerves there were 65 Communicants, and that *William Hayward* of *Bury* was Patron. He was buried here 13 *Aug.* 1620. |
| 1620, | *Andrew Doughtie*, A. M. on *Dey*'s Death, Vicar alſo of *Wilton*, buried here 3 *Jan:* 1665. |
| 1665, 24 *Jan:* | *Robert Gallard*. Sir JOHN KNEVET. Buried here 15 *Aug.* 1667. |
| 1667, 25 *Nov.* | *John Talbot*, A. B. *Ditto.* |
| 1689, 31 *Jan:* | *John Newſon*, on the Death of the laſt Rector. *Ditto.* He was alſo Vicar of *Methwold*, and was buried 18 *Feb.* 1712. |
| 1713, 3 *Aug:* | The Rev. Mr. *John Ellis*, A. M. who is Rector alſo of *Ickburgh-cum-Langford*. EDMUND WACE, Clerk. |

This Rectory is valued in the King's Books at 8*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* and being in clear Value, but 40*l. per Ann.* is diſcharged of Tenths and Firſt-Fruits.

This Town gives Name to the Deanry of *Cranwich*, which takes in all the Churches within the Hundreds of *Grimeſho*, and *South-Greenhoe*; in antient Days, each Deanry had it's peculiar Dean, of which it may not be improper to make a few Remarks in this Place.

## *Rural* DEANS

Are very antient, and no preciſe Time has been determined when the Office firſt began; it is probable it was in the *Saxon* Time, and a learned [*d*] Author has obſerved, that theſe *Deans* in the Church, anſwered the Place of the Tienheꝼoꝺ of the Hundred, the Head of the *Ten Friborgs*, or the *Tithing-Man*, and that in Imitation of this ſecular Method, the Spiritual Governors, the Biſhops, divided each Dioceſs into *Deanries* or *Tithings*, each of which had in it's Diſtrict ten Pariſhes, or Churches, and over every ſuch Diſtrict, they appointed a *Dean*, who ſhould in Spiritual Matters, as the Tienheꝼoꝺ in Civil, reconcile Differences, receive Complaints, and enquire into Grievances, *&c.* the firſt mention of them is in the Year [*e*] 877, and in one of the Laws of *Edward* the [*f*] Confeſſor, it was provided, that of the 8*l.* Penalty for breach of the King's Peace, the King ſhould have an 100*s.* the Earl 50*s.* and the Biſhop's *Dean* in whoſe Deanry it was, the other 10*s.* which according to the Opinion of Sir *Henry Spelman*, *&c.* is mean't of the *Rural Deans*. If theſe *Deans* were over ſuch a Number of Churches in a City, they were called, *Decani Urbani*, if in the Country, *Decani Rurales*; and as Hundreds and Tythings kept their Name, when they bare no longer a ſtrict Relation to the Number of Villages or People, ſo likewiſe the *Rural Deanries* continued, when they loſt their firſt Alluſion to 10 Pariſhes or Churches, and the Diſtrict of them was enlarged at the Pleaſure of the Biſhop; tho' ſome Deanries do ſtill retain the Primitive Allotment of 10 Churches, eſpecially in *Wales*, where the moſt antient Uſages continue.

[*g*] Theſe *Rural Deans* had their *Capitula* or *Chapters*, made up of the inſtituted Clergy, or their Curates, as Proxies for them, and the Dean was Preſident, or *Prolocutor*, theſe were held at firſt every 3 Weeks, afterwards once a Month, but their principal Chapters were aſſembled once a Quarter, all Rectors and Vicars, or their *Capellans*, were bound to attend thoſe Chapters, and to bring Information of all Irregularities committed in their reſpective Pariſhes. The Place of holding theſe Chapters was at firſt in any Church within the Deanry, where the Miniſter of the Place was to entertain the Dean, and his immediate Officers; but in a Council at *London*, held by Biſhop *Stratford* in 1342, it was ordained, that ſuch Chapters ſhould not be held in any obſcure Village, where it was difficult to get Proviſion, but in the larger and more eminent Pariſhes, where the Company could be beſt accommodated, and all the Officials and Servants of the Dean, were to have their Charges

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[*c*] Presbyter non Conjugatus, ſatis doctus, non reſidet, non Hoſpitalis, in Eccleſia Cathedrali Norwic. non prædicat, nec licentiatus. Parkeri Certificator. in Bibliot: Col. Corp. Chriſti Cantab.

[*d*] Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 633.

[*e*] Du-Pin Vol. 7. p. 49. & 152.

[*f*] Leg: Edw. Confeſ. 31 de Emend. Pacis.

[*g*] Du Freſne in Verbis.

defrayed by their Maſter, without Burden to the Clergy. In theſe Chapters, the Dean publiſhed the Decrees of Provincial and Epiſcopal Synods, all Eccleſiaſtical Laws and Canons, and enforc'd the Execution of them; they had alſo the Probate of Wills, *&c.* the Cognizance of all Matrimonial Cauſes, Matters of Divorce, and Incontinency: Thus we find that when King *Henry* II. was at *York*, a Burgeſs [h] of *Scarburgh*, complained to him of a *Rural Dean*, that had taken from him 12 *d.* and enjoyned his Wife Pennance as an Adultreſs without Proof, contrary to the King's Law; they had alſo a great Share in the Tryals for the right of Advowſon, and their more eſpecial Duty was to inſpect, and cenſure the Manners of the Clergy, and to pronounce Sentence of Excommunication; they were alſo commiſſioned to receive the Taxes of the Clergy, Subſidies, Firſt-Fruits, Tenths, *&c.* and the the General Taxation of Benefices in *England*, called, *The Norwich Taxation*, (made by *Walter Suffeld*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, the Pope's Deputy) was taken in every Deanry, by the *Rural Deans*, and two or three Rectors or Vicars, Members of the Chapter of that Deanry: That theſe Branches of their Office and Juriſdiction, were of conſiderable Profit, muſt be granted, elſe we ſhall be at a loſs to account for the Exchanges that we frequently meet with, between Rectors, and Dignitaries of the Church, and theſe *Rural Deans*.

At the beginning they are ſaid to be elected by the Clergy of their own diſtrict, and when confirmed by the Biſhop, were not to be ejected, without the joint Conſent of their own Preſbyters, and in latter Times, they were Temporary and removed, as Dr. *Kennet*, [i] aſſerts by the Biſhop's ſole Power, but it is plain from the Inſtitutions of the Deans of *Cranwich* here annexed, that they were collated by the Biſhop, and that it was no temporary Office, or *Durante Epiſcopi Beneplacito*, they being ſtiled *Decani Perpetui*, and alſo from their ſolemn Reſignations and exchanges for this Office, for other Preferments in the Church.

Each *Rural Dean* had his Seal belonging to his Office, and we are told, that the Seal of the Dean of *Burcheſter*, in *Oxfordſhire*, was an oblong oval (as moſt Religious Seals were) the Impreſs, a Pelican ſtanding on a Pedeſtal, Wounding her Breaſt with her Bill, and feeding her Young with her own Blood, and I have now by me, the Probate of the Will of *Thomas Weſthowe*, of *Boketon*, at *Downham* in *Norfolk*, dated 16 *Dec.* 1413, proved by *Hugh Birdham* Dean of *Fincham*, to which is affixed an oblong Seal of red Wax, the Impreſs, a Bird, probably a Finch, on a Tree, and a Star in Chief, and this legend, **Sigillum Decanatus de Fyncham**, Expreſſing both his own, and his Deanries Name, in that Device.

The *Rural Deans* were plain honeſt Men, not much skill'd in the Subtilties of the Civil or Canon Law, but were not the leſs capable of their Office, and Juriſdiction, as depending on known Cuſtoms, and the Rules of Equity, but by Degrees, when the Method of Eccleſiaſtical Juſtice, was turned into Arts and Miſteries, then began the *Canoniſts*, to pretend themſelves the only fit Miniſters in all Courts of Chriſtianity, and inſinuated themſelves into the Favour and Counſels of the Biſhops, and ſo obtained the new Titles of *Arch-Deacons*, *Officials*, and *Chancellours*, and then eaſily run down theſe Deans. Thus by the Art and Intereſt of the Canoniſts, *&c.* the Juriſdiction of this Office declined ſo much, that little but the Name and Shadow of it, was in being, even in the Age before the Reformation. It has been wiſhed, that our Reformers would have reſtored this good and uſefull Office, to all it's antient Rights, and laudable Practices, and thoſe great Perſons who were commiſſioned to revive the Eccleſiaſtical Laws of this Realm, agreed in their good Opinion of it, preſcribed a proper Method, but it fell for want of Confirmation, by the Legiſlative Power, yet tho' it was not formally ratifyed, all thoſe Parts of it [k] have no leſs the Force of a Law, (*viz.* all ſuch Eccleſiaſtical Canons Conſtitutions *&c.*) as are not repugnant to the Laws, Statutes, *&c.* of the Realm, of which inoffenſive Nature, was this Juriſdiction of *Rural Deans*. And in a provincial Synod, held at *London* 3 *Apr.* 1571, it was ordained that the Archdeacon, when he had finiſhed his Viſitation, ſhould ſignifie to the Biſhop, what Clergymen he found in every Deanry, ſo well endowed with Learning and Judgement, as to be worthy to inſtruct the People in Sermons, and to rule and preſide over others, out of theſe the Biſhop may chooſe ſuch as he will have to be *Rural Deans*; the little Remains of this Dignity and Juriſdiction, depend now on the Cuſtom of Places, and the Pleaſure of Diocesans, in ſome Parts of this Kingdom, the *Rural Deans* have nothing left, but the Burden of entertaining the Rectors, and Vicars of the Deanry, at a ſolemn Feaſt.

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(h) Brady's Comp. Hiſt. of Eng. v. 1. p. 381. (i) Paroch. Antiq. p. 639, 950. (k) Ibid. 652.

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## DEANS *of* CRANWICH.

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| 1315, 27 *Oct.* | Mr. *RALPH DE BELEGRAVE*, collated to this Deanry by the Biſhop, with all it's Rights and Privileges. |
| 1321, 5 *Nov.* | Mr. *JOHN DE WALEGRAVE*, collated *&c.* |
| 1326, 1 *May*, | *ROBERT DE BURNEBY*, on the Reſignation of *Walegrave*. |
| 1342, 27 *Mar.* | *JOHN DE BREYDESTON*, *&c.* on the Reſignation of *Burneby*. |
| 1342, 20 *Dec.* | *SIMON DE CLEY.* |
| 1345, 14 *Oct.* | *LAURENCE MANORS.* |
| 1359, 18 *Nov.* | *WALTER LATHOM.* |
| 1386, 23 *Dec.* | *WILLIAM BAAS.* |
| 1388, 11 *Apr.* | *WILLIAM DE FERIBY*, *&c.* he was Dean of *Hecham* and exchanged with *Baas*. |
| 1388, 19 *Aug.* | *HUGH DE BRIDHAM*, he was Rector of *Snyterly*, with the Chapel of *Glanford*, and exchanged with *Feriby*. |
| 1391, 2 *Oct.* | *WILLIAM CLERK.* |
| 1391, 5 *Oct.* | *ROGER DE BELTON.* He was Dean of *Briſley*, and exchanged with *Clerk*. |
| 1392, 29 *Nov.* | *JOHN ATTELBRIGG.* |
| 1393, 9 *Nov.* | *JOHN BOSEWORTHE.* |
| 1421, 15 *July*, | *SIMON THURTON.* |
| 1491, 10 *June*, | *HUMPHRY BALLARD*, collated to this Deanry and that of *Breccles*, which was now conſolidated to it. |
| 1495, 11 *Dec.* | *THOMAS SHRYBBE*, |
| 1498, 10 *Jan.* | [*l*] *HENRY GOLDWELL.* |
| 1509, 20 *July*, | *THOMAS VELE*, on the Death of *Goldwell*, he was Rector of St. *Michael-at-the-Pleas* in *Norwich*. |

[*l*] Goldwell was probably a Relation of Biſhop Goldwell; on his Collation this Injunction is entered. Et Epiſcopus virtute Obedientiæ, firmiter injunxit omnibus et ſingulis Abbatibus, Prior. Rector. Vicar. Curatis, &c. tam Clericis quam Laicis per dict: Decanat. quod Hen. Goldwello Decano perpetuo eorum, obediant pariter et intendant in omnibus licitis, Canoniciſque Mandatis. Lib. Inſtit. Norw.

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## COULSTON, alias COLVESTON,

LIES on the oppoſite Shore to *Cranwich*, on the North-Side of the River *Wiſſey*, the Hundred of *Grimeſhoe* croſſing here that River, and taking in this Town, and that of *Ickburgh*: In *Domeſday* 'tis wrote *Coveſtuna*, and derives it's Name from the *Saxon* Word, Love, a ſmall Creak, and *Tun* or *Ton*, a Town or Village.

† At the Survey it was the Lordſhip of *William* Earl *Warren*, but in the Confeſſor's Time, was held by a Freeman of *Harold*'s, afterwards King of *England*, who had one Carucate of Land in Demean, 12 Acres of Meadow, and a Fiſhery, and was valued at 8 *s. per Ann.* it was five Furlongs long, and four broad, and paid 5 *d. ob.* when the Hundred paid 20 *s. Gelt.*

Soon after the Conqueſt, this Village was held of the Earl *Warren* the Capital Lord, by a Family that aſſumed their Name from it, a Practice frequent in that Age, and *Jordan de Colveſton* Lord, by his Deed *ſans* date, (about the Reign of King *Henry* I. as I take it) gave to the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*, [*m*] the Rent of 3 *s. per Ann.* out of his Mill called *Wor-Milne*, in this Place, the Witneſſes were, *Jeffrey* his Heir, *Robert* his Brother, *Gilbert de Riſing*, *Richard*, the Prieſt of *Mundeford*, *William* his Nephew, *&c.* after this, about the Reign of King *John*,

RICHARD DE GELHAM, held it of the aforeſaid Earl, by the Service of half a Knight's Fee, but in the Reign of King *Henry* III.

† Terre Willi: de Warrena. (Domeſd. fol. 88.) In COLVESTUNA i. Car. terre i. lib. hom: Heroldi iiii. Villi: iiii. Bor: tunc ii. Serv. xii. Acr. prati, tunc & poſt. ii. Car: in dnio: tertia poſſet eſſe, m$^{o}$ i. & ſemper i. Car: hominum & ii. Mol: & i Piſcar. Silva de xv. Por. & val. viii. Sol. hoc eſt pro Caſtellatione aquarum, totum habet v. quar. in longo, & iiii. in lato, & red: v. den: & ob: de xx s. de Gelto.

[*m*] Regr. Caſtle-Acre In Biblioth: Comit. Oxon, p. 101. b.

Sir JOHN DE LODEN, Son of *John de Loden*, was Lord, and gave by Deed to the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*, 3 *s. per Ann.* out of his Manor, inſtead of the 3 *s.* given them out of the Mill above-mentioned, Witneſſes were, Sir *Osbert de Caily*, Sir *Gilbert de Franſham*, Sir *Reginald de Dunham*, Sir *Alexander Arſyk*, Sir *Frederick de Capervill*, Maſter *Edmund de Maſſingham*, *Alan de Weſſenham*, *John de Hoo*, *&c.*

In 3 *Edw.* I. [n] *Robert de Loden*, or *Lodne*, was Lord, and had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer here, and the Men of this Town, and *Ickburgh*, are ſaid to be obliged, to go to the *Lete* of the Hundred of *Weyland*, and to pay 12 *d.* there; but in 9 [o] *E.* II.

LETTICE ATTE-HOOE, was returned Lady of the Manor, and in the following Year, *John* Earl *Warren*, aliened [p] with the King's Licence, this Lordſhip, to

Sir RALPH DE COBHAM, and his Heirs, to be held of them in *Capite*, and in 20 *Edw.* III this *Ralph*, Lord *Cobham*, was found to dye ſeized of it, and

JOHN was his Son and Heir, aged 20, by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of *William* Lord *Roos*, and Widow of *Thomas de Brotherton*, Earl of *Norfolk*, and in the next Year proved his Age, and had Livery. In 33 *Edw.* III. [q] being then a Knight, he ſerved that King in the Wars of *France*, and had in his Retinue Sir *John de Northwold*, Sir *John Criſpin*, *John Deveniſh*, *John Atte-chirche*, *&c.* and in the 37th of the ſaid King, the 3d of *June* he grants to King *Edward* III. and his Heirs, (after his own Deceaſe) this Manor, with many others in ſeveral Counties, and delivered a Ring of Gold to the King, in Name of *Seiſin*, and was found to dye ſeized of it, in 1 *Richard* II.

On the Death of Sir *John Cobham*, the Lordſhip came to *John de Herling*, of *Eaſt-Herling* in *Norfolk*, to whom, and his Heirs, [r] King *Edward* III. gave the Reverſion, on the 8th of *Nov.* in his 38th Year, after the Death of the aforeſaid Sir *John Cobham*, but in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

RICHARD HOLDICH, Eſq; was found to hold it in *Capite*, and in 5 *H.* VII.

THOMAS HOLDICH, held it of the King of his Manor of *Methwold*, by Knight's Service, and

ROBERT, was his Couzin and Heir, and Lord in 1536. In the ſixth Year of Queen *Elizabeth*,

MILES HOLDICH, Son of *Richard*, had Livery of it, and in the 12*th* of the ſaid Queen's Reign,

JOHN HOLDICH, Eſq; was Lord, and in 1592,

HENRY HOLDICH, Eſq; preſented to this Church. After this, it came by the Marriage of *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heir of *Henry Holdich*, Eſq; to

Sir JOHN SIDLEY, of *St. Cleers* in *Kent*, Knt. and Bart. who ſold it in the Year 1650, to

ROBERT WILSON, of *Merton* in *Surrey*, Eſq; who left it to his ſecond Son,

EDWARD WILSON, Eſq; who built a neat Manor Houſe here, now enjoyed by his eldeſt Son,

ROBERT WILSON, Eſq; of *Didlington*.

There is nothing now remaining of this old Village, but the aforeſaid Manor-Houſe, and a Farm-Houſe adjoyning.

The *Lete* is in the Lord of the Hundred. The Tenths were 2 *l.* 1 *s.* 4 *d.*

The Prior of *Bromhill*, was taxed for his Temporalities here in 1428, 4 *s.* 6 *d.*

The *CHURCH*, has been in Ruins Time immemorial, it ſtood a little Weſt of the preſent Farm-Houſe, and was dedicated to the [s] *Virgin Mary*, in it there were the Arms of *England*, [t] the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl of *Clare*: *John de Lodnes*, Lord of the Town, by a Fine levied in [u] 20 *Hen.* III. granted the Patronage of it, to the Prior and Convent of *Lewes*, in *Suſſex*, but it appears from the Inſtitution-Books, that that Convent did not preſent 'till the Year 1375.

## RECTORS.

1329, 24 *March*, [x] *William de Surlingham.*

1347, 23 *Jan*: *William de Sutton.* King EDWARD III. on Account of the Minority of the Son and Heir of Sir *John de Brews*, Knt.

1348, 31 *Dec.* *John Veſey.* King EDWARD III.

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[n] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Recept. Scacarij.

[o] Nom. Villar.

[p] Brevia ad quod dammum 10 Ed. 2. N. 83. Eſch. 20 Ed. 3. N. 18. Dugd. Bar. V. 2. p. 66. 69.

[q] Rymer's Fœd. V. 8. p. 136. Claus. 37. Ed. 3. m. 28. Autog. pen. Camer. Scacarij. Eſch. 1. Ric. 2. N. 146.

[r] Pat. 39. Ed. 3. Part 1. m. 32. Inquis. 3. H. 4. Eſch. 5. H. 7. Lib. Liberat. fol. 126.

(s) Regr. Paynot, Norw.

(t) MSS. pen Joh: Anſtis Armig.

(u) Fin: div. Com. 20. Hen. 3. N. 65.

(x) Lib. Inſtit.

1349,

1349, 9 *Aug*: *John Craton*. King **EDWARD** III. &c. About this Time, the Prior &c. of *Lewes*, recovered the Preſentation againſt Sir *John de Brews*.

1351, 17 *March*, *Thomas de Aſheborne*, on the Reſignation of *Craton*. Lapſe.

1375, 26 *Sep*. *Roger Couper*.
1381, 3 *March*, *Thomas Veyll*.
1390, 28 *Apr*. *Thomas Brakkelle*.
1408, 27 *Aug*. *Roger Wace*.
1428, 1 *March*, *John Ruſſell*, on the Reſignation of *Wace*.
1464, 24 *Apr*. *David Thoryn*. Lapſe.
*Thomas Mildenhale*.
} The Prior &c.

1478, 6 *Oct*. *John Prymier*, on the Reſignation of *Mildenhale*. **RICHARD HOLDICH** Eſq;

1494, 11 *Oct*. *Thomas Rakke*, on the Reſignation of *Prymier*. **RICHARD**, and **ROB. SOUTHWELL**, Eſq; Truſtees for the Eſtate of *Richard Holdich*, of *Didlington*.

*James Bothe*.

1536, 4 *March*, *Robert Halmon*, on the Death of *Bothe*. **ROBERT HOLDYCH**, Eſq; He was alſo Rector of *[illegible]oughton*, [y] and deprived in 1553, being a married Prieſt.

1554, *Feb*. *James Skamler*, on the Deprivation of *Halmon*. Lapſe.

1556, 28 *July*, [z] *Robert Spirgyn*, on the Deprivation of the laſt Rector. **RICHARD HOLDITCH**, Eſq,

----- *Chapman*.

1578, 17 *Feb*. *Edmund Turner*, on the Reſignation of *Chapman*. Vicar alſo of *Didlington*. Lapſe.

1592, 12 *Oct*. [a] *Thomas Hopes*, alias *Hooper*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Turner*. **HENRY HOLDICHE**, Eſq. He was Vicar alſo of *Didlington*, and afterwards Rector of *North-Rungton* in *Norfolk*.

1616, 19 *March*, *Anthony Wilkinſon*, on the Reſignation of the laſt Rector. **BENJAMIN COOPER**, Gent. He was Vicar alſo of *Didlington*.

1622, 19 *Sep*. *Benjamin Barwick*, A. M. **THO. EDGELY**, and **THO. CARVETT**. He was Vicar alſo of *Didlington*.

*Andrew Needham*.

1676, 17 *Oct*. *Wormley Martin*, on the Reſignation of *Needham*. **BORAGE MARTIN**, Eſq. This Church was at this Time, conſolidated to that of *Didlington*.

1685, 30 *July*, *John Ellis*, A. M. The King.

1720, 11 *Sep*. The Rev. Mr. *John Brundiſh*, A. M. on the Death of *Ellis*. He is the preſent Vicar of *Didlington*. **ROBERT WILSON**, Eſq;

This is a Rectory conſolidated with the Vicarage of *Didlington*, and the real Value of both being but 40*l*. *per Ann*. no Tenths or Firſt-Fruits are paid.

This Rectory was valued at 4*l*. 2*d*. *ob*.

[b] *Henry Conſtable* by his Will dated 20 *Dec*. 1489, gives 12 Acres and an half of Land in *Didlington*, to the Rector of *Colveſton*, on Condition that he prays for his Soul, and to St. *Mary*'s *Gild* here, 6 Acres and 3 Roods of Land in *Didlington*.

*Tho*. *Hogg* by his Will in 1492, gives two Ewes to the *Gild* of St. *John-Baptiſt* here.

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(y) Lib. MSS. de deprivat. in Offic. Regr. Norwic. p. 43.

(z) Presbyter non Conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, Reſidet, Hoſpitalis, non prædicat, nec Licentiatus. Archiep. Parkeri Certificat. in Coll. C. C. Cant. by this it appears the Church was ſtanding in his Time.

(a) He left 6s. 8d. per Ann. to the Poor of this Town, and Didlyngton, paid by the Rector of North Rungton, out of Lands given to that Church.

(b) Lib. Conſignat. 1627.

(b) Regr. Typps Norw.

# *ICKBURGH*.

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# ICKBURGH.

THIS Village lies Eaſt of *Colveſton*, on the North Side of the River *Wiſſey*, the *London* Road to *Swaffham*, *Walſingham*, *&c.* running thro' it, Dr. [c] *Gale*, in his Commentary on *Antoninus*, makes this a *Roman* Station, (the *Iciani*) and of the ſame Opinion was the learned Mr. *Talbot*, tho' a modern Author, [d] places the *Iciani* at *Colcheſter*, and even the *Villa Fauſtini*, at *Maldon* in *Eſſex*, but moſt Authors diſſent from him. It is certain that the Diſtance betwixt this Town, and that of *Bury*, (generally agreed to be the *Villa Fauſtini*) as obſerved by *Antoninus*, exactly anſwers, take which Rout you pleaſe, either thro' *Brandon* or *Thetford*, and that the Road here leading to *Swaffham*, *&c.* is broad, ſtrait, and levell, and has an Air of Antiquity and Grandeur, appears to every Traveller, and in the Plantations at *Linford*, within leſs then a Mile of *Ickburgh*, and at the building of the New-Hall there, ſeveral *Roman* Urns have been lately dug up, and on the Road towards *Bury*, was a large *Milliare*, lately to be ſeen, which might be the *Primus ab Urbe Lapis*, the Diſtance anſwering. Sir *Henry Spelman* obſerves, that the *Iceni*, by which Name this Part of the Heptarchy was diſtinguiſhed, in the Time of the *Saxons*, and on which the *Roman Iciani* is founded, is a *Britiſh* Term, derived from the River *Iſe* or *Ichen*, and indeed this is a Conjecture highly probable, moſt of the Rivers in *Norfolk*, ſtill retaining (tho' varying a little) the ſame Name. The great River which flows between this County and *Cambridgeſhire*, and empties it's ſelf into the Sea about *Lyn*, is called the *Ouſe-Magna*. That River which divides the South-Weſt Part of this County, from *Suffolk*, has the Name of the *Ouſe-Parva*, and that River which is in a good Meaſure the Boundary of the Hundred of *Grimeſhoe*, from thoſe of *Clackcloſe* and *South-Greenhoe*, is called the *Wiſſey*, which comes very near to the *Britiſh* Word *Iſe*, above-mentioned, and on the North-Side of this *Iſe*, or *Wiſſey*, ſtands the Town of *Icheburc*, as 'tis wrote in *Domeſday*, that is a Town or Burgh on the *Iſe*, or *Icheburna*, (as 'tis alſo wrote) that is the *Bourn*, *Brook*, or River *Iſe*.

† At the Time of the Survey, in the Reign of *William* the Conqueror, *Walter Giffard*, held the greateſt Part of this Town, one Carucate and an half, and 8 Acres of Land, and 3 Acres of Meadow, which 4 Free-Men held in the Time of the Confeſſor, valued then at 20*s.* at the Survey at 30*s.* *per Ann.* This Part was half a *Leuca* in length, and half a one in breadth, and payed 8*d.* of the 20*s.* *Gelt*.

He alſo held here and in *Linford*, four Carucates, and 35 Acres of Land, and 60 Acres of Meadow, which 14 Free-Men held in the Time of the Confeſſor, valued then at 20*s.* at the Survey at 10*s.* *per Ann.* Theſe Free-Men were under the Protection of the Anceſtor of *Ralph de Waer*, [e] and were afterwards delivered to *Bodin de Ver*, who took part with the King, but afterwards *Ralph* attached them to his own Fee, and when he forfeited, he was their Lord, and *Hervey de Ver*, held them of him as the Hundred ſays. The whole of *Leneforda* was half a *Leuca* in length, and four Furlongs in breadth, and paid 4*d.* of the 20*s.* *Gelt*.

**WALTER GIFFARD**, was the Son of *Osborn de Bolebec*, and *Aveline* his Wife, he was made Earl of *Backs* on the Conqueſt, and had many Lordſhips given him; after the Death of this Earl, and his Son, this Lordſhip deſcended, to

**RICH. FITZ-GILBERT**, Earl of *Brion*, *&c.* in *Normandy*, who married *Robeſia*, Daughter of this *Walter Giffard*, and had by her

**GILBERT FITZ-RICHARD**, the firſt Earl of *Clare*, Lord of this Town, and the greateſt Part of it, was held of theſe Lords, by the antient Family of

**LANGETOT**, from which Family *Stow-Langtot* in *Suffolk*, derives it's Name, and in the 1ſt Year of King *John*, it appears [f] from a Fine then levied, that

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[c] Gale's Comment. p. 93.

[d] Salmon on the Roman Stations, p. 43, & 44.

† Terre Walteri Giffardi Hund. de GRIMESHOU. (Domeſd. fol. 239.)

In ICCHEBURNA iiii. lib. hom. T. R. E. i. Car. terre & dim. & viii. Acr. tunc & poſt. iii. Car. m° ii. iii. Acr. prati, tunc iiii. Por. m° i. tunc C. Oves, m° CC. tunc & poſt. val. xx s. m° xxx. Totum habet dim. Leug. in long. & dim. in lat. et red. in Gelto Regis, de xx s. viii d.

In LINEFORDA et ICCHEBURC xiiii. libi: hom. iiii. Car. terre et xxxv. Acr. tunc vi. Car. poſt. iii. m° et iii. Bor. lx. Acr. prati. tunc val. xx s. m° x. Hij fuere commendati Anteceſſori Radulfi de Waer, poſt liberati ſunt Bodino de Ver ex parte Regis, poſtea derationavit eos ad ſuum feudum Radulfus, et quando foriſfecit tenebat eos Herveus de Ver de illo, hoc teſtatur Hund: et totum hab. dim. Leug. in long. et iiii. quar. in lato, et red. iiii d. de xx Sol.

[e] He was Earl of Norfolk, and rebelled againſt the Conqueror, about the 9th Year of his Reign.

[f] Fin. R. Joh. N. 10. Fin. Norff. 24. H. 4. L. 4. N. 94. Inquis. Temp. H. 3.

GILBERT DE LANGETOT, bought of *William de Bellomont*, and *Muriel* his Wife, the Service of two Knight's Fees, *&c.* in *Ickeburc*, *Brinton*, *Witchingham*, *Schoteſham*, *Saxlingham*, *&c.* and in the 24*th* of *Henry* III.

GODFREY DE LANGETOT, held the Manor of *William de Englefield*; after this in the ſaid Reign,

ROB. LONGTOT was found to hold a Manor here of the Earl of *Glouceſter*, by half a Knight's Fee, and the Earl of the King.

In the 3d of *Edw.* I. *John Langetoth* was [*g*] Lord, and had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer and in the 34th of that King,

NICH. DE LANGETOT and *Margery* his Wife, had two Meſſuages, and 312 Acres of Land here, and in *Buckenham-Parva*, ſetled by Fine on them and their Heirs, and the ſaid *Nicholas* and *Margery* ſetled by Fine in the 8th of *Edw.* II. Lands here, in Tail on *John de Goldingham*, and *Maud* his Wife, and the Heirs of *Maud*, but this Lordſhip was not in them, for in 1304,

ROB. LANGETOT preſented to the Church, and in the 8th [*h*] of *Edw.* II. a Fine was levied, whereby the Manor and Advowſon was ſetled on the ſaid *Robert* and *Amicia* his Wife for Life, remainder to *Stephen*, Son of *Robert* in Tail, and in 1333, the ſaid

STEPHEN as Lord, preſented to the Church, and enjoyed the ſame in the 31ſt of *Edw.* III. and held it of the Earl of *Glouceſter*, by half a Knight's Fee.

[*i*] But in the 2d of *Rich.* II. *Nicholas*, Son of *Stephen de Langetot* of *Mundeford*, releaſed by Deed to

JOHN CHURCHMAN and *Emma* his Wife, all his Right in the Manor and Advowſon, and in 1385, they preſented to the Church: This *John* was Citizen and Sheriff of *London*, about this Time, and in the 1ſt of *Henry* IV. he conveyed it to

JAMES BILLINGFORD, Clerk of the Crown, who was found to hold it of the Honour of *Clare*, ſoon after this, in 1416, in the Reign of *Henry* VI. *John Bungey*, Clerk, *Thomas Fekys* of *Colveſton*, and *Simon Coupere*, preſented to the Church, by right of the Manor of *Ikeburgh*.

In 1448, *Richard Geggh*, Eſq; as Lord, preſented to the Church, and ſoon after this

HUGH FENN, preſented in 1454, 1461, and 1472, but in

1478, GEO. NEVYLL, Lord *Abergavenny*, and *Margaret* his Wife, held it and preſented, and in the 19th of *Henry* VII. a Fine was [*k*] levyed between the ſaid Lord, and *Rich. Fox*, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, to whom it was then conveyed.

In 1518, Sir EDW. BENSTEDE was Lord, and preſented, and in the 18th of *H.* VIII.

WILL. PURDEE of *Hertingford-Bury* in *Hertfordſhire*, and the Lady *Jocoſa* his Wife, late Wife of Sir *Edward Benſtede*, conveyed the Manor by Fine [*l*] to

JOHN CROFTS of *Weſt-Stow* in *Suffolk*, according to the Will of Sir *Edward*. After this it came to the Family of the *Bedingfields* of *Oxburgh*, and

HENRY BEDINGFIELD, Eſq; was Lord, and preſented in 1541, and in the 32d of *Elizabeth*,

THOMAS BEDINGFIELD, Eſq; was found to die ſeized of it, held of the Honour of *Clare*. About the End of the Reign of King *Charles* I. it was ſold by Sir *Henry Bedingfield*, to the *Garrards* of *Langford*, and in

1680, Sir THO. GARRARD, Bart. preſented to the Church, and his Son

Sir NICHOLAS dying in 1727, *ſans* Iſſue, the Manor is at preſent held, by

Sir FRANCIS BICKLEY, Bart. who married *Alathea*, eldeſt Daughter of *Jacob Garrard*, Eſq; eldeſt Son of Sir *Tho. Garrard*, Bart. who dy'd before his Father, by which *Alathea* there is no Iſſue, and by

CHARLES DOWNING, Eſq; third Son of Sir *George Downing* of *Cambridgeſhire*, who married *Sarah* the ſecond Daughter, and by her has a Son and Heir.

## CHEVERE's MANOR.

[*m*] Part of this Town, a Moiety only of that Land, which (as is obſerved above) was held here and in *Linford*, by 14 Free-Men, was held in the Reign of King *Henry* III. by Sir *Hamon Chevere*, Knt. who in the 14 of that King, conveyed it by Fine [*n*] then levied, to

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[g] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Recept. Scacarij. Fin. 34 Ed. 1. L. 7. N. 119. Fin. L. 2. N. 193

[*h*] Fin. 8. Ed. 2. L. 2. N. 159.

[*i*] Clauſ. 2 R. 2. Clauſ. 1 Hen. 4. Part. 2. m. 5.

(k) Fin. 19 Hen. 7. Term. Michael. N. 113.

(*l*) Ped. Fin. Term. Mich. 8 H 8.

(*m*) See in Domeſ. Note, fo. 528.

(*n*) Cart. 41. H. 3.

DROGO DE BARENTINE, and *Jane* his Wife, and in the ſaid Year, he had a Grant of a Weekly Market, and a Fair Yearly, with Free-Warren in all his Demean Lands here, this was held by

WILLIAM BARENTUN, Son (as I conceive) of the ſaid *Drogo*, who founded the Chapel and Hoſpital of *Lepers* in this Town, and gave conſiderable Lands, and Part of his Lordſhip to it. The remaining Part, was afterwards held by

JOHN DE CRESSINGHAM, who [o] by Will dated 22 *Feb.* 1372, bequeaths to *Thomas* his Son, his Manor of *Ickburgh*, Land in *Fouldon*, and his Manor of *Linford*, and makes *Emma* his Wife, and *William de Bodney*, his Nephew, Executors, and to his three Daughters, *Margaret*, - - - and *Joan*, he gives 40*l.* each. And in 4 King *Richard* II. the King confirmed to

JOAN DE CRESSINGHAM, Daughter of *John de Creſſingham*, deceaſed, Couzin and Heir to *Drogo Barentyn*, the Market and Fair held here on the 10 *Aug.* with Free-Warren, but in the 10*th* of the ſaid King,

JOHN VEYLE, and *Thomas Veyle*, of *Bodney*, Nephews and Heirs of *John Creſſingham*, releaſed to

JOHN CHURCHMAN, and *Emma* his Wife, their Right in this Manor, and in that Year, *Richard Holditch* did the ſame, and in 12 of the ſaid King, *Richard Mey*, of *Ikeburgh*, releaſed to the aforeſaid *John*, all his Right in the Manor &c. ſo that

CHURCHMAN, being poſſeſſed of the whole, joyned it to his other Manor, and conveyed it thus united, to *James Billingford*, as has been already obſerved, and ſince that Time it hath continued united, and had the ſame Lords.

* Beſides the Manors above-mentioned, *Ralph de Tony*, held 30 Acres of Land here, at the Survey, which was valued with his Manor of *Neketun*, which extended into this Town, and this Part was held in the Time of the Confeſſor, by a *Soc-Man* of *Herold*, but this as I take it, was ſoon after annexed to the other Manors, as I meet with no further Account of it.

The Monks of *Caſtle-Acre* had alſo Lands &c. in this Town. *Henry*, Son [p] of *John de Stanford*, gave them 2 Acres and an half of Land, abutting on a Croft of *Godfrey de Langetot*'s, Witneſſes, *Eudo Arſic*, *Ralph L'Strange*, &c. This was in the beginning of King *Henry* III.

*Hugh*, Prior and Convent of *Lewes*, granted them a Tenement, which was *William*'s, Son of *Hugh*, in this Town, to be held at the Yearly Rent of 11*d.* and *William*, Son of *Hugh*, releaſes his Right therein, about the aforeſaid Time.

Sir *HAMON CHEVERE*, Knt. acknowledges to have received of *Robert de Alenzun*, Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* &c. the ſaid Tenement, paying the Yearly Rent of 12*s.* 1*d.* for that, and 112 Acres of Land, as appears further from a Fine levied between this *Hamon*, and *John* the Prior, in 40 *H.* III. and in 1428, the Convent of *Caſtle-Acre*'s Temporalities here, were charged at 12*s.* 1*d.* ‖ This was (I take it) that Part, which *Roger*, Son of *Renard*, held at the Survey, *viz.* 40 Acres, and half a Carucate, with 2 Acres of Meadow, valued at 16*d.* which a Free-Man held in the Confeſſor's Time, which afterwards came to the Earl *Warren*, and ſo to the Abby of *Caſtle-Acre.*

The Tenths of this Town, were 2*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*

The *Lete* is in the Lord of the Hundred.

The *CHURCH*, is an old ſingle Building of Flint and Pebles, covered with Reed, and dedicated to St. *Peter*, in length about 44 Feet, and in breadth about 18, at the Weſt-End is a ſquare Tower of the aforeſaid Materials, with Quoins and Battlements of Freeſtone, in which hang three Bells.

On the Corniſh of the Screen, that divides the Church from the Chancel, over which ſtood the old Rood-Loft, are ſeveral Shields painted, but thro' length of Time, moſtly defaced and obſcure, *viz.*

*Arg.* an Annulet (as it ſeems) *Gul.* LANGETOT.
*Gul.* a Bend *Arg.* FILIOT.
*Arg.* a Chev'ron *Gul.* Lord TEY.
Quarterly *Gul.* a Lyon Ramp. *Or*, in the 1ſt and 4th Quarter, Earl of ARUNDEL.
Chequy *Or*, & *Az.* in the 2d and 3d Quarter, Earl WARREN.

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[o] Regr. Heydon, fol. 25. a. prov'd 5 March 1372. Pat. 4. Ric. 2. Part. 2. m. 10. Claus 10. R. 2. m. 50. & m. 34. Claus 12. R. 2. m. 4.

† Terra Radi: de Toenio, H. de GRIMESHOU. In ICHEBURNA, i. Soc. Heroldi xxx. Acr. terre, eſt appretiat. in NEKETUNA.

[p] Regr. Caſtle-Acre p. 101. & P. 110.

‖ Terre Rogeri Filij Renardi. In ICHEBURC i. lib: hom: xl. Acr. ſemp. dim. Car. & ii. Acr. prati, & val. xvid. (Domeſd. fol. 281.)

Barry of 6, *Or*, & *Az.* over all an Eſcutcheon *Erm.* on a Chief of the 1ſt, 3 Pallets between 2 Baſe Eſcuers of the 2d, MORTIMER, Earl of *March*.

*Az.* a Bend cotized between 6 Lioncels Ramp. *Or*, BOHUN Earl of *Eſſex*.

Quarterly *France* and *England* with a Label, PLANTAGINET.

3 Oſtriches Feathers *Arg.* Prince of WALES.

EDWARD the *Black Prince* us'd ſometimes one Feather, ſometimes 3 in his Arms, in token (as 'tis ſaid) [p] of his ſpeedy Execution in all his Services, as the Poſts in the *Roman* State wore Feathers to ſignify their flying Poſt Haſte; but the Truth is, that Prince won theſe Arms at the Battle of *Creſſy*, from *John*, King of *Bohemia*, whom he there ſlew and adjoined this old *Engliſh* Motto, *Ic Dien*, (*I ſerve*) according to the Apoſtle, *The Heir, while he is a Child, differeth nothing from the Servant.*

Theſe 8 Shields are on the Left-Hand of the Screen as you enter the Chancel.

*Gul.* the Triangular Emblem of the *Trinity*, with the Legend.

*Gul.* an Heart between a Dexter and Siniſter Hand, and a Dexter and Siniſter Foot coup'd and in Form of a Saltyr *Arg.* this is term'd the Shield of the Five Wounds.

We ſee this Shield in many old Churches, joyn'd as here, to that of the *Holy Trinity*, and that of the *Holy Croſs*.

*Gul.* a Croſs *Arg.* born by the Knights *Hoſpitalers*.

Theſe 3 laſt are over the Door that leads into the Chancel.

On the Right-Hand are the Arms of *France* and *England* Quarterly.

BROTHERTON, Earl of *Norfolk*.
BEAUCHAMP, Earl of *Warwick*.
VERE, Earl of *Oxford*.
TEY.
Lord SCALES, and STAPLETON.

Alſo *Gul.* a Bend *Arg.* And *Arg.* an Annulet *Gul.*

Beſides theſe Shields, here were formerly in this Church, theſe Arms, [q] *Sab.* 3 Barrulets and an Eſcallop between 2 Pallets in Chief *Arg.* CHURCHMAN *Or*, 2 Chev. *Gul.*

*Sab.* 2 Watch-Bills arm'd, in Saltyr *Arg*, BILLINGFORD.

CLIFTON, and, Quarterly *Gul.* a Caſtle *Arg.* in the 1ſt and 4th Quarter, and *Az.* Florette *Arg.* in the 2d and 3d.

The Chancel is in length about 26 Feet, and in breadth about 18, in the Eaſt Window is the Figure of St. *Cathrine*, and in a Window on the North Side, that of the *Virgin*. On the Pavement lie ſeveral Marble Graveſtones, ſome ridg'd, and with Croſſes Floral cut on them, in Memory of ſome antient Rectors; there is an Aſcent of two Steps to the Communion-Table.

## RECTORS.

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| 1304, 10 *Oct.* | [r] *Stephen de Langetot.* ROBERT DE LANGETOT. |
| 1326, 8 *Dec.* | *John de Collum.* Lapſe. |
| 1333, 17 *Feb.* | *Simon de Carleton*, on the Reſignation of *Collum*. STEP. LANGETOT. |
| 1349, 6 *July*, | *Richard Coſteyn.* *Ditto.* By his Will, [ſ] dated on St. *Mathew's*-*Day* 1385, he deſires to be buried in the Church-Yard of *Ickburgh*. |
| 1385, 12 *Oct.* | *Edmund Grove.* JOHN CHURCHMAN, and EMMA his Wife. [t] By his Will, proved 17 *Aug.* 1416, he deſires to be buried in the Chancel of this Church. |
| 1416, 9 *Aug.* | *Richard Good.* JOHN BUNGEY, Clerk, THO. FEYKS DE COLVESTON, and SIMON COUPERE, Patrons in Right of the Manor. |
| 1448, 27 *Nov.* | *John Pepyr.* RICH. GEGGH, Eſq. |
| 1454, 1 *July*, | *Robert Meteham*, on the Reſignation of *Pepyr*. HUGH FENN, Gent. |
| 1461, 5 *Oct.* | *John Cappe.* *Ditto.* |
| 1464, 10 *Jan.* | *Hugh Whytehede.* Lapſe. |
| 1472, 12 *Dec.* | *Thomas Wylkok.* HUGH FENNE. |
| 1478, 8 *Aug:* | *John Cannock*, on the Reſignation of *Wylkok*. Sir GEORGE NEVYLE, and MARGARET his Wife. |
| 1479, 14 *May*, | *John Debeney*, Canon, on the Reſignation of *Cannock*. GEORGE |

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(p) Cambden's Remains. P. 344.

(q) MSS. pen. J. Anſtis Armig. E. 261. Fol. 10. The Arms of Churchman, once Lord here.

(r) Lib. Inſtit. Norw.

(ſ) Regr. Harſick, P. 51.

(t) Regr. Hurning, P. 3.

NEVILL,

NEVYLL, Lord *Ab-Burgevenney*, *&c.* [u] By his Will proved 26 *Apr.* 1518, he deſires to be buried in the Chancel.

1518, 27 *June*, *John Thomas*, on the Death of *Debeney*. Sir EDW. BENSTED, Knt.

*John Towneſend.*

1541, 7 *May*, [x] *Richard Towneſend*, on the Reſignation of *John*. HENRY BEDINGFIELD, Eſq.

1564, 30 *Jan.* *John Cottam*, on the Death of the laſt Rector. ANTHONY BEDINGFELD, Patron for this Turn.

*Roger Moreys.*

1583, 7 *Dec.* *John Towneſend*, on the Reſignation of *Moreys*. FRANCIS MOUNFORD, LL. B. for this Turn. He was alſo Rector of *Bretenham.*

1584, 18 *June*, *William Baxter*, on the Reſignation of *Towneſend*. *Ditto.* In his Anſwer to King *James*'s Queries, he obſerves that there were 55 Communicants. He was buried here 9 *Oct.* 1604.

1604, 28 *Oct.* *John Sherwin*, A. M. on the Death of the laſt Rector. ROB. SHENE, Gent. of *Eye* in *Suffolk*, for this Turn. He was afterwards Rector of *Oxburgh.*

1605, 4 *Oct.* *Ralph Sherman*, A. M. on the Ceſſion of *Sherwin*. The King on Account of the Minority of *Henry Bedingfield*, Eſq; He was buried here 31 *Sep.* 1626.

1626, 18 *Jan.* *Daniel Donne*, A. M. The King. He was Rector alſo of *Caldecote.*

1627, 1 *May*, *Thomas Riſeing*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Donne*. Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD. *Walker* calls him *Thomas Biſſing*, and ſays he was ejected in the Time of the Rebellion, and makes a Quære if he did not looſe a Temporal Eſtate of 50 *l. per Ann.* He was buried here 4 *Nov.* 1654.

*Richard Harvey*, buried here 7 *Aug*: 1657.

*Thomas Offwood.*

1671, 26 *June*, *Andrew Needham*, A. M. on the Ceſſion of the laſt Rector. The King. He was Vicar alſo of *Didlington.*

1676, *Matthew Blewet*, A. M. Sir THOMAS GARRARD, Bart. He was Rector alſo of *Langford*, to which Rectory, this was conſolidated about this Time.

1693, 20 *May*, *Thomas Jukes*, on the Reſignation of *Blewet*. Sir NICH. GARRARD, Bart. He was Vicar alſo of *Methwold.*

1696, 21 *Dec.* The Rev. Mr. *John Ellis*, the preſent Rector, on the Reſignation of *Jukes*. *Ditto.* he is Rector alſo of *Cranwich.*

This Rectory is valued in the King's Books, at 5 *l.* 6 *s.* 10 *d. ob:*

It is conſolidated to *Langford*, the clear Yearly Value of both, being 43 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* it is diſcharged from Tenths and Firſt-Fruits.

## *The* Hermitage, *or* Houſe *of* LEPERS, *at* ICKBURGH.

Stood in the South-Part of the Town, a little Diſtance from, and on the North Side of the River *Wiſſey*. In old Writings 'tis frequently called, [z] *The Houſe of Lepers, at the New-Bridge in Ickburgh*, that Bridge, which is neareſt to the ſaid *Hermitage*, being in reſpect to the other (which is over the *Wiſſey*) a new One, and erected moſt likely, by the Founder of this Houſe, for the Safety of Travellers on great Flouds, yet (as 'tis probable) on a certain Toll or Duty, payable to the Houſe; a Chain going croſs the ſaid Bridge at this Day, and the Key belonging to it, being kept at the ſaid Place. It is moſt likely, that the ſaid Bridge was alſo formerly maintained by the *Hermit*, or *Cuſtos* of this Houſe.

That the Run, or Water-Courſe, over which the ſaid Bridge is erected, was to be cleared by him, appears from an old Roll that I have ſeen, when at a *Lete*, kept in the beginning of the Reign of *Henry* VII. *John Canon*, Chaplain of St. *Laurence* in *Ykburgh*, was fined 12 *d.* for not drawing and ſcouring the Water-Courſe on the South-Side of the Chapel.

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[u] Regr. Briggs, Norw. At this Time, there was the Gild of St. Peter in this Church, as appears from this Will, and that of Henry Conſtable of Colveſton, who in 1489, left 46 Acres of Land (called Spencer's in Ikeburgh) to it. Regr. Typps.

[x] Presbyter non Conjugatus, Mediocriter Doctus, reſidet, Hoſpitalis, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, nullum aliud. Parkeri Archiepi: Cant. Certificat. MSS. in Coll. Corp. Chriſti Cant.

[y] Sufferings of the Clergy. Pt. 2. P. 204.

[z] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.

It was founded by *William Barentun*, in the Reign of *Edw.* I. who gave and granted to *Henry Scharping*, of *Hyldeburworth*, and his Heirs, for the Health of his own Soul, and the Souls of his Parents, in pure and perpetual Alms certain Lands here, with Meadows, Paſtures, Heath, Warrens, Services, Homages, Wards, Reliefs, Eſcheats, Fairs, Markets, *&c.* to have and to hold of him, for the Maintenance of one Chaplain, to celebrate in the Chapel of St. *Mary* of *Newbrigge*, and to find a Lamp for St. *Mary* there. Witneſſes, Sir *Osbert de Kailli*, Sir *Gerard de Inſula*, Sir *William Belet*, *&c.* In 17 *Edw.* II. *John*, Son of *William Scharpyng*, Couzin and Heir to the aforeſaid *Henry*, confirmed the Grant which *Henry* had, of the Feoffment of *William Barentun*, and it appears there was then an Hoſpital of *Lepers* here. And that there was an *Hermit*, *Maſter*, or *Chaplain*, and *Bretheren*, in the Reign of King *Henry* IV. appears from a Bull of Pope *Gregory* XII. granted to this Houſe: The Preamble of which, runs thus.

[a] "*Gregorius* Eps: Servus Servor: Dei, dilectis filiis Magiſtro et Fratribus Domus Leproſor: de *Novo Ponte* de *Ykeburgh*, *Norw:* Dioc: ſalutem et Apoſtolicam Benedictionem."

By this Bull dated 7 Id: *March*, in the 3d Year of his Pontificate, they and all their Lands were freed from the Payment of Tythes, and all ſecular Services.

This Hoſpital was dedicated to St. *Mary* and St. *Lawrence*, the Chapel is built of Flint and Boulder, about 30 Feet in length, and 20 in breadth, and is now converted into a Farm-Houſe, having an Additional Building at the Weſt-End.

It was endowed by *William Barentun* the Founder, with ſeven Score and five Acres and half a Rood of Land, ſix Roods of Meadow, a Fold-Courſe, and 3 *s.* Rent *per Ann.* with the Rights and Privileges of a Fair, held here on St. *Lawrence*'s-*Day*, *viz.* *Aug.* 10, *Hen. Scharpyng* the Founder's Truſtee had the Patronage of it, and after him, *John*, Son of *Will. Scharpyng*, Couſin and Heir to the ſaid *Henry*, who conveyed his Right therein, to *John*, Son of Sir *Richard de la Rokele*; this *John de la Rokele* was a conſiderable Benefactor, and gave to this Houſe in the Reign of *Edward* III. 59 Acres and 2 Roods of Land, 12*d.* 1*q.* Rent, and the Liberty of a Fold-Courſe here: From *Rokele* the Patronage came to *Edm. Ingaldeſthorp*, and *Alice* his Wife, Siſter (as I take it) of *John de la Rokele*, and *Will. Ingaldeſthorp*, Son of *Edmund* and *Alice*, Couſin and Heir of *John*, conveyed it 20 *Octob.* in the 27th of *Henry* VI. to

Sir THO. TUDDENHAM, Knt. of *Oxburgh*, and *Margery* Widow of the ſaid *William*, confirmed the Grant; from Sir *Thomas* it came by the Marriage of *Margaret* his Siſter and Heir, to

EDM. BEDINGFIELD, Eſq; and on *Thurſday* before the Nativity of St. *John-Baptiſt*, in the 21ſt of *Edward* IV. *Edm. Bedingfield*, Eſq; afterwards Knight of the *Bath*, and Grandſon to the aforeſaid *Edmund*, preſented *William Dane* to be *Hermit* and *Chaplain* here, who was to pray for the ſaid *Edmund*, and all the Patrons of the Houſe, and in this Family it continued 'till the Diſſolution.

On the 10th of *Aug.* the 2d of *Edward* VI. *Osbert Mounford* of *Feltwell*, and *Tho. Gawdy* of *Shotteſham* in *Norfolk*, for 900*l.* had the Grant of all this *Chantry* or *Chapel*, call'd *Newbridge*, with the Appurtenances; Afterwards it was held by

Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD, who conveyed it in the 1ſt of Queen *Mary*, to

ROBERT BATE of *Hoxne* in *Suffolk*, and *Gabriel Bate* his Son, conveyed it to *Rob. Aſtley*, he to *John Wormley* in the 24th of *Eliz.* and in 1606, *Wormley Martin* and *John Martin* conveyed it to *George Eades*, and by *Frances*, Daughter and Heir of *Edm. Eades*, it came to *Henry North*, Eſq; who ſold it to *Samuel Vincent*, Eſq; in 1682; from *Vincent* it came to

ROB. PARTRIDGE, Eſq; of *Buckenham-Houſe*, and ſo to *Henry Partridge*, Eſq; his Brother, whoſe Son *Henry* lately conveyed it to

Mr. HENRY COCKSEDGE of *Thetford* the preſent Owner.

[b] *Richard* was Hermit or Chaplain here in 1446. The Lady *Joan Bardolph* by Will bequeaths to him 13 *s.* 4 *d.*
*John Bath* Hermit, Temp. *Edw.* IV.
*William Dane* ſucceeded *Bath*, 21 *Edw.* IV.
*John Canon*, in the Beginning of *Henry* VII.

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[a] Lib. Inſt. Norw. V. 10. p. 265. [b] Regr. Wolvey, p. 130.

It is to be obſerved that *Hermitages*, were erected for the moſt Part, [c] near great Bridges, and High-Roads, as appears from this, and thoſe at *Brandon*, *Downham*, *Stow-Bardolph*, in *Norfolk*, and *Erith*, in the Iſle of *Ely*, &c. but how ſuch Scites and Stations, can anſwer the pretended Deſign or Intention, will be difficult to be accounted for. They were alſo ſometimes erected in Church-Yards, in Towns of conſiderable Note, as may be ſeen from the Petition of the Mayor of *Sudbury* in *Suffolk*, to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, which being not foreign to our preſent Purpoſe, I ſhall here adjoin.

[d] " To youre Ryght Reverent Lordſhepe and Faderhod in God. We *John Hunt*, Meyr of the Tonn of *Sudbery*, *Henry Roberds*, *John Tournour*, &c. Pariſſhyens to the Cherche of Saynt *Gregory* of the ſame Tonn, in humble wyze comand us, as it befalleth us to your worſhepfull Eſtates to do. And foraſmoche as we been informed that on *Richard Appelby*, of *Sudbery*, converſaunt with *John Levynton*, of the ſame Tonn, *Heremyte*, wheche *Richard*, is a Man as to oure Conſicience knowen, a trewe Membre of *Holy-Cherche*, and a gode goſtly Levere, &c. hath beſought unto your Lordſhepe to be admitted into the Ordre of an Hermyte, and ye by youre gracious and ſpecial Councell, would not admitt him leſſe yanne he wer ſekyr to be inhabited in a Solitary Place, wher Virtues myght increaſe and Vice to be exiled, We conſederyng youre ſayd paternell Ordynaunce, and hys holy Deſyr, ſadly ſet as we truſte to God it ſhall, and in hym better and better be founde, have graunted hym be the Aſent of all the ſayd Paryſh and Cherch-Reves, to be inhabited with ye ſayd *John Levynton*, in his Solytary Place and Hermytage, whych yat is made at the Coſt of the Paryſh, in the Cherch-Yard of Seynt *Gregory* Cherch, to dwellyn togedyr as yey leven or whiche of them longeſt leveth, wherefore our Ryght Reverent Lord and Fader in God, we entewrly beſeke youre gracious benyngnyte to admitte hym into that Ordre, there to abyde your Bedeman, the Lords of the Tonn and the Paryſhiens, as we doe truſte to God he will be perſevarint, wheche God graunte him grace to. Moreover, Rygt Reverent Lord and Fader in God, foraſmoche as we will yat yis oure Leter and Graunt to be not annulled, but be us confirmed, we have in Wytneſs put to oure Seales, goven and graunted at *Sudbery*, the xxviii Day of *Janyver*, in the Yere of Lord M.C.C.C.C.XXXIII."

A late Author [e] gives a melancholy Account of the modern *Hermites*, who (he ſays) follow no other Rule then that which is dictated to them by *Libertiniſm*, and may be compared to the *Sarabaites*, &c. who (as *Jerom* ſays) profeſſed indeed a Religious Life in outward appearance, but really lived together in a ſad Manner after their own Humour.

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[c] Magn. Brit. in Warwickſhire, P. 597, Dugdale &c. and Bedwell's Deſcription of Tottenham.

[d] Lib. Inſtitut.

[e] Stephen's Addit. to the Monaſt. Angl. Prelim: Diſſert. P. 10. V. 1.

# M U N D F O R D.

ON the South-Side of the *Wiſſey*, and on the oppoſite Shore to *Ickburgh*, ſtands this Village, thro' which the *London* Road leads, where there is a Brick and Stone Bridge over the River, a little Diſtant from the Town, for the Safety of Travellers: In the Time of the *Saxons*, the River was no doubt fordable at this Place, and the *Ford*, being defended and ſecured by ſome *Fence* or *Fort*, it being the very *Inlet* into the *Iciani*, might derive it's Name from Munð, which ſignifies in the *Saxon* Tongue, a Rampart or Place of Defence. The other Ford above it being called *Linford*, from it's miry and watry Paſſage.

This Village was given to the Monaſtery of *Ely*, in the Reign of King *Edgar*, [b] by *Ethelwold* Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, at the Survey it is thus accounted for, St. *Etheldred* or *Audry*, always * held 3 Carucates of Land here, 16 Acres of Meadow, the Right of half a Mill, and was valued at 40*l. per Ann.* There were 7 *Soc-Men* that belonged to this Manor, with all their Cuſtomary Dues, which *William* Earl *Warren* is now poſſeſſed of, it is one League long, and half a one broad, and pays 11 *d. Gelt.*

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(*b*) Mon. Angl. Dugd. V. 1. P. 94.

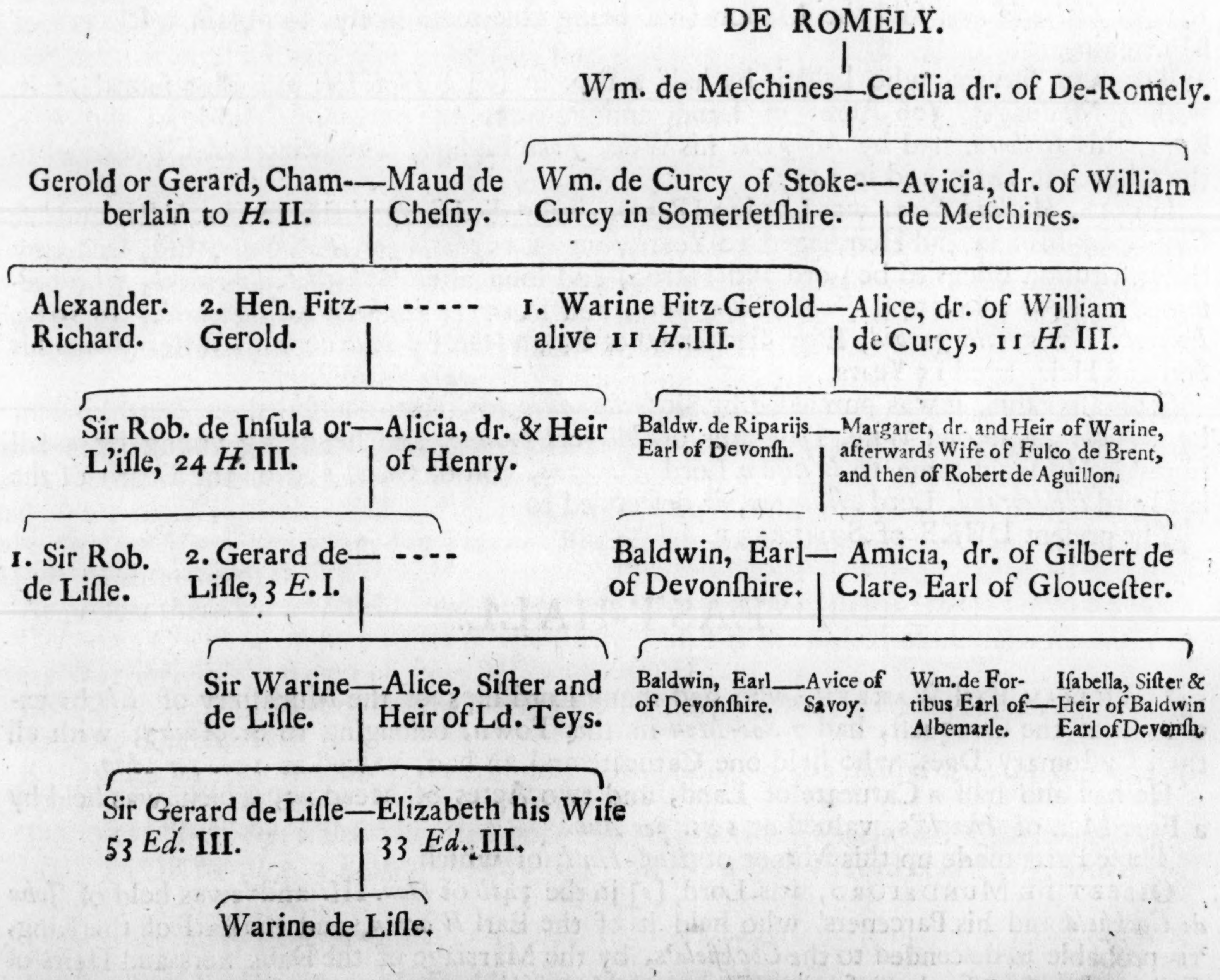
* Terra Sanctę Adeldrede, Hund. de Grimeſhou. MONDEFORT, ten. ſemp. ſca. A. iiii Car. terre, tunc xiiii Vill. m°. x. tunc, iiii Bor. m°. viii. tunc, iiii Serv. m°. ii. Semp. ii. Car. in dnio: tunc. iii Car. homin. m°. ii. xvi Acr. prati, ſemper dim. Mol. v. An. xxxiii Ov. tunc ii Serv. m°. iii. val. xl. Sol. huic Manerio. adjacent vii Soc. cum omni conſuetudine, quos m°. tenet. Wills. habet i leug: in long. & dim in lat. & xi d. de Gelt.
(Domeſday fo. 186.)

## WEST-HALL.

The Manor or Part of the Town belonging to the Church of *Ely*, was afterwards called *Weſt-Hall*, and was held in the Reign of King *Henry* II. by *Gerold* the King's Chamberlain, and in the 11th of K. *John*, a Fine was levied [*i*] between *William de Alneto* Petent, and *Henry* Son of *Gerold* Tenent, of half a Knight's Fee in this Town, and half a one in *Cerney*, in *Glouceſterſhire*, which *William* granted to *Henry*, he granting *William* 60*s*. Rent in this Town, which the ſaid *Henry* held of his elder Brother *Warine*, and he of the Biſhop of *Ely*, and in 24 *H*. III. a Fine was levied between *Jeffery*, Prior of *Bromhill* Petent, [*k*] and *Warine* aforeſaid, whom *Robert de Inſula*, and *Alice* his Wife, Daughter of *Henry Fitz-Gerold*, called to warrant of a Rent of Mixtling and Barley, which the Prior was wont to receive of *Henry Fitz-Gerold*, out of Lands in this Town.

In 44 *Henry* III. *Robert de Inſula*, and *Alice* his Wife, convey'd by Fine to *Gerard de Inſula*, ſecond Son (as I take it) [*l*] of *Robert* and *Alice*, a Meſſuage and two Carucates of Land here, with the Advowſon of the Church of *Mundford*, and in the 46 of the ſaid King, a Fine was levied between the ſaid *Gerard*, and *Alice de Inſula* or *L'Iſle*, of this Manor, whereby ſhe releaſes to *Gerard* and his Heirs in Tail, all Liberties &c. therein, paying a Roſe only Yearly, inſtead of 10 *l. per Ann.* which he was obliged to pay to *Robert*, her late Huſband.

This Family of *Liſle*, held of the Deſcendents of *Warine Fitz-Gerold*, of whom *Henry Fitz-Gerold*, as has been obſerved, held it in the Reign of King *John*, whoſe Daughter and Heir *Alice*, married to Sir *Robert Liſle*, and in the 51 Year of King *Henry* III. *Margaret de Riparijs*, Counteſs of *Devonſhire*, Daughter and Heir of the aforeſaid *Warine*, brought [*m*] an Action of Dower againſt *Iſabell de Fortibus*, Counteſs of *Albemarle*, for half a Knight's Fee in this Town, but the Right of theſe Families will plainly appear from this † Pedigree.


DE ROMELY.
Wm. de Meſchines—Cecilia dr. of De-Romely.
Gerold or Gerard, Chamberlain to *H*. II.—Maud de Cheſny.
Wm. de Curcy of Stoke-Curcy in Somerſetſhire.—Avicia, dr. of William de Meſchines.
Alexander.
Richard.
2. Hen. Fitz-Gerold.— -----
1. Warine Fitz Gerold alive 11 *H*. III.—Alice, dr. of William de Curcy, 11 *H*. III.
Sir Rob. de Inſula or L'iſle, 24 *H*. III.—Alicia, dr. & Heir of Henry.
Baldw. de Riparijs Earl of Devonſh.—Margaret, dr. and Heir of Warine, afterwards Wife of Fulco de Brent, and then of Robert de Aguillon.
1. Sir Rob. de Liſle.
2. Gerard de Liſle, 3 *E*. I.— ----
Baldwin, Earl of Devonſhire.— Amicia, dr. of Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Glouceſter.
Sir Warine de Liſle.—Alice, Siſter and Heir of Ld. Teys.
Baldwin, Earl of Devonſhire.—Avice of Savoy.
Wm. de Fortibus Earl of Albemarle.—Iſabella, Siſter & Heir of Baldwin Earl of Devonſh.
Sir Gerard de Liſle 53 *Ed*. III.—Elizabeth his Wife 33 *Ed*. III.
Warine de Liſle.

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[*i*] Fin. div. Com. 11 Joh: N. 54. [k] Fin. Norf. 24 H. 3. [*l*] Fin. 44 H. 3. Fin. 46 H. 3. Lig. 5. N. 44. [*m*] Mich. 51. H. 3. Coram. Rege Rot. 1. † For this Pedigree conſult theſe Vouchers. Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 157. Brook's Heraldry, Dugd. Bar. v. 1. p: 737. &c. Fin. Com. Ebor: 11 H. 3. Reg: Eyneſham Mon. Lib. Rub. Scaccarij in Eſſex. Lib. Nig. Scaccarij per Herne v. 1. p. 238, 239. Eſch. 49. Ed. 3. Pat. 1. N. 67. 73. Fin. Berks 33. Ed. 3.

[n] In 3 *Edward* I. Sir *Gerard de Inſula*, or *Liſle*, was found to hold the Moiety of this Town of the Biſhop of *Ely*, as part of his Barony, and he of the King, and had the Aſſize of Beer and Bread; and in the 12*th* of the ſaid King, *Rob. de Inſula*, acquitted *Gerard* of the Scutage which the Biſhop of *Ely* demanded, for half a Knight's Fee here, and the Service of one Roſe, which *Gerard* held of *Robert*, and of the Scutage and Relief due on the Death of *Alice de Inſula*, whoſe Heir the ſaid *Robert* was: This *Gerard*, was ſummoned in the 10*th* of the aforeſaid King, amongſt the Barons, to attend the King in his *Welch* Expedition, and in the 15*th* Year he was ſummoned, to conſult with *Edmund*, Earl of *Cornwall*, then *Cuſtos* of [o] *England*, on the King's Abſence at *Glouceſter*, and to be prepared with Horſe and Arms, for the Expedition into *Wales*.

But in the Year 1300, Sir *Warine* was Lord, and preſented to the Church, and in 9 *Ed.* II. [p] was returned to be Lord, and being concerned with the Earl of *Lancaſter*, in the Barons Wars againſt the King, was hanged at *York*, in the 14*th* Year of the ſaid King, leaving *Gerard* his Son and Heir then aged 23, this *Warine*, is ſaid to have held it of Sir *Rob. de Liſle*, by the Service of a Spar-Hawk, and there were then 2 Water-Mills in the ſaid Town, and in the 20 of *Ed.* III. Sir *Gerard de Liſle*, held half a Fee of Sir *John de Liſle*, and he of the Earl of *Albemarle*, and the Earl of the Biſhop of *Ely*: But in the Year 1361, Sir *Warine de Liſle*, Son (as I conceive) of *Gerard*, was Lord, and preſented to the Church, and died Lord, without Iſſue, in 50 *Edward* III.

[q] In the 5*th* of King *Richard* II. Sir *Robert Liſle*, granted the Manor to Sir *John Plais*, Knt. of *Weting*, in exchange for the Manor of *Fretewell* in *Oxfordſhire*, this Sir *John*, being the laſt Heir Male of the Family, left it to *William Beauchamp*, and others his Feoffees, to be alienated to his Priory of *Bromhill*, and in 1396, Sir *Robert Knolls*, and *John Drew* Rector of *Harpley*, preſented to the Church, as Feoffees of the Manor, in the ſame Year; in 1401, *Richard Payne*, *John Bodney*, *Richard Gegg*, *Robert Gallion*, *John Broſſyard*, and *Richard de Hockham*, ſold the Manor (not being able moſt likely, to obtain a Licence of Mortmain) to

RICHARD SEYVE, who held it by half a Fee, in [r] 3 *Hen.* IV. and died ſeized of it, with 4 Meſſuages, 300 Acres of Land, and Paſture, 10 Acres of Meadow, and 10*s.* Rent, this *Richard*, had by *Margaret* his Wife, *John* his Son, who being Lord, preſented to the Church in 1453, and in 1477.

In 1518, *William Seyve* was Lord and Patron, who died 8 *April* the 20 *Hen.* VIII. and left *Chriſtopher* his Son and Heir, aged 10 Years, but in 1556, *Roger Woodhouſe*, Eſq; ſeems by the Inſtitution Books to be Lord and Patron, and ſoon after *Richard Killingworth*, who preſented in 1561; in 1574, *John Killingworth*, and in 1577, *Richard Killingworth*. In 1634, *Feb.* 26, *Gyles Killingwood*, Eſq; died ſeized of it, and left by *Elizabeth* his Wife, *James* his Son and Heir, aged 15 Years.

Soon after this, it was purchaſed by Sir *Gyles Allington*, Knt. and ſetled on *James* his Son, by *Dorothy* his ſecond Wife, Daughter of *Michael Dalton*, and he dying young by a fall from his Horſe, it came to *William* Lord *Allington*, Son of *Giles*, and on the Death of the laſt Lord *Hildebrand*, Lord *Allington*, it deſcended to

The preſent DUKE of SOMERSET.

## EAST-HALL.

* WILLIAM Earl WARREN, who had many Lordſhips of the Monaſtery of *Ely* by exchange at the Conqueſt, had 7 *Soc-Men* in this Town, belonging to St. *Audry*, with all their Cuſtomary Dues, who held one Carucate and an half, valued at 10*s. per Ann.*

He had alſo half a Carucate of Land, and two Acres of Meadow, which was held by a Free-Man of *Herold*'s, valued at 10*s. per Ann.*

Theſe Parts made up this Manor of *Eaſt-Hall*, of which

OSBERT DE MUNDEFORD, was Lord, [s] in the 34*th* of *Hen.* III. and 'twas held of *John de Cockfield* and his Parceners, who held it of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl of the King, 'tis probable it deſcended to the *Cockfield*'s, by the Marriage of the Daughters and Heirs of *Fulk de Beauſo*, of whom ſee in *Wilton* and *Hockwold*.

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[n] Rot. Hund. [o] Rot. Walliæ m. 10. [p] Nom. Villar. Baker's Chron. p. 110. (q) Claus. 5. Ric. 2.

(r) Inquis 3 Hen. 4.

* Terre Willi: de Warenna. H. de Grimeſhou. (Domeſ. fol. 87.) In MUNDEFORT vii. Soc. Sce: A. omni conſuetudine, dim: Car: terre & i. Car: & val. x *s.* hoc etiam pro Eſcangio. In ead: i. lib. ho: Heroldi, dim: Car. terre ii. Bor: ii. Ac. prati, ſemper dim: Car: & val. x *s.* pro Eſcangio.

(s) Plita: de Jur. & Aſſiz. 34 Hen. 3. Rot. 14.

This Lordſhip was then held by the fourth Part of a Knight's Fee, and in the 3^d^ of King *Edward* I.

[*t*] ADAM DE MUNDEFORD was Lord, and had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer of his Tenants, and in 1396, *Osbert de Mundeford*, died ſeized of the ſame, as appears by his Will, [*u*] and by the Daughter and Heir of *Osbert de Mundeford*, who died in 1456, it came to
Sir WILLIAM TYNDALE, Knt. but did not continue long in that Family, for in the 32 of *Henry* VIII.

ROBERT CANON, was poſſeſſed of it, and in the 26 of Queen *Elizabeth*, [*x*] *Robert Canon*, Couſin of *Robert*, had Livery of it. About the Year 1630, it was purchaſed by
Sir GILES ALLINGTON, and from him it deſcended (as is before obſerved) to
The preſent DUKE of SOMERSET.

## BIGOT'S MANOR.

Beſides the Manors above-mentioned, *Roger Bigot*, had at the Survey, * 60 Acres of Land, and two of Meadow, held by a Free-Man in the Time of the Confeſſor, valued at 2 *s. per Ann.* This was afterwards held by *Gerold* the King's Chamberlain, and then by *Henry* his Son, *&c.* (as is obſerved in *Weſt-Hall*,) and ſo deſcended to the *Liſles*, and in 1 *Edward* I. [*y*] *Iſabell de Fortibus*, Counteſs of *Albemarle*, acknowledged that ſhe ought to acquit *Alice de Inſula*, of the Service which *Roger Bigot*, Earl of *Norfolk*, demanded, for half a Knight's Fee here: And in the 12*th* of the ſaid King, *Robert de Inſula*, acknowledged that he acquited *Gerard de Inſula*, of the Service which *Roger*, Earl of *Norff.* demanded of him, for Suit of Court to his Manor of *Fornſete*, and of Homage, Relief, and Scutage, which the Biſhop of *Ely* demanded for his Manor of *Weſt-Hall*, held by *Robert*, of the Biſhop, and alſo of the Scutage which *Iſabell de Fortibus* demanded, for one Knight's Fee and an half, for the Manor of *Kingſton-Gerold*, in *Berkſhire*, and of the Scutage and Relief due on the Death of *Alice de Inſula*, whoſe Heir the ſaid *Robert* was. This was always held by the Lords of *Weſt-Hall*, of the Earls, and Dukes of *Norfolk*, and in the 6*th* of *Hen.* VI. *Rich. Seyve*, held it of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, lately belonging to *Tho. Mowbray*, Duke of *Norfolk*, and in 11 *Henry* VI. it was found to be held of *John Mowbray*, Duke of *Norfolk*, of his Manor of *Forncet*, and being thus united to the other Manors, it is held by
The DUKE of SOMERSET.

The Tenths of this Town were 3 *l.* 1 *s.* 10 *d.*

The *Lete* is in the Lord of the Hundred.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Leonard*, [*z*] it is a ſingle Pile of Flint, *&c.* the Body is in length about 60, and in breadth about 26 Feet, and is covered with Tiles, at the Weſt-End ſtands a four ſquare Tower, of the aforeſaid Materials, embattled with Copings and Quoins of Freeſtone, herein hang three Bells, the ſecond is thus inſcribed.

Queſumus Andrea Famulorum, ſuſcipe Vota.

A Wooden Screen divides the Body from the Chancel, on which is the King's Arms carved in Stone, and painted, the Chancel is about 30 Feet in length, and 17 in breadth, covered with Reed, on the Area lies a Graveſtone, in Memory of *Thomas*, Son of *Thomas Walton*, and *Agnes* his Wife, who died 1 *Feb.* 1704, aged two Years, and of *Thomas*, another Son, who died 12 *March* 1710, aged 5 Years. The Communion-Table is rail'd in, and has an Aſcent of three Steps.

At preſent there are no Shields remaining, but formerly there [*a*] were,

*Gul.* on a Chev'ron *Arg.* 3 Roſes of the Firſt, which is the Shield of Sir *Rob. Knowls* the great Warrior, in the Reign of *Edw.* III. and *Rich.* II.

Impaling, *Sab.* a Bend Ragule *Arg.* between 6 Bezants. Creſt, a Ram's Head *Arg.* arm'd Dexter *Or*, Siniſter *Az.*

KNOWLS as before, with a Roſe *Or* for Diſtinction, on the ſiniſter Side of the Shield, for *John Knowls*, Rector of *Harpley* in *Norfolk*.

TINDAL, and *Arg.* a Feſs ingrailed between 3 Catherine-Wheels *Sab.* Quartering
MUNDFORD, *Arg.* 3 Flower-de-Lys *Gul.* Creſt, a Bull's Head eras'd *Arg.* arm'd *Or.*

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(*t*) Rot. Hund. in Cur. Scaccarij Weſtmon.

[*u*] Regr. Harſick fol. 211.

[x] Lib. Cedular: fol. 147.

* Terra Rog. Bigoti, H. de Grimeſhou. (Domeſd. fol. 127.) In MUNDEFORDA lx. Acr. terre quas ten: i. lib. ho: ſemper i. Car: & ii. Bor: & ii. Acr. prati, Silva ad v. Porc. tunc val. & modo iis.

[*y*] Plita: de Banco Paſc. 1 Ed. 1. Rot. 25. Paſc. 12 Ed. 1. de Banco Rot. 32.

[z] Regr. Harſick Norw.

(*a*) MSS. penes J. Anſtis, Armig: E. 26. fol. 10.

## *RECTORS.*

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| 1300, 18 *June*, | *John de Burtone.* Sir WARINE DE L'ISLE, Knt. | |
| 1310, 30 *March*, | *William de Middleton*, *Ditto.* | |
| 1349, 3 *July*, | *Symon de Wetherych.* Sir GERARD DE LISLE. | |
| 1352, 18 *Aug.* | *John de Aſhton*, on the Death of *Wetherych.* *Ditto.* | |
| 1361, 18 *Sept.* | *Richard Mile.* Sir WARINE DE LISLE. | |
| 1361, 14 *Dec.* | *Hugh de Arderne.* *Ditto.* | |
| 1362, 10 *May*, | *William Waryndeford*, on the Reſignation of *Arderne.* *Ditto.* | |
| 1376, 12 *May*, | *Hen. de Rotheby.* Sir WARINE DE LISLE, Lord *Teys.* | |
| 1377, 4 *Aug.* | *Solomon de Haywoode.* Lapſe. | |
| 1395, 8 *April*, | *Edmund Berry.* Sir ROB. KNOLLYS, and JOHN DREW, Rector of *Harpley.* | |
| 1396, 2 *Octob.* | *Roger Gallion.* *Rich. Payene*, *John Bodeney*, *Rich. Gegge*, *Rob. Gallion*, *John Broſſyard*, and *Rich. de Hokham.* | |
| | [b] *Roger Exedene.* | |
| 1401, 12 *May*, | *Thomas Hokham*, on the Death of *Exedene.* RICH. PAYENE, *&c.* | |
| 1412, 3 *March*, | *William Atte-Mylle.* JOH. SCHRAGGER of *Methwold*, and MARGARET his Wife, late Wife of *Roger Seyve*, who bought the Manor and Advowſon. | |
| 1420, 1 *Aug.* | *John Wyrmegey*, on the Reſignation of *Atte-Mylle.* *William Debenham*, and *Rich. Hockham* of *Hockham.* He had been Rector of *Fincham St. Michael*, and exchanged with *Atte-Mylle.* | |
| 1420, 16 *Jan.* | *John Reys.* *William Debenham* of *Ipſwich*, *&c.* | |
| | *Bartholomew Colet.* | |
| 1453, 11 *Nov.* | *John Bemptbow*, on the Reſignation of *Colet.* | JOHN SEYVE. |
| 1455, 5 *June*, | *William Ewett*, on the Reſignation of *Bemptbow.* | |
| 1461, 5 *Aug.* | [c] *George Eleys*, on the Reſignation of *Ewett.* | |
| 1477, 28 *Febr.* | *William Wyghtlowe*, on the Death of *Eleys.* | |
| 1502, 14 *Jan.* | [d] *John Gooſe*, on the Death of *Wyghtlowe.* THO. HOLDICH, Gent. | |
| 1518, 5 *Feb.* | *Thomas Falke*, LL. B. on the Death of *Gooſe.* *William Seyve.* | |
| 1556, 11 *Sep.* | *Nicholas Saunders*, on the Death of *Falke.* *Arthur Kendrike*, on a Grant of the Turn from *Roger Woodhouſe*, Eſq. | |
| 1556, 11 *Dec.* | *Baldwin Derham*, on the Death of *Saunders*, he was alſo Rector of *Downham* in *Norfolk.* | |
| 1561, 26 *July*, | [e] *John Locky*, on the Reſignation of *Derham.* *John Killingworth*, Gent. | |
| 1474, 14 *July*, | *John Norton*, on the Death of *Locky.* *Ditto.* | |
| 1577, 16 *Aug.* | *John Oxburrowe*, on the Reſignation of *Norton.* *Richard Killingworth*, Gent. In his Anſwer to King *James*'s Queries in 1603, he obſerves that there were 86 Communicants in this Pariſh. | |
| 1608, 21 *July*, | *James Tayler*, A. M. *Giles Killingworth*, Gent. | |
| | *John Watſon.* | |
| 1683, 7 *Oct.* | *John Lambe*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Watſon.* *Giles Killingworth.* | |
| 1662, 4 *Aug.* | *Sam. Terrand*, A. M. on the Death of *Lambe.* *William* Lord *Allington.* | |
| 1690, 9 *May*, | *John Ellis*, on the Death of the laſt Rector. *Hildebrand* Lord *Allington.* Vicar alſo of *Didlington.* | |
| 1720, 14 *Dec.* | The Rev. Mr. *Hen. Harriſon*, on the Death of *Ellis.* *Hildebrand* Lord *Allington.* Rector alſo of *Weſt Tofts.* | |

The Church is a Rectory valued in the King's Books, at 7*l*: 17*s*: 6*d*. and being 40*l*. *per Ann*: in clear Value, is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits, *&c.*

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[*b*] Regr. Harſicke, P. 278.

[c] By his Will proved 11 March 1477, he deſires to be buried in the Chancell, gives to the Gild of St. Leonard here 3s. 4d. and to that of St. Mary in the ſaid Church, 3s. 4d. and to John Aleyn, Vicar of Didlyngton, his beſt Gown. Regr. Gelour Norw. Regr. Surflete P. 141.

[*d*] By his Will in 1518, he bequeaths his Body to be buried in the Church-Yard of Mundford. Reg. Briggs, P. 69.

[*e*] Presbyter non Conjugatus, mediocriter Doctus, reſidet, Hoſpitalis, non prædicat, nec Licentiatus, nullum aliud. Parkeri Certificat.

## STURSTON.

# *STURSTON,*

LIES in the North-Eaſt Angle of this Hundred, and may derive it's Name from the Rivulet that runs on the North Side of it, formerly ('tis not unlikely) call'd the *Stour*, tho' at preſent it's Name is not known; *Stour* or *Stert*, is a Name frequently to be met with, moſt of the Counties [*f*] in *England*, having Rivers, Brooks, *&c.* thus denominated.

† At the Survey it was the Lordſhip of *Ralph Bainard*, a powerful Baron, who came into *England* with the Conqueror, and LUVELLUS (probably Anceſtor of the Family of *Lovell* in *Norfolk*) held of him 6 Carucates of Land, which *Torp* held in the Time of the Confeſſor, and 10 Acres of Meadow, valued at 60*s.* alſo 2 Carucates, *&c.* of Land which 16 Free-Men held, valued at 20*s.* The whole was a League long, and half a one broad, and paid 20*d. Gelt.*

The Lordſhip held by *Ralph*, Lord *Bainard*, was afterwards forfeited by his Deſcendent, *William* Lord *Bainard*, on Account of his Rebellion in the Reign of *Henry* I. and 'twas given by that King to *Robert*, Grandſon of *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*, whoſe Poſterity aſſumed the Name of *Fitz-Walter*, Lord *Bainard*; and in the Reign of King *Henry* III. [*g*] *William Clere*, was found to hold here, half a Knight's Fee, of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, and *William Clere*, held the ſame in 3 of *Edw.* I. and had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer. *Edm. Clere*, was found to die ſeized of the ſame Fee, [*h*] 2 *Edw.* III. held of the Honour of *Caſtle-Bainard* in *London*, by the Rent of 40*d. per Ann.* Caſtle-Guard Money, and *John* was his Son and Heir, and in the 22d of that King, it was conveyed by Fine, from [*i*] *John Clere*, to Sir *John Herling*, and was held in 3 *Hen.* IV. by Sir *Simon Felbrigge* Knt. of the Earl of *Rutland*, in the Right of his Wife, Widow of the Lord *Fitz-Walter*, but by the laſt Will of *Robert Dey*, Gent. of *Sturſton*, [*k*] dated 14 *Apr.* 1516, and proved the 9 of *Sep.* following, it appears that he died poſſeſſed of the Manor of *Sturſton*, and left only two Daughters and Co-Heirs, *Jane* and *Elizabeth*, between whom (as I take it) it was divided, for in 4 *Edw.* VI. *Henry Pereget*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, [*l*] Co-Heir moſt likely, of *Robert Dey*, conveyed by Fine, a Moiety of this Manor, with Lands in *Stanford*, and *Tottington*, to *Rob. Shaklok*, and at that Time, it was held of *Hen. Ratcliff*, Earl of *Suſſex*, Viſcount *Fitz-Walter*.

And in the ſame Year, the other Moiety was by Fine conveyed from *Martin Freremnar*, to *Thomas Tindale*, and ſoon after to the aforeſaid *Rob. Shaklok*; after this it came to the Family of *Jermyn* of *Ruſhbrook* in *Suffolk*, and *Edmund Jermyn*, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas Jermyn*, 15 *Eliz.* died *ſans* Iſſue, ſeized of it, and held it of *Thomas* Earl of *Suſſex*, and Sir *Ambroſe* was his Brother and Heir, who died Lord in the 19th of the aforeſaid Queen, and in 41 *Eliz. Edmund Jermyn*, Eſq; 4th Son of Sir *Ambroſe* enjoyed it, and left it then to his Son and Heir *William*, who died *ſans* Iſſue, 12 *Dec.* 3 *James* I. and ſo it came to his Brother *John Jermyn*, Eſq; Soon after this it was ſold to *Henry Bedingfield*, Eſq; 5th Son of Sir *Henry Bedingfield* of *Oxburgh*, who died Lord, and was buried here about 1629, in which Family it continued, 'till it was ſold by *John Bedingfield* of *Beeſton*, Eſq; about the Year 1730, to Mr. *Bullock*, Couſin, and one of the Heirs of Sir *Tho. Colby*, Bart. who on a Diviſion of the aforeſaid Sir *Thomas*'s Eſtate, is ſaid to have had about 30,000*l.* for his Share or Part.

* Beſides the Manor above-mentioned, *Roger Bygot* at the Survey, held 60 Acres of Land, which *Ralph*, Son of *Hugh* held of him, and which belonged to a Free-Man in the Time of the Confeſſor, valued then at 30*d.* now at 8*d.* but this Part was alſo (as far as I can find) ſoon after annexed to the Lordſhip aforeſaid, as was that Part which belonged to || *Ralph de Tony*.

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[*f*] Mag. Britan. Introd. p. 135.

† Terre Radi: Bainardi, H. de Grimeſhou. (Domeſd. fol. 256.)

In STERTUNA ten: LUVELLUS vi. Car: terre quod tenuit TORP, tunc ix Vill: & poſt. & m° ii. ſemp. ii. Bor: x. Acr. prati, ſemp. ii. Car: in dnio: & tertia poteſt eſſe, tunc iii. Car: houm: m°· ii. Bov: terre, ii. Runc: m°· iii. tunc viii. an: m°· xi. tunc xx. Por. m°· xi. tunc iii. Oves m°· CC. tunc xi. eque, m°· nulle, ſemp. val: lx. Sol. et in eadem xvi. libi: hoes: tenent ii. Car: terre & i. Acr. tunc vi. Car: inter eos & poſt. m°· iii. tunc val. xx. Sol. quos hab: pro eſcangio. tota habet i. Leug. in long. & dim. in lat. & xx*d.* de Gelto.

[*g*] Inquis. Temp. Hen. 3.

[*h*] Eſch. 2. Ed. 3.

[*i*] Fin. 22. Ed. 3. L. 4. N. 83.

[*k*] Regr. Briggs, p. 35.

[*l*] Ped. Fin. Term. Paſch. 4. Ed. 6. N. 58. N. 90.

* Terre Rogeri Bigoti, H. de Grimeſhou. (Domeſd. fol. 127.)

In ESTERESTUNA i. lib: homo de lx. Acr. quas ten. R. f. H. tunc dim. Car: tunc val. xxx*d.* m°: viii *d.*

|| Terra Radulfi de Toenio, H. de Grimeſhou. (Domſd. fo. 230.)

In ESTERESTUNA, ten: i. lib: homo xxx. Acr. tre: tunc dim: Car: tunc val. ii. Sol: m°· xii *d.*

The Manor-Houſe only now remains, the reſt of the Village being demoliſhed.

The Tenths of this Town were 1*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to the *Holy-Croſs*, and ſtands a little South of the Houſe; it is a ſmall Pile built of Flint, *&c.* about 26 Feet in length, and 14 in Breadth, cover'd with Tiles; at the Eaſt End was formerly a Chancel, as appears from the Foundation-Stones, and at the Weſt End is a low ſquare Tower of Flint, in a ruinous Condition, and open from the Top to the Bottom

*On the Pavement lies a Graveſtone, thus inſcribed,*

Here lyeth interr'd the Body of ANN, the Wife of JOHN BEDINGFIELD, Gent. formerly a Citizen of LONDON, now a Grocer in LYNN-REGIS, who departed this Life Dec. 14, 1677, aged 38 Years; of her Children, three Sons and two Daughters, ANN and MARTHA, were the Fore-runners of their Mother's Deſtiny to this Tomb.

*Againſt the North-Wall is a plain Stone Monument, with this Inſcription,*

HENRICUS BEDINGFIELD quintus filius Domini HENRICI BEDINGFIELD Militis Aurati, defuncti, et MARIA Uxor HENRICI, filia Chriſtiani Catholici, hic dormiunt in Domino, ſpe firma expectantes Carnis Reſurrectionem et Vitam æternam per Jeſum Chriſtum Dominum Noſtrum. An° Dom: 1629.

This Church was well endowed, which occaſioned it's early Appropriation to the Priory of *Dunmow* in *Eſſex*, founded by the Lords *Baynard*, for in the Beginning of the Reign of *Edward* I. it was in that Houſe, and the Prior and Convent had a Manſion-Houſe or Rectory, endowed with a Carucate of Land, Procurations then were 5*s.* Synodals 2*s.* and in 1428, the Prior was taxed for his Spiritualities here, at 6 Marks, and for his Temporalities at 16*s.* 6*d.*

At the Diſſolution it was granted to the Earl of *Suſſex*, and held of him (as the Lordſhip was) by the *Jermyns*, and ſo came to the *Bedingfields*, and from them to Mr. *Bullock*, the preſent Impropriator.

The Curate who officiates, is allowed 6*l.* *per Ann.* only.

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## *STANFORD,*

TAKES it's Name from the *Stony-Ford*, over the River that runs thro' the Town: At the Survey, we find it in the Hands of many of the Conqueror's Followers, but the moſt conſiderable Part, was held by *Roger*, * Son of *Renard*, and was that Part or Lordſhip, which *Alſtan*, a *Saxon* held, in the Reign of the Confeſſor, and that was two Carucates of Land, 8 Acres of Meadow, one Mill, and the Moiety of another, the whole was valued at 60*s.* *per Ann.* In the ſame Village alſo, *Roger* held two Carucates, and 36 Acres of Land, and four of Meadow, valued at 20*s.* *per Ann.* which he claim'd by the Gift of the King; the whole was one League long, and half a League in breadth, and paid 15*d.* *Gelt.* [*n*] when the Hundred was taxed at 20*s.* And of theſe Free-Men, the King, and the Earl of *Norfolk*, had the *Soc.*

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* Terre Rogeri filij Renardi. Hund. de GRIMESHOU. (Domeſd. fol. 281.)

STANFORDA, ten. ALSTANUS T.R.E. ii. Car. terre ſemp: v. Vill: & ii. Bor: tunc v. Serv: & poſt. m° ii. viii. Acr. prati, ſemp: in dnio: ii. Car: tunc & poſt. i. Car: houm: m° ii. Bov: ſemp. i. Mol. & dim. tunc & modo ii. run. tunc viii. An: modo xii. tunc viii. Por: modo x. tunc ii. Ov. modo iiii. vigint: tunc val. & modo lx. Sol. In eadem villa ſunt viii. lib: hoes: de ii. Car: tre. & xxxvi. Acr. & i: Bor. & i. Ser. iiii. Acr. prati, tunc iiii. Car. m° ii. ſemp: val. xx*s.* hoc reclamat de dono Regis, Totum habet i. Leug. in long & dim. in lato, & red: de Gelto xv*d.* de xx*s.* & ſup. hos Rex Soc. & Comes hab.

[*n*] DANEGELT, was a Tribute which the Danes impos'd on the Saxons, or Engliſh, upon their frequent Incurſions, as the arbitrary Terms of Peace, and Departure, and became a Yearly Tribute or Penſion, paid to them under King Etheldred, the Confeſſor is ſaid to have remitted this Tax, but it appears the Conqueror kept it up, and raiſed it as often as he thought proper; Every Town and Hundred had it's Gelt or Tax, and 'twas ſeverely exacted and augmented, by King William II. In the Confeſſor's Time, it ſeems to be a Tax of 12d. on every Hide of Land, Huntington computes it at 12s. on each Hide, Brampton at 3d. on each Bovate or Oxgang, and every Town was to bear a Proportion according to the Taxation laid on the Hundred.

## MORTIMER's MANOR.

The Lordſhip, held by *Roger*, came ſoon after, into the Hands of the Earl *Warren*, who had large Poſſeſſions in this Hundred, and was held of him, by the antient Family of *Mortimer* of *Atleburgh*; Sir *Robert de Mortimer*, was Lord in the Reign of *Henry* II. [c] and in 1218, Sir *William de Mortimer*, held here and in *Bukenham-Parva*, half a Knight's Fee, of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl of the King; his Grandſon Sir *William* had, 11 *Edw.* I. [d] the Grant of a Weekly-Market here on *Tueſday*, and a Fair for three Days, *viz.* on the Eve, the Day and Morrow, of *Whit-Sunday* Yearly. *John de Thorp* ſeems to have held it 9 *Edw.* II. [e] under the *Mortimers*, and was returned then as Lord, and 20 *Edw.* III. Sir *Conſtantine de Mortimer* was found to hold half a Fee here of the Earl *Warren*, late held by *John de Thorp*.

[f] On the Diviſion of the Eſtate of the *Mortimers*, this Townſhip came to *Cecily*, Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *Thomas Mortimer*, then the Wife of Sir *John Herling*, and on her Deceaſe, it deſcended to her Son Sir *John Herling*, who left one Daughter and Heir *Ann*, the Wife of Sir *William Chamberlain*, Knight of the Garter, who enjoyed it. This *Anne* had to her ſecond Husband, Sir *Rob. Wingfield*, Comptroller of the Houſhold to *Edw.* IV. who died ſeized of it in right of his Wife. In this Family it remained 'till Sir *Anthony Wingfield*, Knight of the Garter in *Edw.* VI^th's^ Time, [g] conveyed it to *Nicholas Bacon*, Eſq; (afterwards Lord Keeper) with other Lands in *Weſt-Tofts*, *Bukenham-Parva*, and *Sturſton*. After this, it was enjoyed by [h] *Edw. Coke*, Eſq; who was Lord here, 40 *Eliz.* and then by *John Barker*, Eſq; of the *Ipſwich* Family, and thence it came to the *Pentneys*.

PENTNEY, Eſq; being the preſent Lord.

## LANGETOT's MANOR.

Beſides this Capital Manor of the *Mortimers*, of the Fee of *Roger* Son of *Renard*, there was alſo another Lordſhip belonging to the ſame Fee, held of the *Mortimers*; for in *H.* III. Time, *John Langetot*, was found to hold here, and in *Bukenham-Parva*, half a Quarter of a Fee, [i] of Sir *Robert Mortimer*, and he of the Earl *Warren*; and 34 *Edw.* I. *Nicholas de Langetot*, and *Margery* his Wife, held the ſame. But 20 *Edw.* III. Sir *John de Hederſet*, *Jeffry de Hall*, and their Tenants, held here, and in *Bukenham-Parva*, Half a Quarter of a Fee, of Sir *Robert de Mortimer*, and he of the Earl *Warren*. By the Inquiſitions taken in 3 *Hen.* IV. *Richard Gegge*, *Edmund Hall*, and their Tenants, were found to hold the ſame; and by *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *Gegge*, it came by Marriage to *John Auſteyn*, Eſq; who conveyed it [k] 21 *Edw.* IV. to Sir *Robert Wingfield*, Lord of the Manor of *Mortimers*, with which it continues united at this Time.

## MONDFORD's FEE,

Was the next conſiderable Lordſhip in this Town, and was at the Survey, enjoyed by *Hugh de Montfort*, * and had one Carucate of Land in Demean, and two Acres of Meadow, held by a Free-Man, valued at 20*s. per Ann.* but the Lord before *Hugh*, had only his Protection, and the King had the *Soc*,

## STANFORD's MANOR.

[l] This Fee divided into two Moieties, one of which was enjoyed by *Nigell de Stanford*, and *William de Bukenham*, in the Reign of King *Richard* I. and 52 *Hen.* II. by *Cecilia* Daughter of *Alexander de Stanford*, in which Year, *William Gernun*, releaſed to her by Fine, 40 Acres of Land, 10*d.* Rent, and the Liberty of a Fold-Courſe on her Lands here, and in *Bodney*. In 1300, *Hubert Hacon*, was Lord, and 9 and 17 *Edw.* II. *Margery*, Relict of *Roger Coſyn*, of *Elingham-Magna*, held it of *Thomas de Caily*, but 20 *Edw.* III. Sir *John de Hederſet*, *Edm.*

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[c] Teſta de Nevill p. 311. See more of this Family in Attleburgh. [d] Cart. 11. Ed. 1. N. 28. [e] Nom. Villar. Inquiſ. Ed. 3. [f] Fin: div. Com. 3. H. 4. L. 1. N. 64.

[g] Ped. Fin. Term. Trin. 1. Ed. 6. N. 23. [h] Hill. Term. 4. Eliz. N. 148. Coke was afterwards Lord Chief Juſtice.

[i] See in Bukenham-Parva. [k] Fin. Norff. 21. Ed. 4. L. 2. N. 38. * Terra Hug: de Monteforti. H. de Grimeſhou.

In ESTANFORDA ten. i. lib: ho: i. Car. terre ſemp. in dnio: i. Car. & viii. Vill. & i. Bor. ii. Acr. prati, ſemp. dim. Car. hom: & val: xx s. ſed ipſe red. xv. & ſuper hunc non habuit Antec. ejus niſi comend. tant. & Rex Socham. (Domeſd. fol. 235.)

[l] Rot. de Eſchaet. et Ward. Temp. Ric. 1. in Cur. Recept: Scij. Fin. 52 Hen. 3, L. 9. N. 67. Nom. Villar. Eſch. 17. E. 2. 1. Par.

*Hall*, &c. held it by Half a Quarter of a Fee of *Adam de Clifton*, and he of *Richard de Belhouſe*, and *Richard* of the King, and 3 *Edw.* IV. *Richard Gegge*, and *Edmund Hall*, of *Bukenham-Parva*, held it of *John Rands*, alias *Reymes*, Lord of *Bodney*, and he of the King, and by the Marriage of *Margaret* Daughter and Heir of *Gegge*, it came to *John Auſteyn*, Eſq; who conveyed it to Sir *Robert Wingfield*, and from that Family, it came to Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, and ſo to Sir *Edward Coke*, and about the Reign of King *Charles* I. was ſold to *Thomas Garard*, Eſq; and his Deſcendent, Sir *Nicholas Garard*, Bart. of *Langford*, died ſeized of it in 1727, and it is now held by his Widow.

## UFFORD's *or* CAMPSEY MANOR.

The other Moiety of *Monfort*'s Fee, was held in the Beginning of the Reign of *Hen.* III. [*l*] by *Rich. de Burfeld*, by the ſixth Part of a Fee, of the Honour of *Hagenet*; and after this by *Elen le Ward*, *Alexander Gizon*, *Rich. Hemmiſbye*, &c. who held here, and in *Bukenham-Parva*, a Quarter of a Fee, of *Adam Cayly*, and he of *Thomas Belhouſe*, and *Thomas* of the King. In 20 *Edw.* III. Sir *Edmund de Ufford*, *James de Whitwell*, and *Alex. Doleman*, were found to hold Half a Quarter of a Fee of *Adam de Clifton*, and *Adam* of *Rich. de Belhouſe*, but 3 *Hen.* IV. it was in the Monaſtery of *Campſey* in *Suffolk*, given to that Houſe moſt likely, by *Rob. de Ufford*, Earl of *Suffolk*, for the Prioreſs was then found to hold Half a Quarter of a Fee in this Town, late *Rob. de Ufford*'s, and others, held of *John Reymes*, as of his Manor of *Bodney*. On the Diſſolution of the Priory of *Campſey*, it came to the Crown, and was given by King *Henry* VIII. together with the [*m*] Manor of *Tottington*, in the 31 Year of his Reign, on 9 *Dec.* to Sir *Rob. Southwell*, and 16 *May*, 40 *Eliz.* was purchaſed by Sir *Edw. Coke*, of Sir *Robert Southwell*, and in the Reign of King *Charles* I. was ſold to *Thomas Garard*, Eſq; and Sir *Nicholas Garard*, Bart. died ſeized of it in 1727, whoſe Lady now enjoys it, it being joined to *Stanford*'s Manor, and ſo all *Mondford*'s Fee is re-united.

§ ROGER BIGOT, had alſo at the Survey, 60 Acres of Land and two of Meadow, held by a Free-Man in the Time of Confeſſor, and *Stanard* held it of *Roger*, and 'twas valued at 2*s.* 8*d. per Ann.*

This was afterwards held by *Walter Gyzun*, 11 *Edw.* II. and 20 *Edw.* III. by *William*, Son of *Stephen Gezun*, and in 3 *Hen.* IV. by *William Geſun*. After this I meet with no Account of it, it being united to ſome of the other Lordſhips.

* *William*, Biſhop of *Thetford*, had Lands belonging to his Fee, *viz.* 60 Acres of Land, and two of Meadow, which a Free-Man held of him, valued at 6*s.* 6*d. per Ann.* This was Land belonging to his Lordſhip and Town of *Tofts*, which extended into this Place, of which we ſhall treat under *Tofts*.

† *Rainald*, Son of *Ivo*, had alſo at the Survey, 14 Acres of Land, which two Free-Men held in the Confeſſor, *Wihenoc* had them delivered to him, but *Ralph* now enjoys them, this was valued at 2*s.* 8*d. per Ann.* The Lands which *Ralph* Son of *Ivo* held, came afterwards to the Earls of *Glouceſter*, and *Clare*, and this Part was annexed very early to ſome of the other Lordſhips, no Account of it being found on any Records that I have met with.

The Tenths of this Town, were 5*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

The *Lete* is in the Lord of the Hundred.

The Road from *Bury*, and *Thetford*, to *Swaffham*, and *Walſingham*, lies thro' this Village, a modern Author [*n*] aſſerts that Travellers find here one good Inn, but this may be found by ſad Experience, to be a Miſtake.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, [*o*] and is built of Brick, &c. it has been a regular and neat Pile, conſiſting of a Nave, North and South-Iſles, and a Chancel, but is now in a very ſordid and ruinous Condition, both Church and Chancel being for the moſt part unpav'd, the Timber of the Roof greatly decayed, ſeveral good Windows or Lights worked up, and by no means kept as becomes a Place dedicated to the Service of God.

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[*l*] Teſta de Nevil. [*m*] Rot. 31. H. 8: Par. 10.

§ Terre Rogeri Bigoti. H. Grimeſhou. (Domeſd. fol. 127.) In STANFORDA i. lib: ho: lx. Acr. terre m° ten: Stanardus, tunc & poſt. dim. Car: & ii. Acr. prati, & val. ii. Sol. & viii *d.*

* Terre Willi: Epi: Tetfordenſ: de Feudo ejuſdem. (H. de Grimeſhou. (Domeſd. fol. 155.) In ESTANFORDA i. lib. ho: de lx. Acr. tunc & poſt. i. Car. m° nichil, ſemp. i. Vill: ii. Acr. prati, ſemper val. vi *s.* & viii *d.* de hoc habuit Anteceſſor ejus: Willi. commendat: tant. & Rex. Socha. & Willi. Epis: ten& eum.

† Terre Rainaldi Filij Ivonis H. de Grimeſhou. (fol. 223.) In ESTANFORDA ten' ii. lib: hoes: xiiii. Acr. terre & fuerc liberat: Wihenoc, m° ten. Radus: ſemper dim. Car: & val. ii *s.* & viii *d.*

[*n*] Mag. Brit. Ant. & Nova in Norff. p. 350.

The Nave is in length about 34 Feet, and in breadth, including both the Iſles about 50, and is covered with Lead, as both the Iſles formerly were, of which they were ſtripped ſome Years paſt by the Church-Wardens, *&c.* and at preſent the South-Iſle is covered with Tile, and the North with Reed. Theſe Iſles ſeem to have been Additions to the Body of the Church, erected by ſome [*p*] Pious Perſons, as Chapels or Chantries. The Chancel is in length about 30 Feet, and in breadth about 20, both on the South and North Side of it, there have been Chapels annexed, or other Buildings, as appears from theruinous Heaps of Stones, which ſtill remain.

At the Weſt-End of the Nave, ſtands a Tower of Flint, round, as high as the Roof of the Nave, and from thence octangular, in which hang three Bells, one of which is broke.

Here were antiently in this Church, [*q*] the Arms of the Earls of CLARE. BEAUCHAMP. Earl of *Warwick*. MORTIMER, of *Atleburgh*. of ENGLAND, and of FITZ-JOHN, who bore Quarterly *Or* and *Gul.* a Border Vairy *Az.* and *Arg.*

## *RECTORS.*

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| *H.* III. | *Rob. de Greneweſvill.* ROBERT DE MORTIMER. |
| | [*r*] *Rob. de Thorp*, occurs Rector in the Beginning of *Edw.* I. |
| 14 *E.* I. | *Roger de Hales* Rector, this Year Sir WILLIAM DE MORTIMER, ſued the Prior of *Shouldham* for the Preſentation of this Church, and having recovered it, granted it to *Benedict* Prior, and the Convent of *Shouldham*, and on the 21 *April* 1301, it was appropriated, and the Endowment of a Vicarage was left to the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and his Succeſſor, to take Place on the Death of the preſent Rector *Hales*. But before this it appears, that the Prior and Convent of *Caſtle-Acre*, had two Parts of the Tithes of the Demeans of Sir *Rob. de Mortimer*, confirmed to them by *Simon*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, and we find in 1428, the Prior charged for them at 15 *s*. |

## The *VICARS.*

Were nominated by the BISHOP of NORWICH, to the Prior of *Shouldham*, who preſented them.

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| 1301, 3 *Octob.* | *John de Reynham.* |
| 1342, | *William de Oſberſton.* |
| | *John de Brockford.* |
| 1352, 22 *June*, | *William Kerr*, on the Death of *Brockford.* |
| 1372, 20 *April*, | *Adam de Aldeby.* |
| 1401, 24 *May*, | *Godfrey de Ilſyngton.* |
| 1409, 20 *May*, | *John Ivynge*, on the Reſignation of *Ilſyngton.* |
| 1416, 1 *July*, | *Peter Feld*, on the Reſignation of *Ivynge*; he had the Church of *Sapeſton*, and exchanged with *Ivynge.* |
| 1418, 29 *July*, | *Henry Boold*, on the Reſignation of *Feld*; he was Vicar of *Yakeſle* in *Suffolk*, and exchanged with *Feld.* |
| 1419, 16 *Jan.* | *John Balls*, on the Reſignation of *Boold*; he was Vicar of *Bedingfield* in *Suffolk*, and exchanged with *Boold.* |
| | [*s*] *John Boor.* |
| 1446, 23 *July*, | *Rob. Lakyngheath*, on the Reſignation of *Boor.* |
| | *Rob. Gogeon.* |
| 1479, 21 *Octob.* | *John Parker*, on the Death of *Boor.* |
| 1492, 4 *May*, | *John Baldewyn.* Collated by the BISHOP. |

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[*o*] John Skinner by his Will dated Aug. 3, 1473, deſired to be buried in the Church-Yard of Stanford, All-Saints, I give to the great Light there 40*d.* and to the Repair of the Bells 20*d.* Regr. Paynot.

[*p*] Tho. Fekys of Sturſton in 1529, was buried in the Church, and ordered a Light to be found before our Bleſſed Lady, in our Lady's Chapel in Stanford, which was the Gift of Richard Fekys for ever. Regr. Palgrave, p. 54. At the Eaſt End of this Iſle lies an old Marble Graveſtone, probably for Richard Fekys, and againſt the Wall is a Place for Holy-Water, and a Pedeſtal for a Statue, this being our Lady's Chapel.

[q] MSS. J. Anſtis, Armig. E. 26. fol. 10.

[*r*] Plita: de Jur. &c. apud Norw. in Oct. Sci: Hillar. A° R. Edw. 1. 14. R. 2. Plita: Coron. apud Norw. 15. Ed. 1.

[s] At this Time the Monaſtery of Shouldham was taxed for their Spiritualities, at 13 Marks, 4*s.* 5 d. the Tenths were 17 s. 9 d. *ob*: and the Vicar was taxed at 6 Marks 8 *s.* 11 d. the Tenths 8 *s.* 1 d.

Margery Linford by Will in 1436, gives a Legacy to the Gild of St. John-Baptiſt in this Church. Regr. Multone, p. 44.

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| 1497, 22 *Nov.* | *Jeffery Warner*, on the Reſignation of *Baldewyn*. |
| 1515, 8 *Feb.* | *William Lupton*, on the Reſig. of *Warner*; the laſt preſented by the Prior. |
| 1563, 22 *Sept.* | *Rich. Wingfield* on the Death of the laſt Vicar. The QUEEN. |
| 1587, 22 *April*, | *Roger Jeffrey*, on the Reſignation of the laſt Vicar. [u] The QUEEN. In his Reply to King *James*'s Queries in 1603, he obſerves that there were 76 Communicants. |
| 1628, 26 *June*, | *John Shelton*, on the Death of *Jeffrey*. The KING in the Vacancy of the See of *Ely*. |
| 1634, 2 *June*, | *William Grave*, A. M. on the Ceſſion of the laſt Vicar. HENRY HUTCHENSON of *London* this Turn, by Grant of the Biſhop of *Ely*. |
| | *Thomas Lambert*. Biſhop of *Ely*. |
| 1662, 17 *Dec.* | *William Mundford*, A. M. on the Death of *Lambert*. The Biſhop of *Ely*. |
| 1678, 9 *May*, | *William Conſtable*, A. B. on the Death of the laſt Vicar. The KING. |
| 1690, 27 *June*, | *Thomas Roberts*. The KING, by Lapſe. |
| 1702, 29 *Auguſt*, | *Samuel Rudland*, on the Ceſſion of *Roberts*. The Biſhop of *Ely*. |
| 1718, 28 *Octob.* | *William Tanner*, on the Death of *Rudland*. The Biſhop of *Ely*. He was Vicar of *Girſton*, and now Rector of *Reddenhall*, and *Topcroft*. |
| 1723, 16 *Nov.* | *William Henman*, A. M. on the Reſignation of *Tanner*. The KING; He was Rector of *Creſſingham-Magna*. |
| 1730, 16 *March*, | The Rev. Mr. *John Edgerly*, A. B. Collated by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, by Lapſe, the Biſhop of *Ely* is Patron. |

This Vicarage is valued in the King's-Books at 5 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d. ob:* and is diſcharged, being returned of the clear Yearly Value of 18 *l. per Ann.*

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[u] On the Diſſolution of Shouldham Monaſtery, the Patronage of this Vicarage, together with the appropriated Rectory, came to the Crown, and there continued 'till Queen Eliz. in the fourth Year of her Reign, procured an Act of Parliament to empower her to grant and convey the Impropriate Tithes, Offerings, Glebe-Land, &c. of Rectories, lodg'd in the Crown, to ſeveral Epiſcopal Sees, and for her to take into the Right of the Crown, on the Vacancy of any See, any Part of the Honours, Caſtles, Manors, Lands, &c. of the ſaid Sees, as ſhould amount to the Yearly Value of ſuch Rectories Impropriate, to be ſetled on them for ever, by way of an Exchange, like that of Glaucus and Diomedes. And thus this Impropriate Rectory, with many others, came to the See of Ely, many Noble Lordſhips being taken from that See by this Plea, after the Death of Doctor Cox, Biſhop there in 1581. Yet the good Queen ſays, Dr. Kennet in the Hiſtory of Impropriations, p. 156. did herein conſult and advance the Honour of her Royal Perſon and Government,, by thinking the old Lay-Fees were better for the Crown, and the Eccleſiaſtical Revenues for the Church; but how the Queen conſulted this, will be difficult to determine, when even the aforeſaid Author acquaints us, that upon the third Reading of the Bill in the Houſe of Lords, all the Spiritual Lords then preſent, did expreſly diſſent from it. By this means (ſays the learned Ridley, in his View of the Civil Eccleſiaſtical Law, p. 305.) the Biſhops were brought into Obloquie, as tho' they detained the due Proviſion of the Parochial Church from it, and are ſet in a ready Way to be over-thrown, if every Bird have his own Feathers again.

# *WEST-TOFTS*,

JOINS to the Weſt-Side of *Stanford*, Toft, ſignifies an *Houſe* or *Cottage*, and to expreſs the Poverty of any Perſon this Proverb was us'd, that he had not Toft, or Croft, that is Houſe or Land, the Adjunct *Weſt*, is to diſtinguiſh it from other Villages of the ſame Name.

In *Domeſday* § 'tis wrote *Stoffta*, and was at that Time, the Lordſhip of *William* Biſhop of *Tedford*, and Biſhop *Ailmar* held it in the Confeſſor's Time, when there were ſix Carucates of Land, and eight Acres of Meadow, valued formerly at 40 *s.* at the Survey, at 60 *s.* and was held of the Biſhop, by *Richard* and *Elias*. The whole Town was a League long and half a League broad and paid 17 *d.* to the *Gelt*.

## CASTON-HALL *MANOR*.

At the Survey there were only two Lordſhips, one held by *Richard*, the other by *Elias*, of of the See then of *Thetford*, but ſoon after removed to *Norwich*; in the Reign of *Richard* I.

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§ Terra Willi: Epi: Tetfordenſis, ad Epiſcopatum pertinens. H. Grimeſhou. Domſ. fo. 143. STOFFTAM tenuit Ailmarus Epiſcopus T. R. E. pro vi Car. tre. m° tenent Ricardus & Helias de Epiſcopo. ſemp. iii Villi: tunc xix Bord. m° xv. tunc iiii Serv. m° i. viii acr Prati. tunc i Car. in dnio: m° iii. tunc ii. Car. Hom: m° i. ſemper xxii Porc. CCLXXX Ov. tunc val. xl Sol. m° lx. Totum habet i Leug. in longo & dim. in lato, & red. xvii d. de Gelto.

[x] *Adam de Breideſton*, held a Moiety, and after him the *Kateſtun*'s or *Caſton*'s, which Family had a Lordſhip here, before 3 *Hen.* III. when [y] a Fine was levied between *Martin de Bodekeſham*, and *Agatha* his Wife, *Roger de Rude*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and *Rob. de Kateſtun*, of 6*s.* Rent in *Kateſton*, and 3*s.* Rent in this Town, given them by *John de Kateſton*, Father of *Robert*, who held a Moiety of the Town, by the Service of a Knight's Fee, of the Biſhop of *Norwich*. But ſoon after we find this Moiety to be divided, 3 *Edw.* I. [z] between Sir *Rob. de Caſton*, and *John de Caſton* Rector of this Church, which *Robert* had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer. In the Year 1300, *William de Caſton* was Lord, and in 1313, *Iſabell*, Relict of Sir *Rob. de Caſton* enjoyed it, and 20 *Edw.* III. Sir *John de Caſton* held half a Knight's Fee of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and the Biſhop of the King. This Sir *John* had two Daughters and Co-heirs, *Elizabeth* married to *Rob. Carbonel*, and *Alice* to *William Faſtolf*, and in 1393, Sir *John Faſtolf*, and in 1400, *William Faſtolf* preſented as Lord to this Church; but ſoon after 3 *Hen.* IV. [a] Sir *John Carbonel* was Lord, and held it at half a Fee of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and in the ſame Year ſetled the Manor on himſelf and his Wife *Margery* for Life, remainder to *Tho. Peck* Clerk, and other Feoffees, to be ſold, and the Money to be laid out in Acts of Piety, for the Souls of himſelf, and his Wife, and of Sir *Rich. Carbonel* and *Margaret* his Wife, and 3 *Hen.* VI. the ſaid *Tho. Peck*, conveyed it to Sir *Rob. Brews*, Knt. *John Fitz-Ralf*, *Oliver Groſs*, *William Paſton*, *John Manning*, *Hen. Pakenham*, *Rob. Mortimer*, and others, but this Settlement did not take Effect, for in 1433, *John Berney* of *Reedham*, [b] dy'd ſeized of this Manor of *Caſton-Hall*, and *John* was his Son and Heir, and in the Family of the *Berneys* it continued, 'till the Reign of King *Charles* I. when it was convey'd to the *Jermyns*, Lords of the other Part of the Town, and in 1682, *Hen. Jermyn* Earl of St. *Albans*, was Lord, ſoon after this, it was ſold to Mr. *Vincent* of *Little-Bukenham*, from him, it paſs'd to *Rob. Partridge*, Eſq; and on his Death deſcended to his Brother *Hen. Partridge*, Eſq; whoſe Son,

HENRY PARTRIDGE, Eſq; is the preſent Lord.

## TOFTS *MANOR.*

This Lordſhip was held in the Reign of King *Rich.* I. by *Adam de Breideſton*, and after, by the Family of the *Caſtons*, but in the Reign of *Edw.* I. it divided into two Manors, one of which was held by Sir *Rob. de Caſton*, and this by *John de Caſton* 3 *Edw.* I. who held a fourth Part of the Town, and in the 28*th* of the ſaid King, [c] a Fine was levyed between *John de Toft* Querent, and *John de Caſton* Defendent, (Rector of this Church) of 12 Meſſuages, 300 Acres of Land, 15 of Meadow, 20 of Paſture, 60 of Heath, and 18*s.* Rent, ſetled on *John de Tofts*; and in the 33*d* of the ſaid Reign, another Fine was levyed between *Rich. de Tofts* Querent, and *Roger de Tofts* Defendent, by which the Manor was conveyed to *Richard*, [d] and by the Inquiſitions taken 20 *Edw.* III. it appears that *John de Tofts* held half a Fee of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and the Biſhop of the King, but 3 *Hen.* IV. *Richard Gegge* was found to hold it, and in this Family it continued, 'till by the Marriage of *Margaret*, one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Rich. Gegge*, Eſq; it came to *John Auſteyn*, Eſq; about the Reign of *Edw.* IV. and 10 *Hen.* VII. a Fine was levyed between *Thomas Jermy*, Eſq; [e] and *John Auſteyn*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and a Fine was levyed of the ſame Manor, between the ſaid *Tho. Jermy*, and *Hugh Coo*, and *Ann* his Wife, Daughter as I imagine, of *Auſteyn*, by which it was conveyed to *Thomas Jermyn*, and being thus united to his other Manor, it continued in that Family 'till it was ſold to Mr. *Vincent*, as is above obſerved.

## BIGOT'S, *Or* DORWARD'S *MANOR.*

This Manor contained a Moiety of the Town, and was probably that Part which was held by *Elias*, of the Biſhop of *Thetford* at the Survey, and after by *Jeffrey de* [f] *Melton*, Father of *Peter Le-Conſtable*, and by his Son *Reginald*'s dying without Iſſue, it fell to his three Siſters and Co-heirs, *Alice* married to *Cockfield*, *Iſabell* to *Birſton*, and *Edith*, firſt married to Sir *Stephen de Aſteley*, and after to *Holewell*, but *John de Cockfield*, Son of the eldeſt Siſter *Alice*, ſeems to have on a Diviſion of the Eſtate this Manor aſſigned to him, and *William Bigot*, or *Belet*, was in the Beginning of *Hen.* III. [g] found to hold a Knight's Fee here, of *John de Cockfield*, and he of the Biſhop of *Norwich*. In 3 *Edw*. I. Sir *William Belet* held it, and in the 6*th* of the ſaid King, was found to hold the Manor of *Alfreton-Hall* in *Dunmow-Magna* in *Eſſex* for Life, of *Ralph Bigot* his Brother, Son of *Ralph*, Son of *Bartholomew*; Sir *William* was Valet to *Hen*. III. [*i*] and married *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *Walter de Marham* of *Marham*, Son of *Mark de Marham*, by *Ermelina* his Wife, Daughter of *Hugh de Montfort*. This Sir *William* and *Margaret* his Wife, conveyed Lands there in Truſt to *Ingelram Belet*, 14 *Edw*. I. which *Ingelram* was no doubt of the Family, and was Knighted in the 24th of the ſaid King at *Weſtminſter*, with *Edward* of *Caernarvon* the King's Son, by Bathing, having married *Avice*, Daughter and Heir of *Rob. Bardolph* and of *Avice* his Wife, Daughter of *John de Lound*, and Siſter and Heir of *Anſelm de Lound*, Lord of *Elmswell*, *Wyrham*, *Crimpleſham*, *&c.* and *Ralph*, Son and Heir of Sir *William* was found 9 *Edw*. II. to die [*k*] ſeized of a Capital Meſſuage, Lands, Water-Mill, *&c.* held by the Service (as 'tis ſaid) of paying 10*s*. to the Manor of *Melton*, and *Walter* his Son and Heir was 25 Years old, and Sir *Walter Bigot*, Knt. his Son died Lord of this Manor, and that of *Alfreton* in *Dunmow*, 49 *Edw*. III. and *Walter* his Son and Heir was then aged 12 Years, and *William Bigot* his Son [*l*] 23 *Hen*. IV. releaſed to *John Doreward* and *Iſabell* his Wife, (Mother of the ſaid *William*) all his right in the Manor.

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[x] Rot. de Eſcaet. et Ward. Temp. R. 1. in Cur. Recept. Scij. [y] Fin. 3 Hen. 3. Lig. 1. int. 11. & 12. [z] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Scij: Weſtmon. [a] Inquis. 3 Hen. 4. MSS. Herne. (b) Eſch. 22 Hen. 7. (c) Fin. 28 Ed. 1. L. 5. N. 144. Fin. 33 Ed. 1. L. 7. N. 31. (d) Inquis. 20 Ed. 3. (e) Fin. 10 Hen. 7. in Term. Paſch. N. 29. (f) From Peter Le-Conſtable the Manor of Melton-Conſtable takes it's Name. (g) Inquis. Temp. Hen. 3. (h) Rot. Hund. in Cur. Scij. Weſtmon. Eſch. 6. Ed. 1. Cart. 54. H. 3. M. 9.

This *Iſabell* dy'd 5 *Hen*. VI. when her three Daughters were found to be Siſters and Co-Heirs to their Brother *William Bygot*, who dy'd without Iſſue, *viz. Catherine*, Wife of *Rob. Hunt*, *Margaret*, of *William Galyon*, and *Elizabeth*, of *Richard Fox*; this *Rob. Hunt*, and *Catherine* his Wife, ſettled their Part 20 *Hen*. VI. on themſelves for Life, remainder on *Tho. Dayrell*, and *Iſabell* his Wife, Daughter of *Rob. Hunt* and his Wife, in Tail, [*m*] and 5 *H*. VII. *Thomas Dayrell*, was found to dye ſeized of this Manor, and *Thomas* was his Son and Heir, who dyed Lord in the 21ſt of the ſaid King, leaving his two Siſters *Anaſtaſia*, and *Beatrix*, his Co-Heirs, and on the Marriage of the ſaid *Anaſtaſia*, to *Thomas Jermyn*, Eſq; he became Lord of this Part. 16 *July*, 15 *Eliz*. by an Inquiſition taken at *Norwich*, *Edm. Jermyn*, Eſq; who dyed 1 *Feb*. laſt, without Iſſue, was found to be poſſeſſed of it, being eldeſt Son of Sir *Thomas Jermyn*, and Sir *Ambroſe Jermyn*, was his Brother and Heir, who on 9 *Aug*. in 19 *Eliz*. was found to dye ſeized of it, on the 7 *April* before, and *Robert* was his Son and Heir, aged 30. In 14 *Eliz. Edm. Jermyn*, Eſq; fourth Son of Sir *Ambroſe*, dy'd poſſeſſed, and left it to his Son and Heir *William*, who dying on 12 *Dec*. in 3 King *James*, it came to his Brother and Heir *John*, and in 1685, we find it in the ſame Family, when *Hen. Jermyn*, Earl of St. *Albans*, preſented to the Church, but ſoon after this, it was ſold to Mr. *Vincent*, of *Bukenham-Parva*, and by him to *Rob. Partridge*, Eſq; on whoſe Death it deſcended to *Hen. Partridge*, Eſq; his Brother, whoſe Son

HENRY PARTRIDGE, Eſq; is the preſent Lord.

How the other two Parts of the Manor that came to *Galyon* and *Fox*, by the Mariage of the Co-heirs of *Bygot*, deſcended, I cannot ſay, but in the Reign of *Hen*. VIII. one *Oliver* had ſome Right or Share in it, and paid 3*s*. *per Ann*. due for *Norwich* Caſtle-Guard, and on an Inquiſition taken at *Norwich* 22 *May*, 1 *Eliz*. *John Oliver*, of *Weſt-Tofts*, dyed 23 *Nov*. 1557, ſeized of it, and *William* was his Son and Heir aged 21, and in 1572, *Edm. Wright*, Eſq; held it, ſoon after this it came to the *Jermyns*, and ſo united to the other Parts.

[*n*] 15 *R*. II, *John Methwold*, and others, aliened Lands here, and in *Langford*, and *Shropham*, to the Chantry in the Church of *Thompſton*, and the next Year, *John Davy*, and others, aliened Lands in this Town, *Wyrham*, *Wirmegey*, and *Fordham*, to the Prior of *Wirmegey*.

[*o*] The Prior of *Thetford* had Lands here given him with the Manor of *Santon*, by *Tho. Bodney*, and on 7 *Aug*. 27 *Eliz*. the Queen on the Humble Petition of *Henry* Lord *Wentworth*, grants to *Theophilus Adams*, and *Tho. Butler*, of *London*, Gent. all the Lands here belonging to the late Priory of *Thetford*, which were 100 Acres of Land, Meadow, and Paſture, and 41 *Eliz*. they were poſſeſſed by *Edmund Jermyn*.

The Abbot of *Conches* was taxed in 1428, for his Temporalities here, *viz*. a Mill, *&c.* at 6*s*. and the Prior of *Canterbury*, for his Spiritualities, at 4*s*. 6*d*.

The Tenths of this Town were 3*l*. 8*s*. 7*d*. 1*q*.

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[*i*] Of this Family See in Marham. [k] Eſch. 9 Ed. 2. N. 58. [*l*] Claus 13 Hen. 4. M. 18. Eſch. 5. Hen. 6. N. 61. (*m*] Eſch. 5 Hen. 7. Eſch. 21. Hen. 7.

(*n*) Eſch. 15 Rich. 2. N. 86. Eſch. 16, Rich. 2. N. 120. (*o*) See in Santon, Pat. 27 Eliz. pat. 9. MSS. pen. Thomas Martin, Gent. de Palgrave Suff.

On *Monday* the 2d of *January* 1720, an Oaken-Coffin was found in a moiſt, ſpringy Place, in this Town, by ſome Workmen belonging to Mr. *Partridge*, who were making a Ditch to drain the Ground; near the Place where it was found, is a Piece of Ground (a little Eaſt of the Church) moated about, where formerly was the Seat or Hall of the *Caſtons*, and perhaps here might have been ſome Neighbouring Chapel, it lay S. E. and N. W. and was full of Water, in it were the Bones of the Perſon interred, and a Repreſentation of a Face, cut either in Jet, or *Lancaſhire* Coal, with an Hole thro' the Upper Part of it, and alſo a Blue Cypher which ſeemed to have been ſet in a Ring, and ſeveral Blue irregular Beads, with a broken Golden Furril, which the Workmen ſaid ſlipt off a ſmall Piece of Wood like a Kniting-Sheath, it was broken and bent out-right by them, it probably belonged to ſome ſmall Crucifix, they are now in the Hands of Mr. *Thomas Martin*.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to [*o*] St. *Mary*, and is a very antient Building of Flint-Stone, *&c.* the Nave, is in length about 54 Feet, and in breadth together with the North Iſle, about 27 Feet, and is cover'd with Reed.

On the Pavement near the Reading-Deſk lies a Marble Grave-ſtone with the Arms of

Partridge, *Gul.* on a Feſs cotiz'd between 3 Partridges riſing *Or*, as many Torteauxes. Creſt, a Partridge riſing *Or*.

In the Vault under this Stone lyeth the Body of ROBERT PARTRIDGE Eſq; of Buckenham-Houſe, Eldeſt Son of Mr. HENRY PARTRIDGE of Lowbrook, in the Pariſh of Bray in Berkſhire; he departed this Life 26 Decemb. 1710.

Proh Dolor! jam Virtus ſola ſuperſtes.

In the Wall on the South Side, is a Place for the Holy-Water, where formerly was an Altar. The North Iſle is tiled, and not ſo antique as the Nave, and has an Aſcent at the Eaſt-End, where was another Altar. At the Weſt-End of the Nave ſtands a large ſquare Tower of Flint, cop'd and embattled with Quoins of Free-ſtone, in which hang four Bells, the Great Bell is thus inſcribed,

Virgo Coronata, Duc Nos ad Regna Beata.

This Tower was || begun about the End of *Henry* VIth's Reign, or in the Beginning of *Edw.* IV. round the Water-Table is an Account of the Benefactors, cut in Stone, in old Characters in this Manner.

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| Alle the | Begyners of the Werk. | Andrv Hewke. | John Rolff. | John Oliver, and Amy hys Wyfe. |
| Wylyam Olyver. | Wyliam Rolff. | John Rolff.<br>John Hewke. | Robert Rolff. | Sir John Wyſe, Parſon. |

The Chancel is of equal Height with the Nave, and has no Arch to ſeparate it, which ſhews the Antiquity of the whole Pile, being parted only by a Screen, it is covered with Thatch, and is in length about 33 Feet, and 18 in breadth, here has been a Veſtry, as appears from the Door (which led into it) on the North Side.

Here lies a Marble Grave-ſtone, with this Shield.

Barwick, *Arg.* 3 Bears Heads eras'd *Sab.* muzled *Or.* Creſt, a Bear's Head eras'd *Sab.* muzled *Or.*

Hic jacet BENJAMINUS BARWICK iſtius per 46 Annos Eccleſiæ Rector (una cum JUDITHA Uxore ſua præmortuâ) Qui damnas Voti, hujus foret, ut et Conſors Thori, idem perſolvit, die Martij unde-vigeſimo, Anno Salutis partæ 1669, poſuit N. BARWICK. Nepos ejus Chariſſimus, præſenſq; Eccleſiæ Rector, ſequentis Dec. 1mo. ejuſdem loci gratum præſtolans contubernium.

Adjoining lies another Marble Grave-ſtone, with the Arms of

Jermyn, *Sab.* a Creſcent between 2 Mullets in Pale *Arg.* Creſt, a Talbot Paſſant, gorg'd with a Coronet.

Here under lyeth the Bodies of JOHN JERMYN, late of Weſt-Tafts Eſq; and alſo of THOMAS JERMYN, Eſq; his Brother, a Pentioner of the Bodyes of the late King *JAMES*, and allſo of King *CHARLES*, both of Bleſſed Memorie.

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(o) Here was alſo the Gild of St. Mary, as appears from the Will of John Dibney, Rector of Ickburgh, 1518, Regr. Briggs p. 17.

|| Tho 'tis certain the Foundation was laid, and the Tower was built as high as the Water-Table, in the Reigns abovementioned, yet it ſeems not to have been compleated 'till a long time after, for in 1518, Wm. Olyver left to the Edifying of the Steeple 6s. 8d. Regr. Gyles, Norw. fol. 125.

*Another Marble Stone is thus inſcribed,*

Here lyeth the Body of JOHN HENMAN, late Curate of this Pariſh, and Rector of Great-Creſſingham, Son of Mr. WILLIAM HENMAN of Charing in Kent, he departed this Life the 26 of March, 1730, in the 35 Year of his Age.
Pius filius, fidus Amicus, Vir eximiæ Eruditionis, Eccleſiæ Decus.

In the Upper Window of the Chancel, on the South Side is *Caſton*'s Shield.

And there were antiently the Arms of *Wright*, *Spring*, *Heigham*, *Francis*, *Berney*, and *Reedham*.

## RECTORS.

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| 3 E. I. | *John de Caſton*, Rector. |
| 1300, 3 *Nov.* | *Richard de Hemesby.* WILLIAM DE CASTON. |
| 1313, 18 *Sept.* | *Reginald de Denham.* ISABELL, Relict of Sir ROB. DE CASTON. |
| 1349, 11 *Aug:* | *William de Letton.* Sir JOHN DE CASTON. He was alſo Rector of *Bukenham-Parva*, and Vicar of *Upton*. |
| 1361, 23 *Sep:* | *John Kok*, on the Reſignation of *Letton*. The Lady CATHERINE, Relict of Sir *John de Caſton*. |
| 1393, 16 *Feb:* | *Adam Smith.* Sir JOHN FASTOLFF, Mr. THO: BURGATE, and ROB. DE MARHAM. |
| 1400, 4 *March*, | *William Uſher.* WILLIAM FASTOLFF. |
| 1408, 10 *May*, | *Thomas Peck.* JONH CARBONELL; on an exchange with *Uſher*, for the Mediety of *Sydeſtrond*. |
| 1421, 31 *May*, | *Henry Flecke*, on the Reſignation of *Peck*. Sir JOHN CARBONELL. |
| 1433, 24 *Jan.* | *John Pryour*, vel *Powre*, on the Death of *Flecke*. JOHN BERNY, Eſq; by Virtue of the Manor of *Caſton-Hall*. |
| 1451, 14 *Jan.* | *John Vyce*, on the Reſignation of *Powre*. OSBERT MUNDEFORD Senior, Attorney to *Osb. Mundeford*, Junior, Eſq; then in the King's Service at *Calais*, |
| 1486, 30 *May*, | *Rich. Palgrave*, on the Death of *Vyce*. ELIZABETH MUNDEFORD, of *Hockwold*. |
| 1498, 11 *Oct.* | *John Kechyn*, Batchelor of the Canon-Law, on the Death of *Palgrave*, JOHN BERNEY, Eſq. |
| 1518, 8 *Sep.* | *John Galyon*, on the Death of *Kitchen*. *Ditto.* |
| 1521, 3 *July*, | *Tho. Ward*, on the Death of *Galyon*. *Ditto.* |
| 1546, 6 *Aug:* | [*p*] *John Bowgeon*, on the Death of the laſt Rector. JOHN HARWARDE, Gent. in right of his Wife *Margaret*, Widow of *John Berney*, Eſq; |
| 35 *Eliz.* | *Richard Brown*, this Rector ſaid that there was (in 1603) 80 Communicants in this Pariſh. |
| 1616, 8 *January*, | *Robert Brown*, on the Death of the laſt Rector. Sir THO. BERNEY. |
| 1628, 24 *October*, | *Benjamin Berwick*, A.M. JAMES BERWICK of *Norwich*, Gent. by Virtue of a Preſentation of this Turn from the King, on Account of Lapſe and Simony. |
| 1670, 22 *Auguſt*, | *Nicholas Berwick*, A. M. on the Death of *Benj. Berwick*. RICHARD GODBOLD, Gent. |
| 1682, 21 *April*, | *Benj. Berwick*, A. B. on the Reſignation of *Nicholas Berwick*. HENRY Earl of St. *Albans*. |
| 1732, 13 *October*, | The Rev. Mr. *Henry Harriſon*, A. M. on the Death of *Berwick*. HENRY PARTRIDGE, Eſq; of *Magdalen College Cambridge*. He is Rector alſo of *Munford*. |

This Rectory is valued in the King's-Books at 8*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* *ob*: and by the late Act of QUEEN ANNE is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, being valued at 49*l.* *per Ann.* real Value.

*Andrew Hook*, or *Hewke*, willed in 1484, to be buried in this Church, before the Image of the *Holy-Trinity*, and gave to the Building of the Steeple 30*l.* and *John Olyver* by his Will in 1482, gave to the Steeple 4 Marks, both their Names are on the Steeple as before.

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(p) Presbyter non Conjugatus, ſatis doctus, reſidet, Hoſpitalis, non prædicat, nec Licentiatus. Nullum aliud. (Sc: Beneficium) Parkeri Certif.

*LINFORD.*

# *LINFORD*

LIES between *Mundford* and *Bukenham-Parva*, and may derive it's Name from the *Britiſh* Word *Hlyn, Palus*, and ſo ſignifies a *Fenny* or *Miry Ford*, or as ſome will have it, a ſpreading Water, and in both theſe reſpects, the Paſſage over the River here to *Ickburgh*, will very well anſwer, the Ground near the Water being Boggy and a mere Fen, two Rivers uniting a little above the Town. It may alſo derive it's Name from *Llwyn*, which ſignifies in the aforeſaid Language, a City or large Town, and ſo may have reſpect to the *Iciani* of the *Romans*, which it ſeems to have alſo had ſome Relation to, if not to have been Part of it, having the ſame Lords, and Owners at and before the Conqueſt; and as I've obſerved before, at the Building of Mr. *Nelthorp*'s Houſe here (in 1720,) two *Roman* Urns were dug up, and in 1735, his Gardiner Digging in the Plantation, about a Furlong Weſt of the Houſe, fell on a Pavement of Flint-Stones, under which he found a ſmall *Roman* Urn, in which were Pieces of Bones and Aſhes.

At the Conqueror's Survey the Town was held by two Lords, *Walter Giffard* and *Roger Bigot*, but the greateſt Part of it belonged to *Walter*, who was Earl of *Bucks*, as has been obſerved in *Ickburgh*, in which Town and here, he had 4 Carucates and 35 [q] Acres of Land, and 60 Acres of Meadow, which 14 Free Men held in the Time of the Confeſſor. *Giffard*'s Part came by Marriage (as I've mentioned in *Ickburgh*) to the Earls of *Clare*, and was held of them, being divided into two Moieties or Lordſhips.

One Moiety was held by a Family that aſſum'd their Name from the Town, for in the 4 *John*, *Thomas* Son of *Jeffry de Lynford* was Lord, who purchaſed Lands in the [r] Town of *Rich. de Riſing*, and 3 *Edw*. I. *Stephen de Lynford* had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer here, but in the 34th of that King it was in the Family of [s] *Creſſingham*, when *Amiſius* (or *Amos*) Son of *Roger* of *Creſſingham-Magna*, and *Agnes* his Wife, ſetled it by Fine on *John de Creſſingham* their Son, and *Maud* his Wife; and in 1372, *John de Creſſingham* (Son of *John*) by his Will dated 22 *Feb*. bequeathed it to *Thomas* his Son, and made *Emma* his Wife, and *Will. de Bodney* his Nephew, Executors.

After this, Sir *John Clifton* Knt. of *Bukenham-Caſtle*, was Lord, who by his Will dated in 1447, [t] ordered *John Brigges* of *Quidenham*, to have an Annuity out of it, and that he ſhould have the Refuſal, if he would buy it, which he accordingly did, and by his Will dated in 1454, deviſ'd it to be ſold to the Prior and Convent of St. *Mary* in *Thetford*, for eight-ſcore Marks, and by Virtue of a [u] Licence granted by King *Henry* VI. the ſaid Prior and Convent purchaſed of *JOHN* Duke of *Norfolk*, Sir *Tho. Tuddenham*, Knt. *Tho. Weleys*, and *Will. Brigges*, the Manor and Advowſon, and 80 Acres of Land with the Appurtenances here, and of *John Heydon*, and *John Swan*, one Meſſuage and 350 Acres of Land, with the Liberty of 3 Folds in *Lynford*, and ſo the Prior became Lord of the whole Town, and held it 'till the Diſſolution of his Houſe, and then King *Henry* VIII. in his 32d Year, granted the Whole to *THOMAS* Duke of *Norfolk*, who being attainted in the 38th of the ſaid King, it reverted to the Crown, and King *Edw*. VI. 20 *Febr*. in his 3d Year, [x] granted it to *Rich. Fulmerſton*, and it came by the Marriage of his Daughter to Sir *Edw. Clere*, who was Lord here, and on *July* 1, 23 *Eliz*. the Reverſion of it was granted by that Queen, to *PHILIP* Earl of *Arundel*, a Deſcendent of the aforeſaid Duke of *Norfolk*, by whom it was ſold to *Francis Mundford* Eſq; of *Feltwell*, and in 1603, was enjoyed by Sir *Edw. Mundford*, who then had his Reſidence here, and his Son Sir *Edward* dying in 1643, without Iſſue, it was afterwards ſold by his Siſters and Co-heirs, to Mr. *Turner*, Attorney at Law, whoſe Son Sir *Charles Turner*, conveyed it about 1717, to *James Nelthorp* Eſq; who built a very agreeable Seat, with pleaſant Gardens, Plantations, Canals, *&c*. a little Diſtance from the old Hall, now the Farm-Houſe, and the only Houſe in this Place, beſides the New Hall.

From the Inquiſitions taken in the Reign of *Henry* III. it appears that *William Baldwyn* held here a Quarter of a Fee, of *Jordan Foliot*, and he of the Earl of *Glouceſter*, and the

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[q] Of this, ſee more in Ickburgh, fol. 528.

[r] Fin: Norff. 4 Joh: Lig. 2. N. 96.

[s] Fin: 34. Ed. 1. L. 7. N. 96. 103.

[t] Regr. Wylby fol. 103.

[u] Regr. Thetford Abbat.

[x] Pat. 3. Ed. 6. P. 3. Pat. 23. Eliz. P. 7.

Earl of the King, and this was the other Moiety of *Giffard*'s Manor. In 8 *Edw.* II. [y] *Rich. Foliot*, and his Tenants, held one Fee and an half here, and in *Elſing*, *Geyſt*, *Twiford*, &c. of the Honour of *Clare*, but in 20 *Edw.* III. *John le Spicer*, and *Stephen Baldwyn*, held the ſame of *John Camois*, and his Parceners, and they of the Earl of *Glouceſter* and *Clare*; In 3 *Hen.* IV. *Rich. Gegghe*, and his Parceners, held of *John de Camoys*, one Quarter of a Fee, and he of the Earl of *Clare*, formerly *William Baldwin*'s. After this, in the Reign of *Henry* VI. it was conveyed with the other Moiety, to the Prior and Convent of *Thetford*.

† Here was alſo at the Survey, a little Lordſhip held by *Roger Bigot*, which *Alſtan*, a *Saxon*, was Lord of, in the Confeſſor's Time. One *Soc-Man* with 60 Acres of Land, and three of Meadow, valued at 20*d.* and *Stanart* held it of *Bigot*. [z] This ſeems to be held in 9 *Edw.* II. by *Margaret Coſyn*, and in 11 *Edw.* II. a Fine was levied between *Walter Gyzun*, and *Catherine* his Wife, Querents, and *Walter*, Son of *Henry de Conſtantinople*, alias *le Goldſmith* Defendents, of 6 Meſſuages, 250 Acres of Land, and 15*d.* Rent here and in *Bukenham-Parva*, ſettled on *Walter* and *Catherine*, in Tail, and 20 *Edw.* III. *Will. Longſtaff*, and *William* Son of *Stephen Geſon*, was found to hold the eighth Part of a Fee, of *John de Snetterton* Citizen of *Norwich*, which in 3 *Hen.* IV. was held by *Will. Shepherd* and *William* Son of *Stephen Geſon*, of *Tho. Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*. After this, 'twas united in the Reign of *Henry* VI. to the other Manors and with them conveyed to the Priory of *Thetford*.

The Tenths of this Town were 2*l.* 2*s.*

The Abbot of *Conchis* in *France*, was taxed for his Temporalities here, in 1428, at 6*s.* and the Abbot of *Bury*, for his, at 1*d.*

The CHURCH of *Linford*, has been demoliſhed a long Time, it ſtood in the South-Weſt Part of the Court-Yard, leading to the New-Hall, it's Scite is incloſed, and planted with *Scotch* Firs, where may be obſerved ſeveral of the Foundation Stones, and here ſeveral Humane Bones were dug up.

## RECTORS.

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| 17 E. I. | [a] *John de Benhale.* | PETER, Son of *Gilbert de Beecham-Well.* |
| 1327, | *Peter de Berton.* | |
| 1333, 31 *May*, | *Miles de Saxlingham.* | |
| 1340, 12 *March.* | *Edmund de Waterden.* | ELIZABETH, Relict of *Robert Aſpale.* |
| 1351, 9 *Apr.* | *William de Wytton.* | |
| 1351, 28 *July*, | *John Bliſſed.* | |

The Patronage appears by this, to be ſeperated very early from the Manor, in 44 *Edw.* II. [b] a Fine was levied between *Eliz. Aſpale*, and others, Querents, and *Gilbert de Aſpale*, Deforciant, of the Patronage, with three Meſſuages, 300 Acres of Land, and ſeveral Rents in *Creſſingham-Magna*, *Pickenham-North*, *Hilburghworth*, &c. and the Manor of *Hogeſton*, in *Middleſex*, and in the 45*th* of that King, *Tho. de Heygham*, *William Runham*, &c. releaſed to the Lady *Eliz. Aſpale*, all their Right in the Advowſon and Lands aforeſaid.

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| 1394, | *John Smith.* | |
| 1394, 16 *May*, | *Hen. Thurning*, on the Reſignation of *Smith.* | THOMAS HOLDICH, of *Didlyngton.* He was Rector of *Leſyngham*, and exchanged with *Smith.* |
| 1395, 27 *March*, | *John Erl*, on the Reſignation of *Thurnyng.* | *Ditto.* He was Vicar of *Peryton*, in the Diocеſs of *Lincoln*, and exchanged with *Thurnyng.* |
| 1402, 20 *May*, | *Hen. Fitz-John*, of *Stanfeld*, on the Reſignation of *Erl.* | Tho. Holdich Eſq; |
| 1418, 16 *Oct.* | *Hen. Flecke.* He was alſo Rector of *Weſt-Tofts.* | |
| 1421, 31 *May*, | *Tho. Peche*, on the Reſignation of *Flecke.* | |
| 1421, 17 *June*, | *Hen. Druing*, on the Reſignation of *Peche.* | |
| 1421, 4 *Feb:* | *William Palmer*, on the Reſignation of *Druing*, he had the Church of *Abington* in *Cambridgeſhire*, and exchanged with *Druing.* | |

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[y] Eſch. 8 Ed. 2. Inquis. 20 Edw. 3.

† Terr. Rog. Bigoti. H. Grimeſhou. In Lineforda. ten. A. i Soc. lx. Acr. T. R. E. ſemper dim. Car. & i. Serv. iii. Acr. prati val. xxd. hoc tenet Stanart. (Domeſ. fo: 107.)

[z] Fin. Ed. 2. L. 4. N. 3. Nom. Villar. Inq. Ed. 3. Inq. 3 Hen. 4.

[a] Plac: Term. Paſch. 17 Ed. 1.

[b] Fin. div. Com: 44 Ed. 3 L. 6. N. 70. Claus: 45 Edw. 3 M. 20.

1426, 24 *Oct.* *Edw. Clerk.*
*Thomas Shropham.* } THO. HOLDICH Eſq;

1446, 18 *Sept.* *Richard Sechitche*, Canon of *Weſt-Derham*, on the Death of *Shropham*. He had Licence to leave his Abby in this Form: *Johannes* Permiſſione Divina, Abbas Monaſterij Beate *Marie* de *Weſt-Derham*, ordinis Premonſtratenſis, Dioc: *Norwic:* dilecto nobis in Chriſto, *Richardo Sechitche* confratri meo, in dicto Monaſterio noſtro expreſſe profeſſo, et in ordine Sacerdotali conſtituto, Salutem in auctore Salutis. Tibi ut ad quodcunque Beneficium Eccleſiaſticum, Curatum vel non Curatum, etiam ſi Hoſpitale, vel alia libera Capella fuerit, quod tibi conferri contigerit, licite valeas promoveri, et idem canonice obtinere, Licentiam concedimus ſpecialem, teque poſt Poſſeſſionem adeptam pacificam, vel quaſi dicti Beneficij, ſive Hoſpitalis, vel alias cujuſcunque, cum ſuis juribus et pertinentijs univerſis, a Monaſterio noſtro dimiſſum, atque exoneratum eſſe decernimus per preſentes. In cujus rei Teſtimonium, &c.

1446, 10 *Febr.* *Simon Wygenhale*, Canon of *Weſt-Derham*, on the Reſignation of *Sechitche*. THO. HOLDICH Eſq; of *Wygenhale*.

After this in 1455, the Manor and Advowſon being ſold to the Prior and Convent of St. *Mary* of *Thetford*, they obtained in 1467, of *Walter Hart* Biſhop of *Norwich*, an Appropriation of the Church, and on this Appropriation, a Penſion of 3*s.* 4*d.* was to be paid Yearly to the See of *Norwich*, from the Monaſtery, and the Church was ſerved by a ſtipendary Curate 'till the Diſſolution, and then coming into Lay Hands, the Lord of the Manor as Impropriator, was obliged to find a Curate to ſupply it, tho' in the Year 1598, on the 3d of *Auguſt*, I find by the Inſtitution-Books, that *Tho. Jackler*, A. M. was inſtituted, on the Preſentation of Sir *Edward Clere*, on the Death (as 'tis ſaid) of the laſt Rector, but this is the only Inſtitution I have met with, ſince that of *Wygenhale* in 1446. At preſent, the Church being down, I don't find that there is any Curate, or any Allowance made to any Perſon, the Impropriator as Rector, making it a *Sine-Cure*.

## BUKENHAM-PARVA, *Or*, LITTLE-BUKENHAM.

IS ſo called to diſtinguiſh it from the other Towns of the ſame Name in this County. At the Survey we meet with two Lordſhips here, * one held by *Hugh de Montfort*, and the other by *Roger* Son of *Renard*.

HUGH DE MONTFORT, had one Carucate of Land and 4 Acres of Meadow, which a Free Man held in the Time of the Confeſſor, and there was one Carucate in Demean and half a Mill, 'twas valued at 8*s. per Ann.* the whole was one League long, and half a League broad, and paid 8*d.* of the 20*s. Gelt*, the *Soc* was in the King, and the Earl of *Norfolk*.

This Lordſhip was held of the *Montforts* ſoon after the Conqueſt, by a Family that aſſumed their Name from the Town, and *William*, Son of Sir *Ralph de Bukenham* [c] had a Charter for Free-Warren here, in *Ellingham*, and *Illington*, 38 *Henry* III. and before this, in the 4th of King *John*, a Fine was levied between *William de Bukenham* Tenent, and *Petronilla de Mortimer* Petent, of the Advowſon of the Church of *Bukenham-Parva*, and the Moiety of a Mill; and in the 3d Year of King [d] *Edward* I. *Simon de Nevyle* was Lord, and had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer of his Tenants, and was Patron of the Church, but in 1300, *Hubert Hacon* held it and preſented, after this, *Margery* Relict of *Roger Coſyn* of *Elyngham-Magna*, preſented in 1313, as Lady of the Manor, and in 1323, *John Potys* of *Wilton*; but in 1337, Sir *Simon de Hederſet*, Knt. was Lord and Patron, and

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* Terre Hug: de Monteforti. Hund. de GRIMESHOU. (Domeſd. fol. 235.) * In BUKENHAM i. lib. ho: T. R. E. i. Car. terre ſemp: iiii. Vill: & i. Bor: & iiii. Acr. prati, & i. Car. in dnio: & dim. Car. hom: dim. Mol. & val. viii. Sol. & tota hab. i. Leug. in longo & dim. in lat. & red. viii *d.* de Gelto. REX & COMES hab. Socam.

[c] Rot. Vaſcon. 38 Hen. 3. P. 1. 6.

[d] Rot. Hund. in Scaccarij Weſt.

20 [e] *Edw.* III. Sir *John de Hederſet*, *Edm. Le-Warde*, and *Edm. Le-Hall*, held here and in *Stanford* half a Quarter of a Fee of *Richard de Belhouſe*, as of his Manor of *Bodney*, which *Richard* held it of the King. In the Years 1349, and 1357, *William de Hederſete* was Lord and Patron, but ſoon after, it was in the Hands of *Rich. Gegge*, of *Saham-Tony*, who preſented to the Church in 1367, and in 3 *Henry* IV. *Rich. Gegge*, and *Edm. de Hall*, held here, and in *Stanford*, half a Quarter of a Fee of *John Reymes*, as of his Manor of *Bodney*, and in this Family of *Gegge*, it continued 'till about the Reign of *Edw.* IV. when it came to *John Auſteyn*, Eſq; [f] by the Marriage of *Margaret* one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Rich. Gegge*, Eſq; After this, in *Eaſter* Term, 17 *Hen.* VII. a Fine was levied between *Thomas Spring*, and others Querents, and *Margaret Auſteyn* Widow, Defendent, of this Manor, with Lands in *Stanford*, and *Linford*, and in *Michaelmas* Term, in the 23d of the ſaid King, another Fine was levied between *Thomas Spring* and others, Querents, and *Hugh Coo*, and *Ann* his Wife Defendents, which *Ann*, was Daughter of *John Auſteyn*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and 2 *Edw.* VI. Sir *John Spring*, died Lord, and *William Spring*, Eſq; his Son and Heir had Livery of it in the 1st of Queen *Mary*; this *William*, was afterwards a Knight, and Lord of *Pakenham*, in *Suffolk*, and died on 10 *Feb.* 42 *Eliz.* ſeized of this Manor, and thoſe of *Pakenham*, *Cockfield-Hall*, *Whatfield*, *&c:* in *Suffolk*, leaving *John Spring*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, aged 40, who lived not a Year after his Father, the Inquiſition on his Death being dated *Jan.* 2, 44 *Eliz.* by which it appears, that he dyed *Nov.* 4 in the 43d of the ſame Queen, and *William* his Son and Heir was then 12 Years old.

In the Reign of King *James* I. we find it in the Family of *Rich*, and in 1614, Sir *Robert Rich* (afterwards Earl of *Warwick*) preſented as Lord, but in the Reign of King *Charles* II. Mr. *Appleton* who married the [h] Widdow of Sir *Robert Crane*, of *Suffolk*, Bart. enjoyed it, and *Robert Fairford*, *Iſaac Preſton*, and Mr. *Cradock*, conveyed it to Mr. *Vincent*, who built here the Hall that is now ſtanding, and is a neat Pile of Brick, on the Summit whereof, is a lofty Lanthorn or Turret, and on the Top of this Houſe he (being a very great Humouriſt) erected a Fiſh-pond, with a Baſon of Lead to contain the Water, and had Pipes of Lead which brought Water by an Engine, from a Canal in the Gardens, into every Room (as 'tis ſaid) of the Houſe: He alſo built an elegant Stable, and other Offices, and made a Park. From this Mr. *Vincent* (who mortgaged it to Sir *Tho. Meers*) it came to *Robert Partridge*, Eſq; who dying in 1710, it paſſed to *Henry Partridge*, Eſq; his Brother, and on his Death, to his Son *Henry*, who ſold it about 1736, to the

Honourable *PHILIP. HOWARD*, Eſq; Brother to the DUKE of *Norfolk*, who now reſides here and is Lord and Patron.

* The other Lordſhip was held at the Survey, by *Roger*, Son of *Renard*, who had a Carucate of Land, and 20 Acres, valued at 11*s.* and the King and the Earl had the *Soc.*

This ſoon after came to the Earl *Warren*, and was held of him by the antient Family of *Mortimer*, of *Atleburgh*, [i] and in the Reign of *Henry* III. *John Langetot* was found to hold half a Quarter of a Fee, of Sir *Rob. de Mortimer*, and he of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl of the King, and 34 *Edw.* I. *Nicholas de Langetot*, and *Margery* his Wife, had it, but 9 *Edw.* II. *Hen. de Walpole* was Lord, a Fine being levied in the 7*th* of that King, between *Henry de Walpole* and *Alice* his Wife Querents, and *Nicholas Langetot* and *Margery* his Wife Deforciants, by Virtue of which, it was ſettled on *Henry* and *Alice* for Life, remainder to *Simon* and *Thomas* their Sons in Tail. In the 20 *Edward* III. Sir *John de Hederſet* and [i] *Jeffrey de Hall*, held it of Sir *Conſtantine de Mortimer*, he of the Earl *Warren*, and the Earl of the King, and in 3 *Henry* IV. it was in the Hands of *Richard Gegge*, and ſo became united to the other Manor, and hath continued ſo ever ſince, and for this Lordſhip, there is an Yearly Rent paid to the Lordſhip of *Hilburgh*, at this Day.

There is nothing remaining of this old Village, but the Hall, and the Miller's Houſe.

The Tenths were 1*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

The Prior of *Wirmegey* had Lands here, taxed in 1428, at 6*d.* and the Prior of *Bromhill* was taxed for his, at the ſame Time 6*d.*

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[e] Inquis. 20 Ed. 3.

[f] Cartular. Monachor. de Thetford, pen. P. L. N. fo. 16.

[g] In 1572, George Wright, is ſaid to be Lord of Bukenham-Parva, but 'tis plain by the Inquiſitions above, that William Spring Eſq; was then Lord, this Wright, was indeed Lord of a Manor of Weſt-Tofts adjoining, which extended into this Town, but not otherwiſe, as I can find, unleſs it was about the End of Queen Elizabeth, and the Reign of King James I.

[h] Collect. Le-Neve Armig.

* Terre Rogeri Filij Renardi. H. de Grimeſhou. (Domeſ. fo. 281.) In Bukenham vii. lib. hom. i Car. terre. & xx Acr. & vi. Vill. ſemper ii. Car. & val. xi Sol. Rex. & Comes Socam.

[i] Inquis. Temp. Hen. 3. Nom. Villar. Fin. 7 Ed. 2. L. 2, N. 72.

[k] Inquis. 20 Ed. 3. Inquis. 3 Hen. 4.

The *CHURCH* has been ſo long demoliſhed, that the very Scite of it is not known, it is ſaid to be about the Upper-End of the Canal in the Gardens, near the Garden-Houſe, it was dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and there was in it the Image of our Lady, as appears from an old Will that I have ſeen, wherein a Legacy was given to repair her [l] *Perke*.

## *RECTORS.*

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| 1300, 9 *Feb.* | *William de Caſton*. [m] HUBERT HACUN. |
| 1313, 28 *March*, | *Tho. de Elingham*. MARGERY, Relict of *Roger Coſyn* of *Elingham*. |
| 1323, 17 *Sep.* | *John Poteys*, of *Wilton*. *Ditto*. |
| 1337, 16 *July*, | *Will. de Letton*. Sir SIMON DE HEDERSET. |
| 1348, 20 *March*, | *John Reynolds*, on the Reſignation of *Letton*. He was Vicar of *Upton* and exchanged with *Letton*. Sir JOHN DE HEDERSET. |
| 1349, 15 *July*, | *Ralph Broun*, of *Stanford*. WILL. DE HEDERSET. |
| 1357, 18 *Aug.* | *Peter de Cretyng*, on the Reſignation of *Broun*. He was Rector of *Colkirke*, in *Norfolk*, and exchanged with *Broun*. *Ditto*. |
| 1367, 18 *Dec.* | *William Coupere*. RICHARD GEGGE, of *Saham*, and JOHN his Brother. |
| 1394, 11 *Jan.* | *Walter Body*. } RICHARD GEGGE. |
| 1404, 10 *Nov.* | *John Sewale*. |
| 1408, 20 *Sep.* | *Rich. Trapet*. |
| 1411, 17 *Sep.* | *William Wybord*, on the Reſignation of *Trapet*. JOHN GEGGE. |
| 1430, 3 *Oct.* | *John Oſmond*. Lapſe. |
| 1442, 26 *Feb.* | *John Thetford*. RICH. GEGGE. |
| 1471, 13 *Aug.* | [n] *William Ungot*. JOHN AUSTEYN, Eſq; |
| 1484, 21 *Sep.* | *Thomas Boteler*, A. M. on the Death of *Ungot*. THO. BRAMPTON, of *Atleburgh*. |
| 1505, 9 *Jan.* | *Thomas Apulton*, on the Death of *Boteler*. THO. SPRING, of *Lavenham* in *Suffolk*. *Apulton* was alſo Rector of *Lavenham*. |
| 1514, 7 *April*, | *Robert Hanſart*. |
| 1535, 6 *Oct.* | *Thomas Beal*. JOHN SPRING, of *Hecham* in *Suffolk*. |
| 1542, 23 *Sept.* | *Will. Modyn*, on the Death of *Beal*. *Ditto*. |
| 1568, 3 *April*, | *John Whitell*, on the Death of *Modyn*. WILL. SPRING, Eſq; |
| 1581, 25 *June*, | *Tho. Spark*, A. M. The QUEEN. |
| 1597, 21 *Jan.* | *John Newman* or *Newham*, A. M. The QUEEN. In his Anſwer to King *James*, in 1603, he obſerves that there were then about 10 Communicants here, and that they go to Church and receive the Sacrament at *Stanford*, the Church of *Bukenham*, being long ſince utterly decayed. |
| 1614, 15 *July*, | *John Pemberton*. Sir ROB. RICH. |
| 1638, 5 *June*, | *Nathaniel Waller*. The KING. |
| 1708, 6 *Aug.* | *Robert Simpſon*. The QUEEN, by Lapſe. Rector alſo of *Feltwell* St. *Mary*. |
| 1728, | *William Williams*, on the Death of *Simpſon*. HEN. PARTRIDGE, Eſq; |

This Rectory is a *Sine-Cure*, valued in the King's Books at 3 *l.* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 15 *l. per Ann.* is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, Synodals are 20 *d.* Biſhop's Procurations 18 *d.*

And thus we have paſſed thro' *Grimeſhou* Hundred, which according to the Signification of it's Name, is a hilly, champion, open Country, the Land being Sandy and Barren, unleſs improved by the Farmer's Induſtry, or by the Flocks of Sheep which are kept in almoſt every Town in the Hundred for that Purpoſe, there being no where better Mutton than this barren Land affords, the Sheep being not liable to the Diſeaſe called the *Rot*, as they often are in the more Fertile Parts of this County, the Soil tho' it is a Sand at Top, not only affords excellent Chalk for Lime, but good Earth for Brick, and in ſome Places Blew Clay, which laid upon the Land, makes an excellent Manure, and produces abundance of Corn. The Rabbits alſo which are on the moſt barren Part, are not only the more Excellent for that reaſon, but renders that, which would otherwiſe be of no uſe, to be of equal Value with much better Land, ſo that by this Means, tho' the Champion, or *Fielding Country* (as 'tis commonly called) may appear to the Traveller to be of little Value, either to the Owner or Occupier, it is in reality far otherwiſe, being render'd by theſe Improvements as valuable as a far better Soil.

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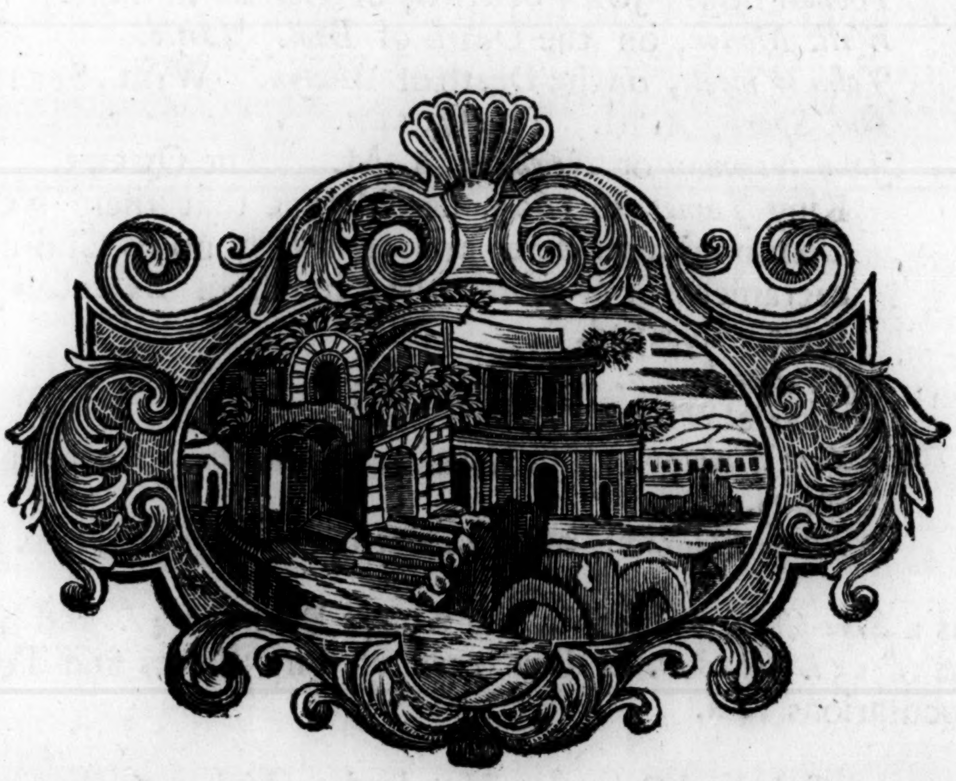
[l] A Pedeſtal and Nich that ſhe ſtood in.

[m] Before this, in the beginning of the Reign of Ed. 1. we learn from Norwich Domeſday, that Simon de Nevyle was Lord and Patron, and the Rector had a Manſion-Houſe, and 20 Acres of Glebe-Land, the Rectory was then valued at 6 Marks, Procurations were 5 s. Synodals 20 d. and Peter's Pence 8 d.

[n] See the Inſcription in Croxton Church in this Hundred.

## The Towns in this *Hundred* are valued to the *Land-Tax* as follow,

| | *l.* | *s.* | *d.* | | *l.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bukenham. | 119 | 16 | 08 | Methwold. | 1197 | 00 | 00 |
| Colveſton. | 139 | 16 | 08 | Northwold. | 1052 | 01 | 08 |
| Croxton. | 212 | 05 | 00 | Santon. | 99 | 16 | 08 |
| Cranwich. | 199 | 16 | 08 | Stanford. | 299 | 13 | 04 |
| Feltwell. | 1133 | 00 | 00 | Sturſton. | 209 | 15 | 00 |
| Ickburgh. | 174 | 11 | 08 | Weeting and Bromhill. | 560 | 05 | 00 |
| Linford. | 189 | 16 | 08 | Weſt-Toſts. | 319 | 13 | 00 |
| Mundford. | 273 | 13 | 04 | Hockwold and Wilton. | 991 | 11 | 08 |



# ADDENDA

## TO

## GRIMESHOU HUNDRED.

*Croxton.* BEfore the Appropriation the Rector had a Houſe and 50 Acres of Land, tho' now there is only half an Acre of Glebe, where the Vicarage-Houſe once ſtood. It paid 12 *d. Peter-Pence*, and 2 *s.* Synodals. 1546, *Edw. Leys*, A. M. Vicar.

SANTON. { 1442, *Rob. Clerk* Rector. THO. HEIGHAM, Eſq; Patron.
{ 1445, *Will. Fraunceys.* *Ditto*, changed with *Chipenham.*

Synodals 1 *s.* 9 *d. Peter-Pence* 10 *d.* there was a Rectory-Houſe but no Land, in *Edw.* III. Time.

In 1265, *Simon* Biſhop of *Norwich*, confirmed to the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*, two Parts of the Tythes of the Demeans of Sir *Adam de Hakebech.*

The Re-viſion tells us, this Chapel was ruin'd, but was re-built by *Tho. Bancroft*, Gent. the ſole Pariſhoner there, and was conſecrated by *Samuel* Biſhop of *Norwich*, in his Progreſs towards the Archbiſhoprick of *York. Jan.* 6, 1628.

BROMHILL. { 52 *H.* III. *Henry*, Prior.
{ 1514, *Tho. Martin.*
{ 1520, *Rob. Codde.*

WEETING ALL-SAINTS. The Gild of St. *John* here.
1365, *Rob. Barker.* Sir JOHN PLAIS Patron.
1438, *John Carle.* JOHN DE-VER, Earl of *Oxford.*
1439, *Rich. Pew*, he died Rector. *Ditto.*

WEETING St. MARY. 1438, *Ambroſe Payn* Rector. JOHN Earl of *Oxford.*
Glebe 140 Acres, 100 Acres in one Piece, moſt Sheeps Paſture.

HOCKWOLD. *Norwich Domeſday* tells us, Sir *Luke de Poinings* had two Turns, Sir *Adam de Cockfield* the Third, and Sir *Reginald de Argentein* the Fourth, that there was Houſe and 40 Acres of Land, that there was 8 *d. Peter-Pence* paid, 18 *d.* Synodals, 16 s. 8 *d.* Procurations, and all the Turns or Portions were really united. 46 *s.* 8 *d.* Pention to *Caius* Colledge for the old Pention to *Lewes.* 1349, Sir *Rob. Scales*, Knt. and *Osbert de Mundeford*, releaſed their right in the Patronage.
1580, *Rob. Towne* Rector, reſigned to *Styles.*

FELTWELL St. MARY was given to *Lewes*, by *William* Earl *Warren.*

1265, *Simon* Biſhop of *Norwich* confirmed to *Caſtle-Acre* Priory, two Parts of the Tythes of the Demeans of *Will. de Spynvile.*

Mr. *Adam de Walton*, Precentor of *Litchfield* was Rector here.

1382, Sir *Tho. Lexham*, Knt. buried here.
*John Young* was Rector after *Crowcher.*
1441, *John Carle*, buried in the Chapel of St. *Catherine* in the Church.

FELTWELL { 1298, *Bartholomew de Flixton* Rector.
St. NICH. { 1331, *John Diggs* Rector, was non-reſident being Chaplain to the Biſhop of *Carliſle.*

*Will. Thingrell* Rector in 1353, changed with *Henry Motelot*, for *Troia* in *Landaff* Dioceſs. *Wyot* was Maſter of *Tomſon* College; *Morton* died Rector. Here is a Houſe and 12 Acres of Glebe.

METHWOLD, 1178, *Thomas Briton* was the laſt Rector, at whoſe Death it was appropriated, by *William Turbus* Biſhop of *Norwich.*

In 1148, *Alfric* the Prieſt was Rector.

There is only 7 Roods of Glebe. *Norwich Domeſday* ſays, " Procuratio, Conſtitutio ab " antiquo, in Victualibus, prout placet Domino Archidiacono.

Brother *John* a Monk of *Caſtle-Acre*, preſided over their *Hermitage* at *Sluſham*, in the Time of *Walter* Biſhop of *Norwich.*

COLVESTON,

# ADDENDA.

NORTHWOLD. 1265, *Simon* Biſhop of *Norwich*, confirmed to *Caſtle-Acre*, in *Houghton*, *Rockland*, and *Northwold*, two Parts of the Tithes of the Demeans of *Baldwin de Roſci*, *Hugh* Son of *Richard*, *Will. de Houghton*, *Robert de Kateſtun*, *Roger de Paveli*, and *Gilbert de Walſham*. *R. Caſtle-Acre.*

1612, 30*s.* to *Caſtle-Acre* Pention, 10*l. per Ann.* ſerving the Cure, 15*s.* 4*d.* to the Poor.

*Bernard de Santry*, was before *Sandon*.

*Miles Ragon*, at his Inſtitution ſwore to find a Chaplain to celebrate in the Church, according to the Chantries Foundation, unleſs diſpenſed with by the Biſhop.

COLVESTON. The Church of *Colveſton* formerly belonged to St. *Bartholomew* of *Ichburgh*, as the Mother and Baptiſmal Church, concerning the Advowſon of which, there had been a Diſpute between *Jeffry*, Son of *Jordan* of *Colveſton*, and the Monks of St. *Pancrace*, of *Lewes*, to whom he releaſed, before Biſhop *William* of *Norwich*, *Jordan* Prior of *Acre*, *Ralph de Albini*, and *Roger de Waxteneſham*, the Biſhops Notary. *E. Regro. Lewenſi* fo. 266.

*Domeſd.* Prior of *Lewes* Patron, a Houſe and 24 Acres, valued at 4 Marks and an half, Procurations 3*s.* 4*d.* Sinodals 1*s.* *Peter Pence* 6*d.* conſolidated to *Didlington* in 1616.

1439, *Will. Ogyll*, Rector.

ICKBURGH. Was firſt dedicated to St. *Bartholomew*, and after re-dedicated to St. *Peter*, *John de Langetot* was Patron, there was a Houſe and 30 Acres, 'twas valued at 4 Marks, and an half, but was not taxed, Sinodals 11*d.* *Peter Pence* 10*d.* *Domeſd.* *Newbrigge* Chapel valued at 67*s.* 11*d.*

1528, Sir *John Lyſter*, Hermit of the Chapel of St. *Mary*, and St. *Laurence* of *Newbrigge*, buried in *Munford* Church-Porch, left 16 Acres Land, and the Weſt-Cloſe to the ſaid Chapel. *Regr. Atmere* 19.

KERNEWIZ Deanry contain'd 47 Pariſhes, and was taxed at 30*s.* *Domeſd.*

DEANS. *John de Breydeſton*, " Et per Traditionem Sigilli Officij ejuſdem Decanatus eum inveſtivit Epiſcopus.

*Simon de Cley* changed with *Breydeſton* for *Thorp* by *Norwich*.

1348, *Stephen de Creſſingham*, Clerk.

1349, *Robert de Hardreſhill* Dean.

THE

# THE HUNDRED OF WAYLAND.

*WANELUNT*, as it was antiently called, or * *Wanelund*, is bounded on the Eaſt with the Hundreds of *Shropham* and *Fourhoe*, on the Weſt by *Grimeſhou* and *South-Grenehou*, on the South by *Shropham*, and on the North by *South-Grenehou* and *Mitford*. At the Conqueſt it belonged to the Crown, and paid 40*s.* by *Godric*, who farmed it of the Conqueror: It was given by King *John*, with the Hundred of *Grimeſhou* and Manor of *Saham*, to Sir *Roger de Thony*, or *Tony*, and his Heirs, from which Time it paſſed with *Grimeſhou* (as you may ſee at fol. 469,) 'till the Year 1662, and then it was divided and ſold by *William Crane* of *Wood-Riſing*, Eſq;

Part of it came to the *Wrights*, and Mr. *Wright* late of *Brandon* in *Suffolk*, Son of the Rev. Mr. *Wright* Vicar of *Stepney*, enjoys it, and hath the *Letes* of *Thompſon*, *Griſton*, *Caſton*, *Aſhill*, *Ovington*, and *Threxton*.

And Part, *viz.* the *Letes* of the *Carbrooks* to *Rob. Clayton*, Gent, afterwards Sir *Rob. Clayton*, of *London* Knt. along with *Carbrook* Manors, with which they have paſſed ever ſince. †

The Hundred is a Deanry of it's ſelf, denominated from *Breccles*, the Head Town at that Time, 'tis ſubject to the Archdeacon of *Norwich*, had a Bailiff and two Coroners in *Ed.* Iſt's Time, it paid to the Tenths 75*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* clear. 'Twas lett at five Marks in 1267, and at 3*l.* 5*s.* in *Henry* VIIIth's Time, the Manors of *Breccles*, *Watton*, *Saham*, *Stow*, and *Merton*, having their own *Letes* belonging to them, render them independent of the Hundred, which at this Time contains 15 Towns, of which I ſhall begin with *Breccles*, the ancient Reſidence of the

## DEANS *of* Breccles.

† This Deanry was taxed at 6*s.* 8*d.* and the Archdeacon of *Norwich*, received of the Dean for Sinodals every *Michaelmaſs*, 16*s.* 4*d.* for Sinodals every *Eaſter*, 16*s.* 4*d.* and for *Peter Pence* every *Eaſter*, 20*s.* it was in the Biſhop's Gift, who collated the following

## DEANS.

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| 1310, 7 Kal: *June*, | *PETER DE BOSCO*, *de Parva Elingham*, Accolite. | |
| 1320, 11 Kal: *Oct.* | *ROBERT ATTE WODE*, *de Elingham*, Subdeacon. | |
| 1323, 4 Id: *June*, | *MARTIN DE IXNYNG*, Subdeacon, the Biſhop's Chaplain. | Change with *Boſmere* Deanry. |
| 1323, 5 Kal: *Dec.* | *JOHN DE MELEBURN*, Subdeacon, the Biſhop's Chaplain. | |
| 1339, 19 *March*, | *ROB. DE AYSTERBY*, Accol. | |

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* That is wet, ſqueazy Land, and ſuch is the whole Hundred.

† Domeſd. Norw.

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| 1352, 6 *Feb.* | *THOMAS DE HEMENHALE*, Accol. |
| 1377, 9 *Oct.* | *JOHN DE BOSWORTH*, Clerk. |
| 1388, 8 *Oct.* | *JOHN SHEPMEADOW*, Clerk. |
| 1390, 10 *Nov:* | *JOAN PYKES*, Clerk. |
| 1398, 14 *Aug:* | *JAMES DE HORSFORD*, Clerk. |
| 1400, 8 *Oct:* | *NICHOLAS BROUN*, Clerk. |
| 1404, 12 *Oct.* | *THO. WYLIMOTT*, Clerk. |
| 1409, 3 *Aug.* | *JOHN WATLYNGTON*, Prieſt. |
| 1466, Pen: *Sep:* | *JAMES LAWYS*, at whoſe Inſtitution it was conſolidated to the Deanry of *Cranwich.* [See the Deans of *Cranwich.*] |

## BRECCLES-MAGNA, *or* GREAT-BRECCLES.

The [o] Church of *Breccles-Magna* was dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and was appropriated to the Priory of *Weſt-Acre*, the Rectory was taxed at 12 Marks, the Vicarage was valued at 6 Marks, but was not taxed, it paid 15*d. Peter Pence.* there were two Gilds, one dedicated to St. *Margaret*, the other to the *Holy-Trinity*.

## VICARS *of* Breccles-Magna.

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| 1305, 6 Non: *July*, | *Tho. de Stow-Bidon*, Chaplain. The Prior of *Weſt-Acre.* |
| 1331, 3 Non: *March*, | *John de Saxlingham.* |
| | *John de Salthouſe*, buried in the Church-Yard by the South Church Door Anno 1377. |
| 1377, 30 *June*, | *John Spinneys.* |
| | *John Peyntour.* |
| 1382, 10 *Nov:* | *John Fincham*, buried in the Church-Yard in 1390. |
| 1390, 26 *Apr.* | *John Powe*, of *Tiryngton.* |
| 1393, 17 *Sep.* | *Will. Walman*, buried in the Church in 1432. |
| 1421, 21 *Nov.* | *Stephen de Swafham* alias *Paly*, on *Walman*'s Reſignation. |
| 1425, 10 *Jan:* | *Will: Joynture*, reſigned. |
| 1427, 13 *May*, | *Rob. Langwade.* |
| 1433, 17 *Feb.* | *Will. Durant.* |
| 1441, 12 *May*, | *Bartholomew Lowell.* |
| 1445, 19 *Apr.* | *Nicholas Eſſex.* |
| 1447, Pen: *Feb.* | *Rich. Garnon.* |
| 1452, 7 *Nov:* | *Rob. Hoper.* |
| 1463, 3 *Oct:* | *Roger Parke*, died Vicar. |
| 1502, 16 *Dec:* | *John Boſom.* In 1504, *Robert Perry* was buried in the Church, and gave 4 Acres and an half of Land in *Breccles-Field*, to find two wax Tapers of a Pound weight burning before the Sacrament at the High-Altar, and a Meſſuage and 4 Acres of Land for a *Certeyn* for ever, *viz.* the Vicar to have a Penny every *Sunday* in the Year, to ſay *De Profundis*, for the Souls of *James*, *Thomas*, and *Robert Perry*, and if he neglects it, the Poor to have it in Alms for ever. He was a Benefactor to the two Gilds in *Breccles*, and the three in *Hockham.* |
| 1510, 14 *Feb.* | *Edw. Butterworth. Edmund Wanton* of *Breccles* in 1507, gave three Acres in *Puttock-Croft*, for a perpetual Light before the Holy-Sacrament and St. *Catherine.* |
| 1521, 3 *Jan:* | Sir *Thomas Lowthe*, [p] who was the laſt preſented by the Convent. |
| 1542, 10 *July*, | *Stephen Jonſon.* The King. |
| | *Nicholas Louth.* |

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[o] Domeſday Norw.

[p] 1533, William prior of Weſt-Acre leaſed this impropriate Parſonage, with all the Glebe in Great and Little-Breccles, at 5 l. 6 s. 8 d. a Year, the Tenant to pay all Charges, and repair the Chancel, and to let the Vicar have the Parſonage-Cloſe at 6 s. 8 d. a Year, and St. John's Land (which was to find a Light before his Image) at 4 d. a Year. Autog: Pon: me. He died in 1541, and was buried here.

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| 1543, 30 *Apr.* | *Edw. Buckeley.* MARY, Dutcheſs of *Richmond.* |
| | *Robert Ricto*, reſigned. |
| 1563, 24 *May*, | *Rich. Clegge.* The Queen. He died Vicar. |
| 1573, 17 *June*, | *Thomas Atkinſon.* FRANCIS WOODHOUSE, Eſq; who join'd the Impropriation to the Manor. |
| 1620, 2 *Jan.* | *Samuel Hardyng.* JOHN WEBB, of *Breccles*, Eſq. He reſigned, but held it united to *Rockland* St. *Andrew.* |
| 1628, 28 *Aug.* | *Sam: Warren.* [q] JOHN WEBB, of *Breccles* Eſq; At whoſe Death it became void, and was returned among the void Livings at the Reſtoration, in 1662, and ſince hath had no Incumbent inſtituted, it having been held as a *Donative*, named to by the Impropriator, who pays 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* *per Ann.* only, for the Curates Stipend, and takes the whole Profits. |
| 1689, | *Daniel Bret*, Curate. |
| 1709, | *Samuel Rudland*, Curate. |
| | The Rev. Mr. *James Smith*, Vicar of *Stow*, is the preſent Curate. |

The Vicarage is 7 *l.* 17 *s.* 11 *d.* in the King's Books, ſworn of the clear Value of 13 *l.* 9 *s.* 8 *d.* it paid 3 *l.* 12 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Tenths. 2 *s.* Synodals. The Temporals of the Abbot of *Bec*, with the Prior of *Okeburne*, were taxed at 4 *s.* and belonged to their *Wrotham* Eſtate.

The Temporals of *Weſt-Acre* Prior were taxed at 3 *s.* The Spirituals, *viz.* the appropriate Rectory at 12 Marks.

This Town is valued to the Tax at 341 *l.* *per Ann.*

The *CHURCH* hath an antient Steeple join'd to it's Weſt End, which is round at Bottom, and octangular at Top, it hath only one Bell thus inſcribed,

**Nos, Prece Baptiſte, ſalvent tua Vulnera, Chriſte.**

The Chancel and Church are leaded, the South Porch is tiled; on a black Marble in the Chancel. WEBB's Arms impaling RICHARDSON.

Here reſt the Bodyes of JOHN WEBB, Eſq; and of MARY his Wife, Daughter of Sir THOMAS RICHARDSON, Lord Chief Juſtice of England, She died March 10, 1656, aged 56. He Octob. 25, 1658, aged 70 Years.

Near this lies a ſmall oval black Marble, with theſe Words only,

STAT, UT VIXIT, ERECTA.

This is placed over the Coffin of *Urſula Webb*, Daughter of the ſaid *John Webb*, Eſq; and *Mary Richardſon*, Wife of Sir *William Hewyt*, Knt. who was interr'd in an upright Poſture by her own Deſire, according to the Purport of the Inſcription. By her lies her Husband under a Black Marble, on which are the Arms of,

HEWYT, impaling WEBB, with a Raven for a Creſt, and this,

Here under lieth the Body of Sir WILLIAM HEWYT, Knight, who married URSULA WEBB, Daughter to JOHN WEBB, Eſq; he died Apr. 4, 1667, aged 52 Years.

Arms in the Windows were, BRECCLES.

*Arg.* a Feſs between 2 Chev'rons *Or.*

*Arg.* 3 Bezants, a Canton *Az.*

*Breccles* at the Conqueſt was in three Parts, * the firſt Part in *Harold*'s Time was held by 8 Freemen, who had then five Carucates, theſe were ſeized with all their Land, by the Conqueror, and laid to his Manor of *Saham*, there were then 5 *Socmen* and half a Carucate and 15 Acres, which the Steward of *Saham* ſold to *Eudo*, Earl *Ralph*'s Man, who was to hold them by the Rent of a Bridle; this he added to the Earl's Manor of *Elingham*,

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[q] I ſubſcribe to ſo much of this Covenant as I already know, or ſhall hereafter know, to be agreeable to the Word of God, Laws of the Kingdom, and my Oaths formerly taken, JOHN WEBB, and then, the whole Pariſh ſubſcribes.

* Terre Regis in Manu Regis. WANELUNT Hund. (Domeſd. fol. 3.)

In BRECCLES viii. liberi homines Heroldi Soca, ii. Car. terre, tunc v. Car. poſt & m° iii. Hij ſunt additi tempore Regis Willi: (ſc. Manerio Regis de Saham) ii. Bor. xx. Acr. prati. In Breccles xv. Acr. ſemper dim. Car. v. Soc. in Saham, et prepoſitus de Saham vendidit tempore Regis Willi: per unum Frenum Eudoni Homini Comitis Radulfi, et jacuere in Elinegham, ad Firmam Radulfi, et tenebat eos ea die qua forisfecit, et Robertus Blundus quamdiu habuit miſterium habebat ex eis x. Sol. & viii *d.* m° iterum in Saham & non reddunt cenſum ad Godric. Totum Breccles hab& i. Leug: long: & dim. lat. & xi *d.* de Gelto. In Eadem i lib. in Saham xxvi. Acr. & ii. Acr. prati, & dim. Car. & val. ii. Sol. Rex et Comes Socam. In Breccles quarta pars unius Acre & quedam Conſuetudo in Paſtura, hoc jacuit in Saham in Tempore Regis Edwardi & m° ſimiliter, ſed Godricus eam revocat ad feudum Comitis Radulfi in Stou, dicens quod ipſe eam tenuerit duobus annis antequam forisfacer&, & duobus annis poſtea. Ex hoc Offert quidam famulus Regis de Stou, portare judicium.

*Parva*, upon whoſe Forfeiture, when *Robert de Blund* had the Management of that Manor, he received of them 10 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year, but now they are laid again to the King's Manor of *Saham*, which is in his own Hands, and ſo they pay no Rent to *Godric*; there was alſo another Free-Man, whoſe Rent and Services were worth 2 *s. per Ann.* beſides a Quarter of an Acre and Right of Commonage, which in the Confeſſor's Time, and now, belongs to *Saham*, but *Godric* claims it as belonging to Earl *Ralph*'s Fee in *Stow*, and ſays that he farm'd it of the Earl two Years before he forfeited, and of the King two Years after, and brings one of the King's Men of *Stow* to prove it. BRECCLES was then a League long, and half a League broad, and paid 11 *d. Gelt*, and the King and the Earl had the *Soc.*

† The next Part was held by a Free-Man in the Confeſſor's Time, and contained a Carucate of Land, but at the Conqueſt it belonged to the King, and was farm'd by *Godric*, who made it a *Berewic* to *Sporle*, with which Manor it was valued.

* The third Part belonged to *Ralph de Tony*, who joined it to, and valued it with his Manor of *Necton.*

## BRECCLES MANOR.

The firſt Part belonged to *William de Warren*, Earl of *Suſſex*, by Gift from the Crown, and he gave it to [r] *Thomas*, Son of *Godfrey*, Son of *Albert* a *Frenchman*, who came over at the Conqueſt, along with the Manors of *Grimſton*, *Burnham*, *&c.* for which Reaſon he aſſumed the Coat of his Lord, varying only the Colour, *viz.* Chequy *Or* and *Sab.* which the *Breccles*'s always bore, tho' ſometimes with a Feſs *Arg.* This *Thomas* and his Deſcendents, aſſumed the Name of *Breccles*, and oftentimes are called by the Name of *Grymſton*, both which Manors belonged to them, at his Death, *Peter* his Son was made a Knight and inherited, and at his Death, left it to Sir *Thomas* his Son and Heir, who died without Iſſue, leaving his Manors and Advowſons of *Breccles*, *Burnham*, *Grymſton*, *&c.* to *Chriſtian* his only Siſter and Heir, who died without Iſſue, upon which her Uncle *Peter* inherited, who died alſo Iſſueleſs, leaving it to *Bartholomew* his Brother and Heir, who left it to *Alice* his Daughter, who married to *John de Breccles*, and both were alive in 1276.

This *John* afterwards married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Jeffery*, Brother of *Thomas de Grimſtone*, who died without Iſſue, ſo that his Neice *Elizabeth*, at the Death of *Agnes* his Widow, inherited *Little-Breccles* Manor; in 1286, he was attached for holding a whole Knight's Fee, and being no Knight, this *John* purchaſed the Lands, *&c.* that belonged to *Tony* at the Conqueſt, and ſo join'd them to the Manor, he left it to *Benedict* his Son and Heir, who gave the Advowſon to *Weſt-Acre* Priory, according to the Order of his Father, he held *Grimſton* Manor and Advowſon, *Burnham* Manor, and the Mediety of the Advowſon of St. *Marys* at *Burnham Weſt-gate*, of the Earl of *Arundel*, this, and *Little-Breccles* Manor, and had Weyf and Stray, a free Bull and free Boar, and a *Lete* held by the King's Bailiff, but all the Amerciaments belonged to him: He died in *Edward* II^d's^ Time, and was ſucceeded by *John Breckles* his Son and Heir, who left it to *Benedict* his Son and Heir, who had it in 1402, it ſeems *Conſtance* his Daughter had it, for in 1441, ſhe levied a Fine of it to *William Warner* and others, in Truſt, by which it was ſetled on her Brother *John de Breckles*, who left it to his two Daughters, *Alice* married *William de Compton*, who left *John Compton*, whoſe Daughter *Margery* died without Iſſue, and her Part went to the Heirs of *Margery* the other Daughter of *John de Breckles*, which *Margery* married *Theobald de Thorlee*, and left a Daughter only, named *Margaret*, who married to *Robert de Brome* in *Henry* V^th's^ Time, and they left 3 Daughters, *Katherine* married to *Henry Sturmere*, in 1463; *Elizabeth* to *Rob. Harington*; and *Margaret* to *Will. Fenne*, who all joined with *Thomas* and *Hugh*, Sons of *Will. Fenne*, and ſold the Manor to Sir *Edw. Woodhouſe* of *Kimberley*, Knt. in 1469, he left it to Sir *Thomas Woodhouſe* his Son, who left it to his ſecond Son *John Woodhouſe* of *Breccles*, who in the Time of *Henry* VIII. married *Anne*, Daughter of *William Spelman*, Eſq; and left *Francis Woodhouſe* of *Breccles*, their Son and Heir, who held it of *Rob. Southwell*, Eſq; as of his Manor of *Saham*, in 1551, he ſetled it on *Will. Yelverton*, who had it in 1564, and was found to hold *Grimſton* and *Congham* Manors, and to have Licence to ſettle this on Sir *Thomas Cornwalleis*, Knt. and *Tho. Shelton*, Eſq; but it was in Truſt, for in 1595, *Francis Woodhouſe* aforeſaid, was Lord of *Breccles-Magna*, and *Bule*'s Manors, which were ſoon after conveyed to *John Dowſyld* of *Enſton*, Gent. *Will. Webb* of the ſame, and *Hen. Branthwait*, Eſq; who convey'd them to Sir *Rob. Gardiner* of *Breccles*, whoſe Heir married *John Webb*, who was ſetled in the Manor in 1619, after Sir *Robert*'s Death, and *Urſula Webb* the Heireſs of that Family carried it to her Husband Sir *William Hewet* who died in 1667, and left it to *Gardiner Hewet*, Eſq; who ſold it to *Wormley Hetherſet*, who gave it from *Edmund* his only Son, to his 4 Daughters, *Jane* married to *Thomas Squires* of *Elm* by *Wisbitch*, *Sarah* married to *James Barker* of *Shropham*, Son of *John Barker* of *Thorndon*, *Elizabeth* to *Edw. Owen* of *Coventry*, and *Mary* to *Joſeph Randol*, alias *Baylis* of *London*, who purchaſed in all the Parts, and left it to *Mary* his Widow for Life, who now enjoys it, remainder to Mr. *Rich. Baylis* her only Son, who married *Philadelphia*, Grand-Daughter to Sir *Philip Ryley*, by whom he hath one Son, ROBERT an Infant.

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† Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat. (Domſd. fol. 32.) Hund. WENELUNT. In BRECCHLES tenet i. lib. homo T.R.E. i. Car. terre tunc iii. Villi: poſt. & modo ii. ſemp: i Serv. iii. Acr. prati. tunc. ii. Car: in dnio: poſt et modo dim. ſemp: i. Car. Hom: & i Car. et dim: poſſet eſſe, hoc eſt berewita de Sparlea, & eſt in Pretio de Sparlea.

* Terra Radulfi de Toenio. H. Wanelund. (Domſ. fo. 127.) In Breccles i Heroldi xl. Acr. terre & dim. Car. & i Villan: et eſt in Pretio de Neketuna.

[r] Spelm: Icenia. fo. 161.

There is a ſeparate Fiſhery belonging to the Manor, called *Breccles Mere*, and a good old Seat or Manor-Houſe, in which the preſent Owner reſides; it is called *Breccles-Hall*, but was not the Scite of the Manor of that Name, but of the Capital Manor of *Great Breccles*.

## *Breccles-Hall*, *Bule*'s, *Lingwiſe*, Or *Divers* MANORS,

Came from the Crown, and in 1280, belonged to Sir *Warine de Muntchenſy*, which Family granted off large Parcels of it to diverſe Perſons. In 1304, *William*, Son of *William de Breccles*, and *William* Son of *Thomas de Breccles*, held 7 Meſſuages, a Mill, 88 Acres of Land, 10*s.* Rent, Part of it, in *Breckles*, *Stowbydon*, *Bekerton*, *Griſton*, and *Caſton*. It continued ſometimes in the *Breccles*'s, but in 1498, *Tho. Sayve* of *Breccles*, Gent. was buried in the Chancel, and gave his Manor of *Breccles-Hall*, in *Breccles*, after his Wife's Death, to *Osbert Sayve*, Gent. his Son, in 1545, *James Payne*, and *Will: Atmere*, had the Manor of *Lingwiſe* alias *Divers* in *Breccles*, ſetled on them, by *Will. Taſſell* and *Margaret* his Wife, when it contain'd 3 Meſſuages, 60 Acres of Land, 10 of Meadow, 70 of Paſture, two of Marſh, and 10*s.* Rent. In 1577, *Francis Woodhouſe*, Eſq; was Lord of *Breccles-Hall*, and [*t*] *Bule*'s Manors, which he join'd to the Manor of *Great-Breccles*, with which they ſtill continue.

[*t*] Bule's was a ſmall Manor or Free-Tenement in Stow and Breccles, ſo called from Will. Bule, who owned it in 1285.

## *S T O W*

JOINS to the Eaſt-Side of *Breccles*, and is commonly called *Stow-Breccles*, to diſtinguiſh it from other Towns of the ſame Name, 'twas formerly called *Stow-Bydon*, from it's antient's Lords; Stou, ſignifies a Houſe, or Place of *Habitation*, and often by way of Eminence, a *Church*, that being eſteemed by the *Antients*, the moſt eminent of all *Habitations*, in the Confeſſor's Days the whole Village belonged to † *Alfere* a *Saxon*, who had 5 Carucates in Demean, and 'twas worth 10 *l. per Ann.* It afterwards came to Earl *Ralph*, upon whoſe Forfeiture the King ſeized it, and lett it to *Godric* at 12 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year, and as long as the *Soke* belonged to it, *Godric* lett it for 13 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and 20 *s.* Income, but when the *Soke* was taken away, it fell to 7 *l.* for then the King had the Parts of ſeveral Manors, as *Caſton*, *Griſton*, *Thompſon*, *&c.* which belonged to this, laid to their own Manors, and ſo reduced the Value of this. *Stow* was then two Leagues long and half a one broad, and paid 10 *d.* *ob:* 1 *q.* *Gelt.*

† Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat. WANELUNT Hund. (Domeſd. fol. 31.) STOU tenuit ALFERE T.R.E. v. Car. in dnio: poſt & m° ii. tunc & poſt xvii. Villi: m° xvi. ſemper ii. bord. tunc et poſt x. Serv. m° vii. xxx. Acr. prati, ſemp. v. Car. hom. Silva x. Porc. ſemper i. Mol. ſemper ii. An. & xxviii. Porc. xx. Ov: In Kateſtuna, i. Soc. xl. Acr. Soca in Saham et terra jacet in Stuo & in cenſu. Huic Manerio jacent xxviiii. Soc iii. Car. terre & xxxvi. Acr. tunc valuit x. libr: Quando recepit xii. libr: & xiii *s.* & iiii *d.* & Godricus eum dedit pro xiii. libr: & xiii *s.* & iiii *d.* et xx *s.* de Gerſuma, quamdiu habebat Socam. Modo poſtquam amiſit Socam, reddit vii. libr: & ſuper Sochemannos quos amiſit, ſunt vii. libr. Totum Stou habet ii. Leug. in long. & dim. in lato, & de Gelto x *d.* & i. obulum & i. Ferding.

## BYDON, *Or* BEDON MANOR.

Continued ſome Time in the Crown, but how long I can't ſay, in *Henry* IIId's Time, it was in the *Bydon* Family, and in 1245, was held in Dower by *Maud de Bydon*, Daughter of *Tho. Fitz-Bernard*, and Widow of *John de Bydon* Junior, afterwards married to *John de Bokeſford*, the Manor being then valued at 11 *l.* 12 *s.* and *Eugenia*, Mother of *Tho. Fitz-Bernard*, had the Cuſtody of it, after the Death of *John de Bydon* Junior, it being held of the King at half a Fee, and was Part of the Honour granted to the *Bydon*'s, which *Humphry de Bydoun*, Lord of *Kirby-Bidoun*, formerly held. In 1254, the aforeſaid *Maud* died ſeized. In 1256, *Thomas* Son of *Robert*, was Lord and Patron of this Church, he ſold the Manor this Year to *Walter de Hide*, reſerving the Advowſon and divers Lands, and thus the Manor and Advowſon were ſeparated, the Former of which, in 1273, was ſetled on the ſaid *Walter*, and *Joan* his Wife, by Fine levied between them, and *Jeffry de Suthorp*, and *Margery* his Wife, who reſerved to themſelves the Advowſon, which they had purchaſed with the Lands that *Thomas*, Son of *Robert*, reſerved upon his Sale of the Manor, all which Lands they ſetled on *Walter*, and *Joan* their Daughter, on her Marriage with *Walter*, and in 1281, the ſaid *Jeffry*, ſold the Advowſon to *Eleanor*, Queen Conſort to *Edward* Ist. who gave it to *Marham* Abby, (as 'tis ſaid) but the Manor, at the Death of *Walter de Hide* and *Joan* his Wife, returned to *Tho. Fitz-Robert* aforeſaid, who held it of Sir *Baldwin Wake*, and it had a *Lete* belonging to it, Free-Warren, and the Aſſize of Bread and Beer. In 1285, *Rob. le Veel* or *Vele*, and *Hawiſe* his Wife had it, it being the Inheritance of *Hawiſe*, who brought an Action againſt *Fulk* Baynard, for 60 Acres of Land and *Sandwade-Mere*, and recovered; in 1286, *Henry de Gildeford*, held it for Life of the ſaid *Hawiſe* at half a Fee, of whom *Rob. de Aula* (or *Hall*) of *Thompſon*, held a *6th* Part, which he had aſſigned to *Rob. Crowe* and *Agnes* his Mother, who held it of him, the *Veles* held the whole of the Heirs of *Wake*; in 1303, the ſaid *Hawiſe* then Widow of *Rob. le Vele*, ſetled it on *Will. Paynell*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and her Heirs. In 1337, *Thomas* Lord *Wake* of *Lydel*, and *Blanch* his Wife, conveyed it to the Prior of *Hautamprize* in *Yorkſhire*, and his Church of St. *Mary* and the *Holy-Croſs* for ever, and the Prior re-granted it to him and his Wife for Life, paying a Rent of 10 *l. per Ann.* In 1345, the ſaid *Thomas* held it at half a Fee, and *Baldwin Buturt*, *Ric. de Alva*, and his Tenants in *Tompſon*, held a *6th* Part of it, in [u] 1348, *John Delves*, held it of the Lady *Wake*, (her Husband before his Death having obtained the Fee of it of the Prior) by the Rent of a Pair of Gilt Spurs a Year, but the Manor was charged with an Annuity of 26 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* payed to *Tho. de Budenhall*, *Henry de Coton*, *Alexander de Bayton*, *John Wiſham*, and their Heirs. *Henry Delves*, was Brother and Heir of *John*, but the Inheritance was in the Earl of *Kent*, for *Edmund* of *Woodſtock*, third Son to King *Edward* I. married *Margaret* Siſter and Heireſs to *Thomas* Lord *Wake*, and left Iſſue, two Sons, *Edmund* and *John*, who dying without Iſſue, *Joan* their Siſter inherited, who married Sir *Tho. Holland*, Knt. created in her right Earl of *Kent*, and Lord *Wake* of *Lydell*, which Earl became poſſeſſed of this Manor, it came from the *Kent* Family, to *Ralph* Lord *Cromwell*, and in 1514, a Moiety of it belonged to [x] *William Fitz-Williams*, of *Sprotsburgh* in *Yorkſhire*, as deſcended from one of the Heireſſes of *Ralph* Lord *Cromwell*, and the other Moiety to *Will. Knevet*, of *Bukenham-Caſtle*, and in 1521, *John Spelman*, purchaſed of Sir *Edm. Knevet*, Knt. and *Anne* his Wife, the Moiety of the Manor, and join'd it to the other Moiety that he had before, and it hath continued in that Family ever ſince: *John Spelman* of *Narburgh* Eſq; being the preſent Lord, The large Water called *Sandwade*, now *Stow-Mere*, belongs to this Manor.

## BEKERTON MANOR,

Is that Part of the Town which lies next the *Bek* or River, and is ſometimes called *Bekerton-Hamlet*, and *Bekerton* alias *Water-Houſe* Manor. The moſt antient Lord that I meet with after the Conqueſt, was *John de Rudham*; in 1253, *Ralf de Camois* Senior, had a Charter for Free-Warren here, in 1315, *Ralf de Camois* his Son was Lord, who ſetled it on *Elizabeth* his Wife the Year following; in 1379, Sir *Thomas Camois*, Knt. Lord of *Camoys*, ſetled it on *Robert Braybrook* Biſhop of *London*, and other Truſtees, in 1401, Sir *Thomas Camois*, was Lord of this, and Truſtee of *Stow-Bidon* Manor, in 1423, it was in the King's Hands by the Death of Sir *Thomas*, who granted it with the Cuſtody of *Hugh Camois*, his Couſin and Heir, to Sir *Gilbert* and Sir *John de Ryghley*, Knts. and *Ric. Iſkelay*; in 1425, Sir *John Ryghley*, Knt. releaſed to *Gilbert Ryghley*, Knt. *Rob. Ryghley*, Eſq; and *Rich. Iſkelay* Chaplain, all his right in this Manor, which he had with ſeveral others, of the Gift of *Katherine Golding*, formerly Wife of *Rich. de Golding*, and Daughter and Heir of *William Cranewell*. Soon after this it came to the *Spelman*'s, which Family had been concerned here for ſome Time, for in 1369, *John Spelman* had Lands here; in 1385, a Fine was levied between *John de Wolterton* Clerk, and *John Spelman* of *Bekerton*; in 1432, *Henry Spelman* of *Bekerton* was Lord, he it was that firſt built *Bekerton-Hall*, part of which is now ſtanding, and is a good old Building, called the *Water-Houſe*, *Bekerton-Hall*, or *Spelman*'s-*Place*. In the Parlor Window I ſaw theſe Shields, *viz.* SPELMAN, Quartering *Gul.* a Chief *Erm.* impaling quarterly, a Chev'ron between three Creſcents, and a Chev'ron between 3 Leopard's Faces. SPELMAN, impaling MANNING, and BROTHERTON's Arms. This *Henry* died this Year, and was buried in the Church-Yard, leaving *John* and *Robert* his Sons, *Iſabell* his Wife, was to have her dwelling in his Principal Manſion for Life: ſhe died in 1444, and was buried by him; in 1460, *John Spelman* Eſq; was buried in the Church, *Robert*, *John*, and *William*, were his younger Sons, and *Katherine* and *Agnes* his Daughters, he left this Manor to *Henry* his eldeſt Son, and his Manor of *Crow*'s-*Hall* to *Marion* his Wife for Life, in 1470, *Hen. Spelman* held it of *Roger Grimſton* Eſq; as of his Manor of *Elingham-Parva* by Fealty, and 13 *s.* 4 *d. per Ann.* in 1471, he was dead, and *William Spelman* Eſq; was Lord in the latter End of *H.* VII. and in the Beginning of *H.* VIII. in 1541, *John Spelman* purchaſed *Bedon* Manor, and ſo was Lord of the whole Town, and *Thomas* was his Son and Heir, in 1561, *Francis Spelman* Eſq; ſettled *Bekerton* Manor, two Fold-Courſes, &c. on *Sampſon Hoopes*, in truſt, in 1570, *John Spelman*, was Lord of *Crows-Hall* and *Bekerton*, and in 1601, *Rob. Rolf*, Eſq; in 1622, *Bridget* his Widow, in 1626, *Brampton Gurdon* of *Eaſton*, was Lord, in whoſe Family it hath continued ever ſince, *Thornhaugh Gurdon* of *Letton*, Eſq; being now Lord.

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[u] Thomas Lord Wake of Lydell, died ſeized this Year, Dug. Bar: Vol. 1. fo. 541, where there is a large Account of the Wakes.

[x] See fo. 257.

## CROW'S-HALL *MANOR*,

Was Part of *Bedon* Manor, granted by *Hawiſe Le-Vele* and *Henry Le-Gildeford*, to *Robert de Aula* or *Hall*, who ſold it to *Robert Crowe* and *Agnes* his Mother, who held it at the 12th Part of a Fee of *Bedon* Manor, in 1287, *Jeffry Crowe* had it, and ſo many Parts were bought in, that it is ſaid to contain a 5th Part of *Bedon* Manor. In 1405, *Richard Berney*, Knt. was Lord, in 1460, it was united to *Bekerton* Manor, and hath continued ſo ever ſince; the Manor of *Curſons* of which I find the Name only mentioned, being united alſo at the ſame Time.

The *CHURCH* hath a ſquare Tower, and three Bells, it conſiſts of a Nave and Chancel covered with Thatch, there are no Memorials, tho' there have been ſeveral of the *Spelmans* interred in it, *Weaver* P. 821, tells us, that *Will. Spelman* Eſq; who died in the Reign of *Hen.* VII. (it ſhould be *H.* 8.) is buried under a fair Tomb, which was taken down to rail in the Altar the more conveniently. The Regiſter informs me that *Grace* Wife of *John Spelman* was buried here in 1548.

It is dedicated to St. *Butolph*, and was appropriated to the Abbeſs of *Marham*, before the Council of *Lateran*, the Appropriation was valued at 16 Marks, and the Vicarage, of which the Abbeſs was Patroneſs, at 5 Marks and an half, but was not taxed; It paid 21 *d. Peter-Pence*, and there was an annual Pention of x *s.* paid by the Vicar to the Abbey. It was valued in the King's-Books at 4 *l.* 19 *s.* 4 *d. ob*: and was ſworn of the real Value of 19 *l.* 18 *s.* before the Augmentation.

## *VICARS.*

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| 1303, 7 Kal: *Oct.* | *Walter de Banham* Prieſt, | The ABBESS and Nuns of Marham. |
| 1310, 14 Kal: *May*, | *John de Marham*, | |
| 1322, 6 Kal: *May*, | *Robert de Wys* of *Ingham*, | |
| 1335, 9 Kal: *May*, | *John de Bokenham-Ferry*, | |
| 1349, 19 *June*, | *Henry de Branton*, | |
| 1349, 18 *Aug.* | *William Ernald* of *Palgrave*, | |
| 1399, 25 *Oct.* | *John Kemp* of *Hengham*, | |
| 1413, 17 *Oct.* | *Will. Orlyons*, on *Hengham*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1433, 14 *Aug.* | *Richard Whitbred*, on *Orlyon*'s Reſignation, | |
| 1436, 23 *May*, | *William Patrington*, | |
| 1440, 16 *Dec.* | *Thomas Payn*, | |
| | *Thomas Dawys*, | |
| 1473, 27 *Aug.* | *John Taylor*, on *Dawys*'s Death, | |
| 1511, 1 *April*, | *Robert Bullman*, | |

1542, 17 *April*, *John Diſſe.* The KING.
1546, 10 *March*, *Thomas Cheveler*,
1548, 30 *July*, *Thomas Grene*, on *Cheveler*'s Reſignation,
1554, 5 *June*, *Edward Shord*, on *Grene*'s Death,
1556, 12 *February*, *William Harriſon*,
} THO. HARE, Citizen and Mercer of London.
1581, 18 *April*, *Leonard James*, NICH. HARE, Eſq; He had *Rockland* St. *Peter*. (See fol. 324.)
1608, 13 *Jan.* *John Lewthwait*, A.M. SARAH JAMES, Widow.
*Robert Pooley* Senior, reſigned.
1663, 24 *Oct.* *Robert Pooley* Junior. ROB. POOLEY, Senior.
1690, 31 *Jan.* *John Wightman*, at *Pooley*'s Death. JAMES SMITH.
1693, 12 *Oct.* *James Smith*, on *Wightman*'s Reſignation. JOHN SMITH, LL.B.
1719, 30 *Sept.* *Henry Goodrich*, on *Smith*'s Reſignation. JAMES SMITH, Clerk.
1720, 13 *June*, The Rev. Mr. *James Smith*, the preſent Incumbent, on *Goodrich*'s Ceſſion. He is now Patron.

The Impropriation with the Advowſon of the Vicarage, was firſt granted to *Nich. Hare*, Citizen and Mercer of *London*, by *Henry* VIII. who left it to *Nich. Hare*, Eſq; who ſold it to *Humphry Marſhall* and *Walter Averell*, and they to *Rob. James* of *Little-Ellingham*, who in 1587, ſetled it on *Leonard James* his Son and *Sarah* his Wife; after this, a Licence of Alienation was granted by King *James* I. on which 'twas ſold to *Anthony Style*, who conveyed it to *Edward Bulwer* in 1622, and he in 1655, ſold it to *Rob. Pooley* of *Great-Fraunſham* Clerk, who left it to *Chriſt. Pooley*, and he to his Son *Robert Pooley* of *Beetly*, Clerk, who in 1665, left it to *Chriſtopher Pooley*, of St. *Michael*'s *Coſlany* in *Norwich*, who ſold it to *John Smith* of *Reymerſton*, Clerk, who gave it his Son Mr. *James Smith* Vicar here, and he in 1719, ſetled the Impropriation on the Church, and procured the Queen's Bounty, by which Means the whole is joined, and 'tis become a Rectory, with the Addition of an Eſtate of 10*l.* *per Ann.* purchaſed with the Bounty-Money; the ſaid Mr. *Smith* left it to his Son the preſent Patron. While the Convent held the Impropriation, the Vicar was endowed with a 6th Part of the Great Tithes.

The Abbeſs of *Marham* was taxed for her Spiritualities at 16 Marks.
The Prior of *Bukenham* for his Temporals at 25*s.* 8*d.*
The Prior of *Weſt-Acre* for his, at 6*s.* 8*d.*
It paid 3*l.* 8*d.* to the Tenths.
Here was a Gild dedicated to the *Virgin Mary*.
It is valued to the Tax at 379*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

# *CASTON*

CHURCH is dedicated in Honour of the *Invention* of the *Holy-Croſs*, * was valued at 15 Marks, and paid 20*d.* *Peter-Pence*; there is a noble new Houſe built by Mr. *Shuckburgh*, and about 60 Acres of Glebe. There was a Gild dedicated to St. *Mary*, and there were two Lights continually Burning in the Church before the Images of the *Virgin* and St. *Nicholas*. The Rector antiently paid a Pention of xi*s.* *per Ann.* to the Patron; it ſtands in the King's Books by the Name of *Caſton* alias *Coſton*, valued at 11*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* and pays 1*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* Yearly Tenths, Firſt-Fruits are 1*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* and the Sinodals are 2*s.*

## *RECTORS.*

1305, 5 Id: *May*, *Tho. Thorneye.* WILL. DE CASTONE.
1333, Prid: Id: *Nov.* *John de Lenn*, Prieſt. Sir JOHN DE CASTON, Knt. He reſigned.
1338, 18 *May*, Sir *Soloman de Swaffham*, Prieſt. *Ditto.* Change for Biſhop's *Eccles*. He reſigned.

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| 1374, 31 *March*, | *John Barbour*. CATHERINE, Relict of Sir *John de Caſton*, Knt. He was buried in the Chancel. | |
| 1377, 31 *Jan*. | *John de Burewell*. *Ditto*. He made the Stalls, Forms, and Pavement, on the North Side of the Choir. | |
| 1391, 8 *Auguſt*, | *John Sad*. CATHERINE, Lady of *Caſton*. He was buried in the Church-Yard, by Sir *John Caſton*'s Tomb, under the North Chancel Wall. | |
| 1421, 13 *July*, | *Thomas Peck*. Sir JOHN CARBONELL, Knt. He was buried in the Church, on the South Side, between the Image of the Bleſſed Virgin of *Pete*, and the Image of St. *Chriſtopher*. | |
| 1453, 20 *June*, | *Edward Elys*. JOHN BERNEY of *Caſton*, Eſq. | |
| | *Edmund Morle* died Rector. | |
| 1473, 20 *Aug*. | *Ambroſe Ede*. WILL. TENDALE, Eſq; He died Rector. | |
| 1502, 1 *May*, | [y] *William Peper*, | JOHN BERNEY of Reedham, Eſq; |
| 1504, 18 *Febr*. | *John Treman*. He reſigned. | |
| 1510, 19 *Oct*. | *John Crew*. He reſigned. | |
| 1531, 30 *Sept*. | *John Weymer*. He died Rector. | |
| 1533, | *John Beckham*, Rector. | |
| 1541, 20 *July*, | *Robert Blundeſton*. He reſigned. | |
| 1558, 17 *July*, | *Richard Holmes*. He died Rector | |
| 1558, 13 *Aug*. | *Gregory Madys*, reſigned, | HEN. BERNEY, Eſq; |
| 1559, 22 *March*, | *John Blacklock*, reſigned, | |
| 1572, 29 *July*, | *Richard Browne*, reſigned, | |
| 1575, 23 *June*, | *Edmund Gelſon*, died, | |
| 1579, 15 *Aug*. | *Will. Laurence*, reſigned, | |
| 1585, 3 *Febr*. | *Will. Buck*. He reſigned. THO. BERNEY of *Reedham*, Eſq; | |
| 1598, 14 *Aug*. | *Chriſtopher Sutton*. ALICE BERNEY Widow. He held it united to *Wood-Riſing*. | |
| 1618, 1 *June*, | *John Sutton*. He died Rector. WIL. IRELAND, Gent. Aſſignee of ALICE. | |
| 1634, 20 *Dec*. | *John Beckham*. He died Rector. HENRY SCOTTYNG, &c. | |
| 1679, 7 *May*, | *Samuel Gray*, died, | RIC. BERNEY Eſq; |
| 1681, 5 *Oct*. | *Charles Seppens*, died, united to *Scoulton*, | |
| 1691, 9 *Dec*. | *John Dawney*, died, united to *Roydon*, | |
| 1705, 7 *April*, | *James Smith*. ANNE MARTELL Widow. | |
| 1720, 20 *April*, | *George Shuckburgh* at *Smith*'s Death. He died Rector. JOHN COTTON Eſq; and ROGER BURGOIN. | |
| 1733, 20 *April*, | *John Lloyd*, A. M. on *Shuckburgh*'s Death. | |
| 1735, 26 *May*, | The Rev. Mr. *Henry Burgh* Clerk, A. M. on *Lloyd*'s Death, is the preſent Rector. JOHN COTTON, Eſq; Patron. | |

The Church and Chancel are thatched, the Tower is ſquare, and hath 5 Bells in it, there are now no Memorials, ſave one or two of the following Arms, all which were in the Windows in 1664.

MORTIMER, Quartering FITZ-RALF.

HERLING, Quartering MORTIMER, with GONVILE on a Coat of Pretence, ſupported by 2 Unicorns.

The Baſket and Garter for *Chamberlain*, and CHAMBERLAIN's Arms.

HOLDICH's Arms. BERNEY, HEVENINGHAM, and GISSING.

CASTON, Quartering BERNEY: BERNEY with an Annulet *Sab*.

CASTON, *Gul*. a Chev. between 3 Eagles diſplay'd *Arg*.

The ſame with a Label *Az*.

The ſame with a Mullet *Sab*.

In a North Window of the Chancel were 2 Effigies of the *Caſtons*, one, a Knight kneeling, armed *Cap-a-pee*, with a Surcoat of *Caſton*; the other, a Woman kneeling with the ſame Arms on her Gown.

*Gul*. a Cheveron between 3 Bulls regardant, *Or*.

*Vert*, a Cheveron between 3 Eagles diſplayed, *Or*.

In 1381, *Katherine*, Widow of Sir *John de Caſton*, Knt. was buried under the North Chancel Wall in the Church-Yard, by Sir *John Caſton* her Huſband.

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[y] He was buried in the Chancel in 1504.

There is an antient in-arched Monument of the Founder (probably one of the *Caſtons*) in the North Wall of the Church.

The Temporals of the Prior of *Lewes* in this Town, were valued at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and were Lands given them by the Earl *Warren*, part of which the Prior aſſigned to *Robert Mortimer*, in exchange for Lands which he gave the Prior in *Hecham*.

The preſent Valuation is 479*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

There is an old Houſe croſs the Road at the End of the Steeple, ſaid to be an Inn for the Reception of Pilgrims on the *Walſingham* Road, and hard by, ſtands an old Croſs.

On *Caſton* Common there is a Tree grown in a very unuſual Manner, it was firſt a large Willow, on the Head or Tod of which, an Acorn, the Key of an Aſh, an Elder-berry, and a Haſle-Nut were lodged (probably carried thither by the Birds) all which took Root in the Dirt and rotten Part on the Tod, and ſo run'd downwards 'till they reached the Earth and rooted in it, and continued Growing, 'till they ſplit the Body of the Willow open, and ſo the firſt Roots which ran from the Tod to the Earth, are become a Tree, and the outward Rind of the Willow being ſtanding, there are five Sorts of Trees conjoin'd, *viz.* an Oak, an Aſh, a Willow, an Haſle, and an Elder.

## CASTON-HALL MANOR.

The whole Town at the Time of the Confeſſor was Demean of the Crown, 'till *Harold* aliened it, and granted it to divers Men, to be held freely of him, * four Freemen had 104 Acres of Land, and three Acres of Meadow, ‖ one *Socman* had 10 Acres *&c.* § and another *Socman* had 40 Acres in *Stow*, which belonged to this Manor, tho' 'twas valued in *Stow*, to which it was join'd by the Conqueror, as the two firſt Parcels were afterwards to this Manor, tho' at firſt by the Conqueror's own Order they were laid to his Manor of *Saham*. *§ The Town it's ſelf was given by that Prince to *William* Earl *Warren*, and was a League long, and half a League broad, and paid xi*d.* *Gelt*, it is called *Caſtetun*, and *Caſtletun*, or the *Caſtle-Town*, (becauſe it was dependent on, and belonged to the Caſtle of *Lewes*) and now by Contraction, *Caſton*. The Manor was held of the Earl *Warren* very early, in K. *John*'s Time, *Rob. de Caſton* who was Sirnamed from the Town, had it; in 1200, *Will. de Kateſtune* and *Ela* his Wife, in 1218, *Peter de Nerford* ſetled the Advowſon on *Rob. de Cateſtune*, by which 'tis plain, that the Manor and Advowſon continued in the Earl *Warren* 'till he ſeperated them, the *Caſton*'s being infeoffed in the Manor, and the *Nerford*'s had the Advowſon, both which were now join'd, and hath continued ſo 'till lately. *John de Caſton*, Father of this *Robert*, was Lord here, and of a Manor in *Secheford*. In 1274, Sir *Rob. de Caſton* Knt. was one of the King's Juſtices, to enquire concerning the Tenures of the Manors of this, and *Grimeſhoe* Hundreds, and had at the ſame Time the Aſſize of Bread and Beer allowed him in his Manor, with Weyf and *Trebuchet*, all which had been immemorially enjoyed. In 1280, *John* Son of *Robert de Caſton*, lived at *Norwich*, in 1285, *William* Son of *Ralph de Caſton*, and *Cecily* his Wife had Lands here and in *Stow*, ſetled on them by *Henry* Son of *John de Caſton*, and this Year Sir *Rob. de Caſton* Knt. Lord here, gave Lands in *Norwich* to St. *Giles*'s Hoſpital. In 1286, *Will. de Caſton*, had Free-Warren allowed him in his Lands here, and in 1292, the Manor was ſetled by Sir *Robert de Caſton*, on *Will. de Caſton*, and *Margaret* his Wife, who were Patrons in 1305. In 1328, Sir *John de Caſton* Knt. held a Knight's Fee here, and in *Rockland-Tofts*, *Tomſon*, *Bykerton*, *Shipdham*, *Griſton*, and *Rudham*, with the Churches of *Caſton*, and *Grimſton*, of the Lord *Bardolph*, as of his Manor of *Wirmgeye*, which belonged to *Reginald de Warren*, a younger Son to the ſecond Earl *William*; in 1309, *John*, Son of *Roger de Caſton* was Lord, which I take to be this Sir *John*, who was not then Knighted; in 1345, *Will. de Burgh*, and *Solomon* Rector of *Caſton*, held it as Truſtees; [a] in 1355, Sir *John de Caſton*, Knt. claimed a Fee at the Inthronization of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and threatned to bring a Power of arm'd Men and take it, upon which the King wrote to *Guy de St. Clere*, Sheriff of *Norfolk*, and *John Mayn* his Serjeant at Arms, to make Proclamation that none ſhould dare to appear armed at that Solemnity. Sir *John* died before 1374, and was buried in the Church-Yard, by the North Chancel Wall, leaving [*b*] *Katherine* his Wife, who held it to her Death, and then it deſcended to her Daughters,

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* Terra Regis in Manu Regis. (Doms. fo. 3.)

Wanelunt Hund. In CASTELTUNA iiii Liberi Homines Herol'di. ciiii Acr. terre, et ſunt additi huic Manerio (Sc. de Saham) poſtquam Rex advenit, ſuo precepto, tunc iii Car. et dim: & m°. Similiter, & iii Acr: prati.

‖ (fo. 4) In CASTETUNA i Soch. x Acr: terre, dim: Car: & ſimili modo (ſc. Manerio Regis de Saham) v. Sol. & iiii. den.

§ Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat, (fo. 31.)

In KATESTUNA i Soc. xl. Acr. Soca in Saham et terra jacet in STUO. & in cenſu.

*§ Terre Willi: de Warenna, (Doms. fo. 9[illegible],)

Wanelund Hund. In CATESTUNA, iii liberi homines i car. terre, tunc ii bord. modo x & xii Acr. prati. ſemper ii Car: & val. xvii Sol. & iiiid. ſuper ii habet Rex & comes ſocam, et Anteceſſor Johis: Nepotis Walerami de Tertio. hoc pertinet ad Caſtellum de Lauues. (ſc. de Lewes) Totum habet i leug. in longo & dim. in lato & xid. de Gelto.

In TOFTES iiii liberi homines. i Car. terre & dim: tunc vii bord. m° xvii. xx Acr. prati, ſemper v Car. ſemper i Molin: Silva viii porc. & val. x s. et habet vi. quar: in longo & iiii in lato v d. de Gelto, hoc eſt pro Eſcangio. Tofts is part of Rockland, (ſee fo. 321.) and this Part of Caſton paſſed as a ſeperate Manor, called Kirkehall, as you may ſee at fo. 325.

[a] Rymer Vol. 5. p. 869. See Caſton-Hall in Weſt-Tofts, fo. 545.

ELIZABETH married to Sir *Robert Carbonel*, Son of Sir *William Carbonel*, of *Badingham* in *Suffolk*, and

MARY, married to *William Faſtolf*, but upon the Failure of Iſſue, [*] the whole came in 1401, to *Thomas* Son of *Robert Carbonel*, of *Badingham* aforeſaid, who held it of Sir *Thomas Bardolph*, and he of the Earl of *Arundel*, as Earl *Warren*. In 1421, Sir *Robert Carbonel* Knt. was Lord, and in 1424, [*c*] Sir *John Carbonel* Knt. and *Margery* his Wife, had it for their Lives, and after to remain to *Tho. Peck* Clerk, who in the ſaid Year, confirmed it to *Robert Brewſe*, Knt. *John Fitz Rafe*, *Oliver Grooſe*, *Will. Paſton*, *John Manning*, *Henry Pakenham*, *John Roys*, and *Robert Rous*, in Truſt for Sir *Rich. Carbonel*, who ſetled the Manor on Sir *Tho. Tudenham* for Life, and after on Sir *Will. Phelip*, Sir *Henry Ingloſe*, Knts. *Oliver Grooſe*, and *John Fitz-Rauff*, his Feoffees, and died in 1431, leaving *John Carbonel* his Son and Heir two Years old, who died without Iſſue, leaving Sir *Robert Wingfield* his next Heir. In 1441, *John Berney* of *Redham* Eſq; died ſeized of the Manor and Advowſon, and gave it to his Son *Philip*, who by Will dated in 1453, gave this, and *Caſton*'s Manor in *Shipdham*, to *John* his Brother in Fee Simple, but *Henry Berney* Eſq; was Patron from 1558, to 1579, in 1506, *John Berney* of *Redham*, left it to *John* his Son and Heir, who held it with *Barries* Manor in *Rockland-Tofts*, *Caſton*, and *Tompſon*, and in 1527, left them to *John* his Son and Heir, who died ſeized in 1558, of *Caſton-Hall*, and *Barries* in *Caſton*, and *Thompſon*, in 1570, *Henry Berney* of *Redham* was Lord, in which Family it continued 'till *Rich. Berney* Eſq; who died in 1695, mortgaged it to Mrs. *Anne Martell*, who preſented in 1705, and in 1709, they were ſold to pay Mr. *Berney*'s Debts by Decree in Chancery, to Colonel *Windham* of *Earſham*, who conveyed the Advowſon to *John Cotton* Eſq; but kept the Manor, *Joſeph Aſh Windham* Eſq; being now Lord.

## BARRIE'S MANOR

In *Caſton* and *Thompſon*, is now united to *Caſton-Hall*; the Stile of the Court running thus, *Caſton-Hall* in *Caſton*, *Barrie*'s and *Thompſon*. This came to the *Caſton*'s, by Sir *Rob. Caſton*'s Marriage with *Joan*, or *Jane* Daughter of *Rich. Barry*, and by *Margaret* their Daughter and Heireſs, it went to her Husband *Will. de Redham*, whoſe Daughter and Heir *Margaret*, married *Thomas* Son of *John Berney* of *Witchingham*, who ſetled at *Redham*, and his Son *John* became poſſeſſed of *Caſtonhall*, as is before obſerved, to which Manor it hath been join'd ever ſince.

In 1570, *Rob. Southwell* of *Woodriſing*, is ſaid to have a Manor here, at this Time, Mrs *Dey*'s of *Scoulton*, but I take it to be only part of *Scoulton Newlands* that extends hither, for I find no Mention of any other but the aforeſaid Manors in any Evidences, ſave that in 1662, *Caſton Tenths*, with many other Manors hereabouts, were Parcel of the Poſſeſſions of *William Crane* Eſq; of *Woodriſing*, or of *Edward Crane* Gent. and *Mary* his Wife, for they levied a Fine thereof to *Robert Clayton* Gent. afterwards Sir *Robert Clayton* Knt. whoſe Heir poſſeſſed them. I imagine this may be Part of *Carbrook* Manor extending hither.

The next Pariſh that we meet with, is

[*b*] 1375, Sir Will. Bardolf is ſaid to be Lord and Patron, but he was only Lord of the Fee, it being held of the Honour of Wormgey.

[c] He died in 1424, and was buried in Badingham Church.

[*] In 1398, Will. Caſton Eſq; deſcended from this Family, was Comptroller of the Town and Caſtle of Calais in France.

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## *ROCKLAND* St. PETER.

Of which I have treated under *Shropham* Hundred, [*d*] Fo. 321 323, to which I refer you and ſhall paſs on to *Elingham*, with which it is in ſome Meaſure concerned, their Conſtables and Surveyors being the ſame.

[*d*] Atlas page 344. miſtakes much, both as to there being four Pariſhes, and Tofts belonging to Robert de Bellemont, which ſhould be applied to Toft Monachorum, in Clavering Hundred.

## *ELINGHAM-PARVA*, Or, *LITTLE-ELINGHAM*,

JOINS to *Rockland* and *Elingham-Magna*, and was the Lordſhip of † *Aluric* a Freeman in the Time of the Confeſſor, 'twas held at 2 Carucates, and had 4 *Villans*, 2 *Bordars*, 4 Servants, and 20 Acres of Meadow belonging to it, 2 Carucates being held in Demean, and another might be added, it was very Woody at that Time, the Maſt or Shack, being ſufficient to maintain 100 Hogs; there were 12 Beaſts, 24 Hogs, 37 Sheep, 34 Goats, and 5 *Socmen* that had each a Cottage, and half an Acre of Land, and were obliged to look after the Stock. The whole was valued at 4 *l.* and was riſen to 4 *l.* 3 *s.* at the Survey. The Town was about 3 Miles long, and 3 broad, and paid 10 *d.* *Dane-Gelt*, out of every 20 *s.* taxed on the Hundred; the King firſt lett it to *Robert Blund*, after the Forfeiture of Earl *Ralph*, to whom he had given it, and at the Survey *Godric* farmed it, and the Earl *Warren* had 6 Freemen here, who held 80 Acres of Land.

The firſt Lord that I meet with ſince it came from the Crown, was Sir *William Wiſham* Knt. who had it in 1110, he granted an Annuity of 10 *l.* a Year out of it to *Tho. Lathe* and *Katherine* his Wife, of whom it ſeems as if he had formerly purchaſed it; in 1218, *Will. de Mortimer* of *Attleburgh* held a Fee here and in *Tofts*, of the Earl *Warren*, which ſhews us that that Earl had a Grant of it from the Crown, in 1227, [e] *Giles de Wacheſham* ſetled on *Alan de Crepinges*, the Cuſtoms and Services due for half a Knight's Fee here, to be held of *Giles*, at half a Fee and xi *d.* *per Ann.*

In 1274, *Wido* or *Guy de Butetort* was Lord and Patron, and had Aſſize of Bread and Beer, and Free-Warren in 1286; in 1296, the Manor was held of *Will. de Mortimer* of *Atleburgh*, and *Alexander* of *Elingham*, held it of *Conſtantine*, Son of *Will. de Mortimer* at one Fee, and *Conſtantine* held it of *Robert de Montealt*, and he of the King, but *Conſtantine* as Capital Lord of the Fee, returned his Anſwer upon an Inquiſition, that he held it of the Earl *Warren*; In 1315, *Guy Butetort* was Lord, and in 1317, Sir *John de Botetort*, Senior, was Lord and Patron, and in 1322, ſold the Manor and Advowſon to *Robert De Bures* and his Heirs for ever, and in 1324, the ſaid *Robert* purchaſed of *Tho. Carbonel* and *Olive Berry* or *Barri* his Wife, all the Rents and Services belonging to the Manor of *Barries* in *Rockland-Tofts*, for Lands which laid in this Town: In 1327, Sir *John de Wiſham* was Lord and had Free-Warren allowed him, he died ſeized in 1335, and in 1339, *John de Wiſham* his Son, granted to Dame *Hawiſe* his Mother, all his Eſtate in *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Suſſex*, *Surrey*, *Kent*, and *Worceſterſhire*, with this Advowſon, and thoſe of *Sheldeſey* and *Chirchull* in *Worceſterſhire*. In 1340, the Manor and Advowſon were entailed for want of Iſſue of *John Wyſham*, on *John* Son of Sir *Andrew de Bures* and his Heirs, remainder in Fee to *John Wyſham*, who was Lord and preſented in 1387, and in 1395: In 1400, Sir *Will. Wyſham*, Knt. and *Margaret* his Wife granted 10 *l.* *per Ann.* out of this Manor, to *Katherine* Wife of Sir *John Wyſham*, his Mother; in 1408, *Tho. Lathe*, Eſq; was Patron, who had married *Alice* Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Will. Wyſham* and *Margaret* his Wife, and in 1411, the ſaid *Thomas*, *Alice*, and *Margaret*, ſetled it by Fine on *John Fitz-Ralf*, Eſq; *Conſt. Mortimer*, and his other Truſtees, and in 1432, *John Fitz-Rauf*, Eſq; was Lord and Patron, and held it in 1420, of *Tho. Beaufort*, Duke of *Exeter*, as parcel of the Honour of *Wormgeye*, and it paſſed to *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *John Fitz-Ralf*, Knt. Siſter and Co-heir of *Will. Fitz-Rauf* her Brother, aud her Husband Sir *Rob. Chamberlain* of *Gedding* in *Suffolk*, Knt. and of *Bernham-Broom* in *Norfolk*, who preſented in her right, in 1454, he was ſucceeded by Sir *Edw. Chamberlain* of *Bernham-Broome*, his Elder Brother Sir *Ralph* dying without Iſſue, but *Elizabeth* his Mother held it for Life, and preſented in 1505, Sir *Edward* left it at his Death to *Leonard Chamberlain* of *Little-Elingham* his 3d Son, who was Lord in 1554, whoſe Son *John Chamberlain*, mortgaged it in 1570, to *Rob. Flint* Gent. who preſented in 1580, and afterwards 'twas ſold by *Chamberlain*, to Sir *Thomas Pettus*, who gave it with his Daughter *Elizabeth* in Marriage, to *Rowland Okeover* Eſq; who mortgaged it to *Will. Colgrave* of *London* Eſq; to whom it was afterwards conveyed by Decree in Chancery, Sir *John Pettus*, and *Horace Pettus* confirming the Title; at *William*'s Death, it deſcended to *Henry Colgrave* his Son and Heir, who ſold the Advowſon to the Rev. Mr. *John Cater*, he poſſeſſed it about one Year only, and was ſucceeded by his Brother *William Colgrave* Eſq; who is now Lord.

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† WANELUNT Hund. Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat. (Domeſd. fol. 31, 32.)

ELINGHAM tenuit T.R.E. ALURICUS liber homo, ii. Car: terre, ſemper iiii. Villan: & ii. Bord: tunc iiii. Serv. xx Acr. prati, ſemper ii. Car: in dominio & ii. Car: & dim. hominum, Silva C. Porc. et i. Car: poſſet eſſe in dominio. Semper xii. Animal: & xxiiii. Porc. & xxxvii. Ov: xxxiiii. Capr. & v. Soc: de ii. Acr. & dim. tunc & poſt valuit iiii. libr. modo, iii. libr. Blancas & iii. Sol.

Huic manerio jacebant (*) vi. Soc. ea die qua Radulfus forisfecit, qui reddebant xvi.. Sol. Roberto Blundo, & modo ſunt in Saham, Teſte Hundredo. Totum habet i. Leug. & dim. in Longo, & in lato & x *d.* de Gelto.

(*) In the Account of the King's Manor of Saham, theſe Socmen are ſaid to hold 25 Acres in Breccles, and that the Steward of Saham ſold them to Eudo Earl Ralph's Man who laid them to Elingham, and lett them to Earl Ralph, who held them at his Forfeiture, and upon the King's ſeizing them, he lett them to Robert Blund, who during the Time he farm'd Earl Ralph's Land of the King, received 10 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year from them, but upon Godric's taking that Farm, the King laid them to his own Manor of Saham, and ſo Godric received nothing from them.

See this in Domeſday, printed under Breccles.

Terre Willi de Warenna. (Doms. fo. 90.)

Wanelund. In AILINCHAM vi liberi homines lxxx Acr. terre, tunc i Car. m°. i & dim: tunc ii bor. modo iii.

[e] This Fee continued held of the Wacheſham's.

The Cuſtoms of the Manor are, that the Fine is at the Lord's Will, the eldeſt Son is Heir, and it gives no Dower. There is no *Lete* now kept, tho' 'tis ſaid to be appendant to the Manor, and as ſuch was kept about fifty Years ſince. They can't fell Timber on the Copyhold without Licence, which by Cuſtom hath been always compounded for, at a third part of the clear Value.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Peter*, was valued at 10 Marks, and paid 12*d.* *Peter-Pence.* It had two Gilds belonging to it, one of St. *Peter*, and the other of St. *John* Baptiſt, in 1663, they had Licence to ſell a Bell, and in 1671, another to leſſen the Chancel. 'Tis a Rectory valued in the King's Books at 7*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* *ob:* but being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 41*l.* 18*s.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and hath been augmented by the preſent Rector, who hath procured the Bounty, and ſetled a Portion of the impropriate Tithes of *Great-Elingham* for that Purpoſe. This Town paid 4*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* to the old Tenths, and is now valued at 391*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* to the Tax.

The Monks of *Thetford*'s Temporalities were valued at 10*s.* *per Ann.*

## RECTORS.

1317, 4 Non: *Mar:* *Hugh Perpunt* of *Kilverdeſton.* Sir JOHN DE BOTETOURT Knt.
1349, 9 *Sep.* *Walter Atte Oke*, of *Bredefield-Magna.* HAWYSE DE WYSHAM.
1387, 30 *July*, *Roger de la Hay* Prieſt. Sir JOHN DE WYSHAM Knt.
1395, 11 *Oct.* *Will. Lenchewyk*, Sir WILL. WYSHAM Knt. He reſigned.
1395, 11 *Oct.* *Rob. Couclſ*, change with *Weſt-Acre* Burgh.
1408, 8 *Aug:* *Will. Okele.* THO. LATHE Eſq.
1408, 29 *Nov:* *Stephen At Lathe.* *Ditto.* On *Okele*'s Reſignation.
1432, 8 *Oct.* *Roger Robin*, of *Eaſt-Bradenham*, JOHN FITZ-RAUF Eſq; He was buried in the Church.
1454, 16 *April*, *Tho. Melton*, on *Robin*'s Death. Sir ROB. CHAMBERLAIN Knt.
1484, 20 *Nov.* *John Folſham*, on *Melton*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.*
1494, 14 *June*, *Ric. Aſton.* ROGER ORMESTON, Eſq
1505, 15 *Jan.* Mr. *Peter Aſhton.* Lady ELIZ. CHAMBERLAIN Widow.
1506, 7 *Nov.* *Rich. Billington.*
1508, 6 *Oct.* *John Hardingham.* Lapſe. On *Aſhton*'s Death.
1530, 15 *March*, *Arthur Buckley*, on *Hardyngham*'s Death. EDWARD CHAMBERLAYN, Eſq.
1554, 7 *July*, *Rich. Hatley* Prieſt, on *Buckley*'s Deprivation. LEONARD CHAMBERLAYN Eſq.
1561, 22 *Sep:* *John Middletone.* Lapſe.
*John Gildenſleeve*, he reſigned.
1580, 21 *March*, *Rob. Evat.* ROB. FLYNT, Eſq.
1608, 11 *Jan:* *John Warde.* JOHN HODSON Clerk, for this Turn. He held it by Union with St. *Swithin* in *Norwich*, of which he was Patron.
1647, 27 *July*, *Philip Cornwaleys*, A. M. on *Warde*'s Death. Sir THO. PETTUS, Bart.
1647, 24 *Aug:* *John Jermy*, A. M. on *Cornwaleys*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.*
*Rob. Chawner*, He died Rector.
1672, 6 *Jan:* *Tho. Bond*, A. B. Lapſe.
1727, 21 *Dec:* *Humphry Bickley*, A. B. on *Bond*'s Death. JOHN CATER Clerk, united to the Major part of *Atleburgh.*
1728, 15 *April*, The Rev. Mr. *John Cater* the preſent Rector, on *Bickley*'s Reſignation, who is alſo Patron, and holds it united to the Vicarage of *Elingham-Magna.*

There is a neat Parſonage Houſe built by Mr. *Cater*, adjoining to the North-Weſt Part of the Church-Yard, to which belong about 32 Acres of Glebe, the Town contains about 20 Houſes, and 150 Inhabitants.

The Tower is ſquare, and ſtands on the South-Side of the Church, and ſerves for a Porch, there is only one Bell, the Church and Chancel are tiled, the N. Veſtry is ruined, 'tis neat and clean, being new repaired and beautified; in the Windows I ſaw theſe Arms, Chequy *O.* & *G.* a Feſs *Erm.* *Or* a Saltyr ingrail'd *Sab.* and *Gul.* 3 round Buckles *Arg.* There is only this Inſcription on a Braſs in the Chancel.

> **Heere lyeth the Corps of Robert Flynt, under this Stone.**
> **Whoſe Godly Death, did prayſe his Lief, he beinge gone,**
> **Ten toward Branches he hath left, which ſhall enſue,**
> **Borne of a vertuous Wight, by Birth from Mountague.**

## *GRISTON,*

GRESTON, or *Griſton*, as 'tis called in *Domeſday*, ſignifies the *Graſs-Town*, and indeed 'tis a Soil that produces abundance of it.

The *CHURCH* here was dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and was appropriated to the Prior and Convent of *Bukenham*; 'twas valued at 20 Marks, and paid 18*d.* *Peter-Pence.* There were 4 Gilds in this Church, St. *Mary*'s, St. *Peter*'s, St. *Margaret*'s, and St. *John*'s, and there was a Light called St. *Mary*'s Light. In 1446, there were new Bells, and in 1477, the Steeple was re-built as it now ſtands, with great Part of the Church, which was then re-dedicated to St. *Peter* and *Paul*, who had a Gild erected alſo to their Honour, to which *Will. Ferror* was a Benefactor in 1492, as alſo to the Light of St. *Mary*, in the Church-Yard. In 1495, *Henry Palmer* of *Griſton*, gave 5 Acres and half a Rood in *King*'s-*Grove* Furlong, for a *Yereday*, to be kept for him and *Alice* his Wife on *Whitſun-Monday*, as long as the World ſtands, and tied all his Meſſuage called *Gilberds* for it. He alſo gave to the Church and Town of *Girſton*, 10 Acres in *Girſton* and *Watton-Field*, 3 Roods at *King*'s-*Grove*, 3 Roods at *Little-Kirk*, 2 Roods at *Kykynham*, 1 Acre at *Martin-Gate*, 1 Acre and an half at *Shortwyn*'s-*Croft*, by the Land of the Vicar of *Girſton South.*

### *Rectors* and *Vicars.*

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| 1213, | Maſter *Andrew de Fordham.* ROB. DE CASTON. |
| 1299, | *Ralf de Eboraco*, or *York.* In 1297, *Rob. de Caſton* preſented this *Ralf*, and the Biſhop (tho' *Robert* brought the King's Writ) would not admit him, but anſwered, he was of a notorious Character, for which Reaſon the Biſhop was excuſed. |
| 1301, 14 Kal: *Oct.* | *William Barri.* ROB. DE CASTON. |
| 1304, 11 Kal: *Aug.* | *Richard de Hile.* JOAN DE CASTON |
| 1330, 8 Kal: *Mar.* | *Edmund de Cokefield.* CICELY, Relict of Sir *John de Cokefield*, Knt. |
| 1349, 22 *Aug.* | *William Hulle* of *Keteringham.* Sir ROBERT BISHOP, Rector of the Mediety of *Heterſete.* |
| 1349, 8 *Oct.* | *William* Son of *John Walter* of *New Bukenham*, at the Nomination of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and Preſentation of the Prior, *Will. Bateman* Biſhop of *Norwich*, having this Year appropriated the Church to the Priory, on Condition, the Biſhop ſhould always nominate to the Prior, who ſhould preſent the Vicar at his Nomination and alſo pay the Biſhop a Yearly Penſion of 16*s.* 8*d.* In 1220, Biſhop *Thirlby* releaſed to the King the Pention due out of this Rectory. |
| 1357, 17 *Dec.* | *Tho. Attehowe de Methewold.* The BISHOP nominated to the Prior. |
| 1358, 6 *May*, | *Tho. Percy* Biſhop of *Norwich*, aſſigned the Vicar his Vicarage-Houſe, which was to be the South Part of the Rectory-Houſe, and the Vicarage was endowed with 18 Acres of Arable Land, a Foldage, and many Days Works in Autumn, the whole Altarage, Tithes of Wool, Hay, Flax, Milk, Wood, whither *Silve cedue, aut Arborum decimabilium*, Turf, Hemp, Mortuaries, and all ſmall Tithes. |

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| 1361, 24 *Nov.* | *Rob. Attedam de Wrotham,* | Nominated by the Biſhop, preſented by the Prior. |
| 1395, 23 *March,* | *Roger Lenthale,* | |
| 1405, 13 *Jan.* | *Tho. Neve* of *Watton* died in 1420, | |
| 1420, 18 *Jan.* | *Henry Bryce* of *Wygenhale,* | |
| 1433, 19 *June,* | *William Orlyouns* of *Thuxton,* | |
| 1442, 22 *June,* | *Thomas Savage,* | |
| 1449, 12 *May,* | *John Eſtweyth,* | |
| 1469, 16 *Dec.* | Brother *John Plattyng,* Canon of *Bukenham,* | |
| 1482, 22 *July,* | *John Browne,* | |
| 1521, 11 *May,* | *Richard Drake,* A. M. on *Browne*'s Death,<br>--- *Draper,* | |
| 1526, 13 *Nov.* | *Richard Mylgate,* reſigned, | |
| 1529, 15 *Febr.* | *Denis Owers* deprived. | |
| 1554, 6 *March,* | *Richard Murton.* Lapſe | |
| 1560, 18 *June,* | *John Blacklock.* Lapſe. United to *Caſton.* | |
| 1578, 16 *Octob.* | *Thomas Matthews,* | The QUEEN. |
| 1585, 13 *May,* | *Thomas Bolland,* reſigned. | |
| 1587, 27 *Aug.* | *Lancelot Griffin,* | |
| 1633, 25 *Febr.* | *Samuel Warren* of *Chriſt*'s College, *Cambridge,* he reſigned, and was after Rector of *Merton,* and had *Breccles.* The Biſhop of *Ely* by Grant from the Queen, in Exchange, who is now Patron, and the following Vicars were preſented by the Biſhops of that See. | |
| 1654 | *Samuel Leader,* Miniſter of God's Word at *Griſton,* was admitted Vicar there, *Febr.* 2. | |
| 1661, 5 *Octob.* | *Robert Maſters.* Buried 1 *March* 1687. | |
| 1688, 1 *Sept.* | *Robert Harſnet.* He reſigned. | |
| 1694, 9 *Nov.* | *John Berry.* He reſigned. | |
| 1699, 7 *Octob.* | *John Ellis.* | |
| 1713, 23 *Octob.* | *Will. Tanner,* on *Ellis*'s Ceſſion, now Rector of *Redenhall,* &c. | |
| 1723, 15 *Nov.* | The Rev. Mr. *John Borret* the preſent Vicar, on *Tanner*'s Reſignation. The KING, *Ely* Biſhoprick being void. | |

This Vicarage is valued in the King's Books at 7 *l.* 8 *s.* 9 *d. ob:* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 28 *l.* 9 *s.* 6 *d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths.

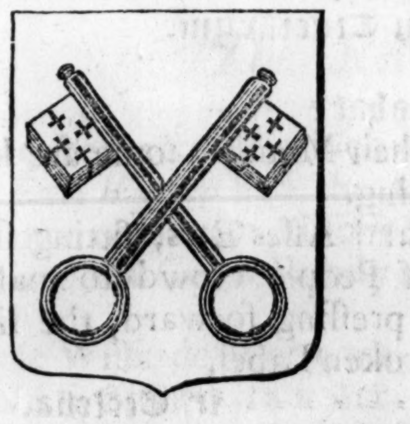
It paid 2 *s.* Sinodals, and 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Procurations.

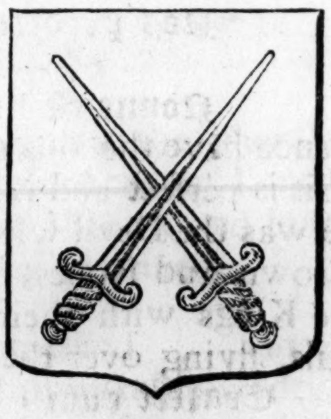
The Prior of *Caſtle-Acre*'s Portion was valued at 20 *s.*

This Town paid 6 *l.* 4 *d.* to the old Tenths, and is now valued at 367 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Tax.

The Spirituals of the Prior of *Bukenham* were valued at 20 Marks.

The Church hath a fine Tower, adorned with the following Emblems of St. *Peter* and *Paul,* cut in Stone-Work at the Bottom.





There are four Bells, the Nave is leaded, there is a North Porch tiled, as is the Chancel which is new repaired. In 1679, Doctor *Owen Hughes,* Commiſſary to the Biſhop, and Official to the Archdeacon of *Norwich,* directed † a Commiſſion to be certified of the State of the Chancel, and upon it's being found in a ruinous Condition, he ſequeſtred the Impropriate Tithes to repair it, and it was repaired accordingly. This is an Inſtance of the Biſhop's or Archdeacon's Power to ſequeſter impropriate Tithes, if the Owners or their Farmers refuſe or neglect to repair the Chancels, which we ſee too often in a ruinous State.

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† Cum Manifeſte apparet, quod Cancella, Cella, ſive Adytum, ad Eccleſiam Parochialem de Griſton, per diverſos Annos Elapſos delapidata fuit, et eſt, et jam magnam patitur Ruinam, per Injuriam et ſupinam negligentiam Firmariorum Rectoriæ appropriatæ ibidem, et veriſimiliter in pejori ruinoſo Statu cadet in poſterum, in ſcandalum Juriſdictionis Eccleſiaſticæ, in Remedium oppertunum in ea parte, authoritate noſtra ordinaria ſubito adhibeatur, omnes & ſingulos fructus, &c. Sequeſtramus, &c.

There is a looſe Braſs in the Cheſt, which came off a Stone in the Chancel, thus inſcribed,

Orate pro Anima Magiſtri Johannis Mannyng qui obiit xxvii°
die Menſis Aprilis Anno Domini M°ccccc°xxii° cuius Anime
propicietur Deus Amen.

On an old Stone in the Nave,

Orate pro Anima Willi: Palmar, qui obiit xv° die Novembris, Anno
Domini M°cccc°lxxxiiii° cuius Anime propicietur Deus Amen.

The Family of the *Palmer*'s are of great Antiquity in this Town; In 1295, *Peter Le-Paumer* had a good Eſtate here.

On another old Braſs,

Orate pro Anima Alicie Palmer que obiit ix° die Decembris Anno
Domini M°cccc° lxxxviii°.

This on a Braſs that came off a Stone by the Pulpit,

Orate pro Anima Edmundi Buckenham Generoſi.

In 1278, *Robert de Bukenham* had an Eſtate here.

On the Font,

A° Dni: 1568, was thys Steple Tope newe ſet up to the greate Coſte of landed Men.

On a Braſs,

O Pater, O Trinitas, Fili cum Flamine Sacro,
Virgineumque Decus Reparatrix atque Ruine,
Cuncta creans Nichilo, Manning ſaccurre Johanni,
Fac tecum vivat Regno ſine Fine beato.
Anno Milleno Quingenteno quoque terno,
Menſis Septembris obiitque Penultima Luce.

The Windows were formerly very fine, but are now imperfect, in a South Chancel Window was an Effigies of one of the *Caſton* Family, in his Surcoat of Arms.

In a North Church Window was the Effigies of Sir *Simon Palmer*, with this,

SIRE SIMON PALMVR DE GRESTEEN.

*Az.* a Lyon Ramp. *Gul.* in Chief 3 Cinquefoils *Or.*

ORMESBY, *Gul.* a Bend compone *Or* and *Az.* between 6 Croſlets *Arg.*

MORTIMER, *Or* Florette *Sab.* and *Caſton*'s Arms.

*Gul.* 6 *Ermines.*

The Altar-Stone with a Croſs at each Corner lies in the Nave, and the other Stones that came off the two low Altars, are placed as Stiles in the Church-Yard, their Croſſes remaining on them.

In a North Window is a Prieſt in a Pulpit preaching to a large Congregation,
with this in Labels,

Nos predicamur Chriſtum Crucifixum.

And this,

Nonne eſt hic qui expugnabat?

Some of his Audience have the Word Jeſus from their Mouths, ſome are kneeling, and others proſtrate; this is perfect and is a curious Painting.

In another Place was the Devil with cloven Feet and Aſſes Ears, ſitting in a Throne as a King, with his Crown and Robes, a vaſt Preſs of People crowd to make their Addreſs to him; there are Kings with their Crowns on, preſſing forward, the little Devils with long Ears and Tails, flying over them, and this broken Label,

:::: Exaltet eum :::::::::::::::::: in Eccleſia.

In 1698, Mr. *John Borret* died *May* 25, and was buried *May* 27, he was an ingenious Man, and good Antiquary, an exact Herald, and laborious Collector of Hiſtorical Affairs, relating to this County, to whoſe Labour, I own myſelf much indebted for many Things, which I find in his Collections only, the Originals being now loſt, the Rev. Mr. *John Borret* his Son is the preſent Vicar, to whom I am much obliged for ſupplying me with ſeveral Materials towards this Work.

BORRET's Arms are, *Arg.* 3 Boars Heads eraſed *Sab.*

Creſt, a Boar's Head eraſed *Sab.*

Theſe Arms are born by Mr. *Giles Borret* of *Earſham*, only that Branch hath born the Field *Or.*

## Griston-Hall MANOR.

This Town was a *Berewic* to *Sporle* in the Confeſſor's and Conqueror's Time, and the cheif Part of it which conſtituted this Manor, belonged to a Free Woman in the Confeſſor's Time, who held it as Part of *Sporle* Manor; 'twas ſeized by the Conqueror and lett to farm to *Godric*, and was after held by a Family ſirnamed from the Town.

Terre Regis, quam Godricus ſervat. Wanelunt Hund. (Domſ. fo. 32.)
In GRESTUNA, lxxx acr. Terre tenuit i Libera Femina t. r. e. ſemp: i Vill. tunc v Boꝛd. ſemper i Seꝛv: xi Acr. Pꝛati, ſemp. i Car: in Dnio. Silv: xxiiii Poꝛc: ſemp. xii porc: ⁊ xi Ov. ⁊ hoc Berewita eſt appꝛetiatum in Eſparle.

Another Part was held by *Roger Bigot*, of whom *Ralf Fitz-Walter* held it, and both theſe Parts made up this Manor, which was afterwards held of the *Fitz-Walters*.

Terra Rogeri Bigoti. H. Wenelunt. (fo. 127.)
In GRESTUNA, i liber Homo xxviij acr. terre dim: Caꝛ: ⁊ iii acꝛ. Prati ⁊ val x Sol.
In GRESTUNA, iiii Liberi Homines xxvj acꝛ: quod tenet Radulſus Filius Galteri, de Rogero (Bigot) ⁊ val: iiii ſol. In hoc nichil habuit Anteceſſoꝛ Rogeri niſi Commend. Rex ⁊ Comes Socam. [fo. 301.]

In 1227, *Richard de Rupella* ſetled 120 Acres and diverſe Rents, on *Henry de Greſtun* and his Heirs. In 1256, *William* Son of *John Bozun* and *Henry* Son of *Henry de Greſtun*, paid 6 *d*, a Year to the Prior of *Alvesbourn*. In 1272, *Dioniſia de Montchenſy* had ſome Concern in it. In 1274, *John de Griſton* was Lord, and had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer, *Weyf* and *Trebuchet*, and held it of the Honour of *Clare* at half a Fee in 1314. In 1315, *Robert-Fitz-Walter* and *Richard Copſey* were returned as Lords here: in 1345, *John de Griſton* held a Quater of a Fee of the Honour of *Clare*, which formerly belonged to *Roger de Griſton*, and in 1398, *John de Griſton* was Lord, and in 1401, held it of the Honour of *Clare*, which was held by the Heirs of the Earl of *March*; in 1341, 'twas in the Biſhop of *Ely*'s Liberty, whoſe Bailiff appointed the Conſtable, it afterwards was in the *Clifton*'s, and paſſed with *Bukenham* to the *Knevet*'s, and in 1541, *Edm. Knevet* ſold it to *Edm. Grey* and his Heirs, in 1558, *John Grey* of *Methwold* Eſq; gave it to *Will. Grey* his Son, who ſold it to Mr. *Thomas Dunthorn*, who was Lord in 1572, and *William Dunthorn* was his Son and Heir. It after belonged to Sir *Thomas Barney* of *Parkhall* in *Redham*, and came to *Henry Barney* his ſecond Son, who died 23 *Nov:* 1638, poſſeſſed of it, and held it of the Honour of *Clare*, with 36 Acres held of *Saham-Tony* Manor by Fealty, and 34 Acres held of *Carbrook* by Fealty, and *Henry Barney* of *Griſton* was his Son and Heir. It now belongs to *Leonard Batchelor* Eſq; of *Norwich*.

The *Lete* belongs to the Hundred, and is kept with *Caſton* and *Tompſon Letes*, and each Town hath it kept there every third Year.

## *The Rectory* Manor,

Always belonged to the Rectory, which was never appendant to the other Manor, for at the Survey, *William* Earl *Warren* had the Advowſon, and 10 Acres of Land, which Earl *Ralf* had laid to his Manor of *Stou*, and ſo it belonged to that Manor, and ſoon after was join'd to *Caſton* Manor, and the *Caſton* Family as Lords of *Caſton* preſented.

Terre Willi: de Warrenna. H. de Wanelund. (fo. 93.)
In GRESTUNA i Eccleſia, ⁊ x Acr. terre, hoc calumpniatuꝛ Godric iaceꝛe tempoꝛe Radulfi Comitis, in Stou. ⁊ homines de Hundredo, eam teſtantuꝛ ad Feudum Willi: de Warrenna, ⁊ quidam Regis homo vult ferre iudicium, quod iacuit in Stou quando Foꝛiſfecit ſe Radulfus ⁊ uno anno prius ⁊ uno anno poſtea.

In 1330, it belonged to the *Cokeſield*'s, and continued a Rectory 'till 1349, and at the Appropriation, the Rectory Manor came to the Prior of *Bukenham*, with the Chief of the Glebes and the great Tithes, and at the Diſſolution came to rhe Crown, where they continued 'till Queen *Elizabeth* ſetled them in exchange on *Ely* Biſhoprick, to which the Manor, great Tithes, and Advowſon of the Vicarage now belong. It is held by Leaſe of the

See, by Mr. *Patrick* Fellow of *Catherine-Hall* in *Cambridge*, Grandſon to Dr. *Patrick*, late Biſhop of *Ely*.

**Terra Regis in Manu Regis.** (Doms. fo. 3.) Wanelund H.

The King's Manor of *Saham* extended into this Town, and this is part of *Saham* Outſoken.

**In** GRISTUNA xix **Soc**: i **Car. T. R. E. tunc** iiii **Car. poſt & mo.** iii. **&** ii **A. prati.**
**Et in** GRESTUNA ii **Libr. hoes: Hezoldi** vii **Acr.**

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# *OVINGTON.*

UVYTONE *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *John the Evangeliſt*, was valued at 9 Marks, and paid 17*d. Peter-Pence*, *Roger Bigot* gave the Monks * of *Thetford* a Portion of Tithes here, which was taxed with their Revenues in *Watton*; here were two Gilds, one dedicated to St. *John the Evangeliſt*, and the other to St. *Margaret*. There are 16 Acres of Glebe.

## RECTORS.

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| 1304, 7 Id: *Dec*: | *Will*: *Bozun*. | PETER BOZUN. |
| 1314, 10 Kal: *Nov*: | *Robert Bozun*. | JOHN BOZUN of *Wiſſingſet*. |
| 1334, 4 Non: *Nov*: | *John* Son of *Richard de Ixnyng*. | |
| 1349, 2 *Aug*: | *John Galt* of *Breccles*. He reſigned. | |
| 1357, 3 *Sept*: | *Peter Styward*. Change with *Eaſt-Tudenham*. | |
| 1366, 26 *Jan*: | *John de Belton*, *Super Dam*. | WILL. BOZUN. |
| 1398, 22 *July*, | *William Hervy*. | JONN BOZOUN of *Wiſſingſet*. |
| 1409, 29 *Oct*: | *John Hare*, change for *Keninghall*. | |
| 1421, 21 *Sept*. | *Nicholas Richeman*. | RICH. BOZOUN. |
| 1421, 2 *Nov*. | *Rob. Syer*, changed for *Wood-Norton* St. *Peter*. with | |
| 1424, 28 *Sept*: | *Andrew Valentine*. | |
| 1445, 20 *Apr*: | *William Short*, he reſigned. | |
| 1448, 16 *Apr*: | *John Elom*, buried in the Chancel. | |
| 1458, 8 *Nov*. | *Thomas Petty* Clerk. | JOHN PECOCK of *Norwich*, and MARGARET his Wife. |
| | *Richard Chaterys*. | |
| 1462, ult. *Sept*. | *John Fyer*, he reſigned. | |
| 1470, 19 *Jan*. | *Richard Hayton*, he reſigned. | |
| 1494, 28 *March*. | *John Danby*. | ELEANOR BOZOUN. |
| 1496, 15 *March*, | *Robert Pennell*. | *Ditto*. |
| 1507, 30 *March*, | *Rob. Plume*, on *Pennell*'s Death. | THO. CRESSYNERE Eſq; in Right of *Eleanor Bozun* his Wife. |
| 1531 21 *March*, | *Thomas Martyn*. | ELEANOR CRESSENER Widow. |
| | - - - - *Thyrkyl* Prieſt. | |
| 1543, 17 *Nov*: | *John Baxter* on *Martyn*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1548, 15 *April*, | *Ambroſe Irby*, he reſigned. | JOHN BOZOUN Eſq; |
| 1556, 6 *Oct*: | *John Winter*. | |
| 1558, 28 *April*, | *Ambroſe Irby*, on *Winter*'s Death. | |
| 1559, 6 *Dec*. | *James Robinſon*, on *Irby*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1566, 24 *June*, | *Thomas Brittayne*, on *Robinſon*'s Death. | ROBERT BOZOUN Eſq; |
| 1587, 8 *Jan*: | *Thomas Woodward*. | THO. LYNGWOODE. |
| | *John Trundell*. | |
| 1601, 19 *May*, | *Henry Rice*, | THO. LYNGWOODE, and ROB. WIGHTMAN. |
| 1603, 22 *Febr*: | *Robert Canham*. | *Ditto*. |
| 1626, 27 *July*, | *Edward Rye*, A. M. on *Canham*'s Death. | THO. WRIGHT Gent. |
| 1632, 5 *Febr*. | *Edmund Eade*, S. T. B. on *Rye*'s Reſignation. | *Ditto*. |
| 1655, 21 *Jan*: | *Samuel Smith*. | JOHN WRIGHT. He died Rector. |

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| 1667, 17 *July*, | *Robert Myett.* THO. WRIGHT Eſq. |
| 1682, 11 *Sept:* | *John Burrell*, A. M. The Chancellor, Maſters, and Scholars of the Univerſity of *Cambridge*, who are now Patrons. |
| 1683, 7 *Febr.* | *John Wells*, on *Burrell*'s Reſignation. |
| 1702, 11 *Aug:* | *Nathaniel Spalding*, on *Wells*'s Reſignation. |
| 1706, 20 *May*, | *Peter Needham*, on *Spalding*'s Reſignation. |
| 1711, 5 *Jan:* | The Rev. Mr. *William Ewin* Clerk, A. M. on *Needham*'s Ceſſion; he is the preſent Rector. |

The Church and Chancel are thatched, there is a ſquare Tower and one Bell, but no Memorial of any kind, 'tis valued at 7 *l.* 3 *s.* 6 *d.* *ob*: and being ſworn of the clear Value of 37 *l.* 5 *s.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths. The Temporals of the Prior of *Pentney*, were taxed at 70 *s.* 10 *d.* This Village paid 3 *l.* 10 *s.* to the Tenths, and is now valued at 403 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the King's Tax.

## BOZUN'S MANOR.

This Town at the Survey, muſt be included in *Saham*, for I have found no Mention of it in *Domeſday*, but that one Carucate which belonged to *Saham*, was given very early to the *Bigot*'s, and by them infeoffed in the Family ſirnamed *De Saham*, together with the Advowſon, to be held at one Fee. In 1202, *Robert de Saham*, conveyed it to *Roger Bozun*, and in 1227, the ſaid *Robert* granted the Advowſon which belonged to this Carucate, to *Peter Bozun* Son of *Roger* and his Heirs, who now was Lord and Patron. In 1256, 'twas returned that *John Bozun* was Lord, and held a whole Knight's Fee, but was not yet Knighted, and in 1263, he had a Charter for Free-Warren in *Ovinton*. There was another half Fee here, which was granted from the Crown to the *Marſhall*'s; the Record called *Teſta de Nevill*, tells us, that *William Talebot* held it of *Will: Mariſcal* Junior, and that 'twas worth 20 *l.* this belonged to *Baldwin de Roſey*, in *H.* III. Time, and ſoon after to *Peter Bozun*, who in 1306, held one Part of the Earl *Warren*, the other of the Earl *Marſhall*, and was ſole Lord and Patron. In 1460, *Will: Bozun* Gent. gave it after his Mother's Death, to *John* his Son, with the Advowſon, and the Advowſon of *Wiſſingſet*, after the Death of *Alice* his Wife: He divided it again and kept the great Manor, which was in *John Bozun* in 1345: In 1432, *Ric: Bozun* held it of *John Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, at one Fee, as of his Manor of *Forncet*. In 1450, *Richard Bozun* of *Wiſſingſet*, gave it *Margaret* his Wife for Life, who married *John Pecock* of *Norwich*, and it continued a long Time in this Family, tho' ſometimes in Truſtees Hands. In 1558, *Thomas Townſend* of *Teſterton* Eſq; releaſed all his Right in the Manor and Advowſon, to *John Bozun* of *Studdey* Eſq; who in 1568 conveyed it to *Will: Smith*, and he in 1579, to *Richard Wightman*, and *Tho. Lingwood*; In 1584, *Wightman* conveyed his Moiety to *Ambroſe Clench*, and *Michael Berberton*, in Truſt for his own and his Wife's Life, remainder to *Rob. Wightman* his Son, and his Heirs, *Robert* conveyed it to his Brother *Nicholas Wightman*, who purchaſed the other Moiety of *Agatha* Daughter and Heir of *Tho. Lingwood*, who died ſeized in 1605, when 'twas held of *Forncet* Manor by one Fee and 2 *d.* *per Ann.* In 1606, *Nicholas Wightman*, ſold it to *Robert Wright*, who the Year following conveyed it to *Thomas Wright*. In 1655, *John Wright* was Lord, and in 1667, *Tho. Wright* of *Downham* Eſq; ſold it to the Chancellor, Maſter,and Scholars of the Univerſity of CAMBRIDGE, who are now Lords and Patrons.

## WOODHOUSE MANOR.

Paſſed as is before obſerved, 'till *Peter Bozun* divided it from *Bozun*'s Manor, and in 1324, *John Butetort* and *Maud* his Wife held it for Life, and *Tho. Butetort* was their Son and Heir, it after came to *Robert de Stutvile*, and in 1432, *Catherine* Queen of *England* was Lady, in 1557, *John Jenny* ſold it to *John Ives*, with the Fold-Courſe, from whom it came to the *Calibut*'s, and was given to Mr. *Repps*, 'twas late the Lady *Potts*'s, who ſold it to *Thomas Wright* of *Herling*, Eſq; whoſe ſecond Son *Robert Wright* Eſq; is now Lord.

The Knight's *Templars* in 1221, had Lands here, as belonging to the *Commandry* of *Kerbrook*, and their Tenants here were quit of *Toll* through-out all *England*, as the reſt of their Tenants always were, by Grant of *H.* III. in 1312, *William de la More*, the laſt Maſter of the *Templars* in *England*, died in the Tower of *London*, ſeveral of the Knights being ſent to

Monaſteries to repent, by the Archbiſhop and Provincial *Synod*, and in 1314, their Lands here were ſeized, and given to the *Hoſpitalers* of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem*, and were aſſigned to their *Commandry* of *Kerbrook* aforeſaid.

This Town (like moſt of the Villages ſtanding on the Rivulet) takes it's Name from it, *Uvyton*, *Eaſſington*, or *Offinton*, (for 'tis thus called in old Evidences) being no more, than the Town of Paſture Land lying by the Water.

## MERTON,

MERETUNA, MERTON, or MARTIN, as it is now called, took it's Name from ſome *Megr*, or large ſtanding Water within it's Bounds, for ſuch is the *Saxon* Word Mepe. During the Confeſſor's Reign it belonged to

Ailid, who then held it at three *Carucates* and one *Virgate*, there being Wood enough to maintain 240 Hoggs, and a Walk for 150 Sheep, there were then 29 Tenants or *Socmen*, who held two *Carucates* of Land among them, and one *Socman*, who held 20 Acres of Land belonging to the Manor, which laid in *Greſtuna* or *Griſton*, the whole Manor was worth 5 *l.* afterwards roſe to 6 *l.* and in the Conqueror's Time was worth 8 *l.* *per Ann.* The Town was then two Miles long, and a Mile broad, and was taxed at 15 *d.* to the *Geld*.

**Ħ. WANELUND. MERETUNA, tenuit Ailid T. R. E. iii Caꝛ. tꝛe: et i Wiꝛgata tunc ⁊ poſt xvii Uill: m° vi tunc ⁊ poſt iii Boꝛ: m° i. tunc ⁊ poſt vi Seꝛ: m° nullus. Silva ccxl Porc. xxxvi Acꝛ. prati ſemp. iii Caꝛ: in dnio: tunc iiii Caꝛ. hominum. poſt ii m° nul: tunc v runcin: m° iiii. tunc cxviii Anim: m° xxii. ſemp: xxiiii Porc. tunc cl Ov: m° lxxxx ſemper xxix Soc. ii Caꝛ: terre cum omni conſuetudine, preteꝛ vi. tunc vii caꝛ: poſt, m° vi. et in Greſtuna i Sacheman. xx Acꝛ: tunc valuit c s. modo vi Lib: ſed reddit viii li. Totum habet i leug: in long: et dim: in lato, ⁊ xv d. de Gelto.**

At the Conqueſt it fell to the Conqueror, who gave it

Ralph Bainard, *Baignard*, [*f*] or *Baynard*, one of his Principal *Normans*, who came over with him, (along with *Hateſtuna*, or *Bunwell* Manor, which always paſſed as this did, 'till it was ſold by the *De Grey*'s to the *Buxton*'s) he left it to

Juga Baynard his Widow, who was ſucceeded by

Jeffry Baynard her Son and Heir, who was ſucceeded by

Will. Baynard, who taking Part with *Helias* Earl of *Mayne*, *Philip de Braoſe*, *William Malet*, and other Conſpirators, againſt *Henry* I. loſt his Barony of *Baynard*'s Caſtle, which upon his Forfeiture was given by the King, to

Robert, a younger Son of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, Progenitor to the antient Earls of *Clare*, from which *Robert*, the Noble Family of the *Fitz-Walters* deſcended, of which Family the Manors of *Merton*, and *Hadeſton* or *Bunwell* were always held, as of *Baynard*'s Caſtle, the Head of the *Barony*, by a younger Branch of the *Baynard* Family, to which theſe Manors were given before the Forfeiture, ſo that they were never forfeited but continued in that Branch, 'till *Iſabell* a Co-heireſs of it, carried them to Sir *Thomas de Grey*, her Husband.

The firſt of this Younger Branch that I meet with, was

Sir Robert Baynard Knt. Lord of this Manor, [*g*] I am apt to believe, he was Son of *Ralf*, Brother to *Jeffry Baynard*, Father to *William Baynard* that forfeited his Barony; this Sir *Robert* was a great favourer of the Monks of *Lewes*, to which Houſe he confirmed 60 Acres of his Demeans in this Town, and divers Tenants, with the Advowſon of the Church, and the Tithes of the Corn of his Manor, the Advowſon of the Church of *Riſtone*, and two Parts of the Tithes of his Manor of *Hadeſtonhall* or *Bunwell*, all which they had enjoyed from the Time of the illuſtrious King *Richard*, as

Sir Fulk Baynard, Son and Heir of Sir *Robert*, ſays in his Deed of Confirmation, which is dated in *Lewes* Chapter-Houſe, in the preſence of Sir *Osbert de Cailly*, Sir *John de*

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[f] Dug: Bar: Vol. 1. fo. 461.

[g] Mon. Ang: Vol. 2. fo. 99. Ganfredus Bainardus et Radulfus frater ejus dederunt Monachis apud Lewes Eccleſiam de Eſſenduna in Norf.

*Ingolveſthorp*, Sir *Robert de Caſton*, Knts. &c. this *Fulk* married *Petronilla*, Daughter of *Rob. Mantell* of *Eſſex*, with whom he had all *Robert*'s Land in *Semplingham* or *Shimpling*, in *Suff.* after the Death of *Ralf Mantell*, who held it for Life; this *Fulk* had two Sons,

**JEFFRY BAYNARD** his ſecond Son was a Prieſt, promiſed to be provided for, by the Prior of *Lewes*, to the Value at leaſt of 20 Marks *per Ann.* with ſome Eccleſiaſtical Benefice in *Norwich* Dioceſs, and therefore in the mean Time, the Prior gave him to farm all his Lands in this Town of *Merton*, paying only the Rent of 4*s.* and two Pounds of Wax *per Ann.* to the chief Lord, with all the Tithes of the Demeans of *Fulk Baynard*, for which he was ſworn to be faithfull, and to pay his Rent, and not to alien any of it, and that the Parſon for the Time being, ſhall not by his Means, intrude into the Meſſuage or Tithes: [h] Sir *Fulk Baynard*'s Seal, and the Dean of *Kerbrook Comandry*'s, are annexed to it.

Sir **FULK BAYNARD**, eldeſt Son and Heir of Sir *Fulk*, held 8 Fees and an half in *Merton*, *Hadeſton*, &c. of *Robert Fitz-Walter*, [i] as of his Barony of *Baynard* Caſtle, in the Time of *Hen.* III. he held in *Merton* one Fee, of which *John de Gurney* held one Quarter of him, he confirmed all the Gifts of his Anceſtors to *Lewes* Monaſtery, [k] in 1225, King *H.* III. granted *Fulk Baynard* a Licence to have a Market at *Merton*, in 1256, he was fined for not being Knighted, and was obliged to take that Honour, in 1271, he had Lands at *Hadenham* in *Cambridgeſhire*, ſetled on him and *Alice* his Wife, by *John*, and *Philippa de Ditton*, whoſe Daughter ſhe ſeems to be.

In 1274, he had Aſſize of Bread and Ale in *Merton*, *Wayf*, *Trebuchet*, and Free-Warren, and paid 28*s.* Rent for this, and *Hadeſton*, every 24 Weeks, to the Gaurd of *Baynard* Caſtle. In 1286, he was one of the three or four Conſervators of the Peace for this County, an Office then of great Truſt, ſucceeded by thoſe now called *Juſtices of the* [l] *Peace*, he died in 1305, and left

Sir **ROBERT** his Son and Heir, who was Lord here in 1315, and at his Death, left it to

**FULK BAYNARD** his Son and Heir, [m] who in 1327, held 8 Fees and an half of *Rob. Fitz-Walter*, in *Hadeſton*, *Martin*, *Bunwell*, *Carleton*, *Tibenham*, *Tompſon*, *Threkeſton*, and *Therſton*; this *Fulk*, left three Daughters his Co-heirs, *Iſabell*, *Emme*, and *Maud*, *Iſabell*, married Sir *Thomas de Grey* Knt. and had *Merton*, *Bunwell*, &c. for her Share, in whoſe Family it hath continued ever ſince.

There were many younger Branches of this *Baynard* Family, that had good Eſtates in other Parts of *Norfolk*, but as they had no Relation to this Place, I omit mentioning them, nay ſo late as 1565, *Will. Baynard* Gent. had Lands in *Merton*.

The Family of the *GRAI*'s, *GREY*'s, *GRAA*'s, or *GRAYs*, for by all theſe Names they are ſpoken of in antient Evidences, are all deſcended from

**ANSCITIL, or ANSCHITIL DE GREY**, a *Norman*, who came in with the Conqueror, being * ſirnamed from the Place of his Reſidence, and had large Poſſeſſions of that Prince's Gift, the *Peerage* p. 148, gives us a higher Account of this Family, but it being Conjecture only, I choſe to go no higher than *Anſchitil*, whoſe Son *Richard de Grai*, was a Benefactor to *Eyneſham* Abby, and was ſucceeded by † *John de Grey* his Son and Heir, whoſe ſecond Brother *John de Gray*, was Biſhop of *Norwich*, and his third Brother [n] *Hen. de Grey*, was in great Favour with [o] *Richard* the firſt, as is evident from the Grant, that Prince made him, of the Manor of *Turroc* in *Eſſex*, in the Year 1194, and that he was in the good Graces of his Succeſſor King *John*, is evident, not only from the Confirmation of his Predeceſſor's Grant, [p] but from his publick Charter of ſpecial Privilege, to hunt the Hare and Fox in any Lands belonging to the Crown, excepting the King's own Demean Parks. Neither did he looſe his Prince's Favour after this King's Death, for [q] *Henry* III^d. his Succeſſor in the very firſt Year of his Reign, gave him *Grimſtone* Manor in *Nottinghamſhire*, which was part of the Poſſeſſions of *Robert Bardolph* to ſupport him in his Prince's Service. After this, he married *Iſolda* or *Odeyne*, [r] Siſter and [s] Co-heir of the ſaid *Robert*, and in 1224, had the third Part of all his Eſtate, in his Wife's Right.

**JOHN DE GREY** his Uncle, was alſo a great Favourite of King *John*'s, who in the firſt Year of his Reign, [t] made him Archdeacon of *Glouceſter*, and the very next Year,

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[h] Autog. pen. Camerar: Scacij. inter Cartas divers: Dioc: et Ligula Norwic: Dioc.

[i] Teſta de Nevil.

[k] Cart. H. 3. Mem. 20.

[l] Of their Office ſee Philpot's Deſcription of Kent.

[m] Eſc. A° 2. E. 3.

[n] Mr. Dugh. Bar: Vol 1. fo. 709. miſtakes, in ſaying this Henry was the firſt of this Noble Family mentioned in our publick Records.

* Cambd. Remains. p. 92. Stow fo. 106.

† This John the eldeſt Brother by Hawiſe his Wife, left Iſſue, Robert the Eldeſt married Beatrix the Heireſs of Will. de St. Luke, Walter the ſecond Son was Biſhop of Litchfield in 1210, and of Worceſter in 1213, and Archbiſhop of York in 1216, which he held to his Death in 1255, &c.

[o] Dugh. Bar. Vol. 1 fo. 79.

[p] Cart 1. Joh. Mem. 29.

[q] Claus. 1. H. 3. m 12.

[r] Not Neice (as Mr. Dug. ſays) ſee Mon. Ang. Vol. 2. p. 645 b. fo 684. 1 Vol. Bar.

[s] There were three Siſters, one married a Foliot, and had Jordan Foliot, and another a Paynell, and had Ralf Paynell.

[t] Le-Neve's Faſti, fo. 303 &c.

*viz.* 1200, *Sept.* 24, Biſhop of *Norwich*, and afterwards Chief Juſtice of *England*, in all which Poſts he behaved ſo well, that the King would fain have made him Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, but was out-witted by the Pope, in 1211, he was made Lord Juſtice of *Ireland*. where he ſtaid two Years, [a] he died as he returned in his Ambaſſy from the Pope, at *Pictou* *Oct.* 24 1214, and was buried in his Cathedral at *Norwich*.

*Henry* aforeſaid, left four Sons by *Iſolda* his Wife, *viz.*

1. *Richard*, whoſe principal Seat was at *Codnovre* in *Derbyſhire*, of whom you may ſee in Mr. *Dughdale*'s Baronage, Vol. 1. fo. 709, his Deſcendents being Parliamentary Barons, their Lives and Noble Actions being there recorded.

2. *John*, who was ſometime Juſtice of *Cheſter*, and Progenitor to the Noble Families of GREY, of *Wilton*, *Ruthyn*, *Groby*, *Marqueſs Dorſet*, and *Viſcount Liſle*, the Generations, and Tranſactions of which Families, are recorded in the aforeſaid Vol. fo. 712, *&c.*

4. *Robert de Grey* of *Rotherfield*, whoſe Family is largely treated of in the aforeſaid Author, fo. 723, they alſo being Parliamentary Barons.

3. *Will. de Grey* or *Graa*, third Son of the ſaid *Henry*, [b] was firſt of *Landford* in *Notinghamſhire*, then of *Sandi-Acre* in *Derbyſhire*, [c] and after of *Cavendiſh* in *Suffolk*, he left JOHN DE GRA, of *Cavendiſh* Eſq; his Son and Heir, and *Henry Grey*, Eſq; his ſecond Son.

Sir *Thomas de Grey*, of *Conerth* in *Suff.* Knt. Son and Heir of *John de Grey* Eſq; of *Cavendiſh*, afterwards of *Grayſhall* in *Cavendiſh*, was married before 1306, to *Alice*, Daughter and ſole Heireſs of Sir *Richard de Cornherd*, [d] or *Cornerth* Knt. after which Match, perceiving the paternal Arms of GREY, to be born by ſo many Families, he totally omitted them, and aſſumed thoſe of *Cornherd*, which he and his Deſcendents to this Day, have born as their Paternal Arms, *viz. Az.* a Feſs between two Cheverons *Or*, which Arms, the *Cornherd*, or *Cornerth* Family, took in Imitation of the *Bainard*'s, their ſuperior Lord, of whom they held great Part of their Eſtate, whoſe Arms are the ſame exactly as *Cornherd*'s, only the Field and Cheverons differ in Colour. In 1321, *Thomas de Grey*, and *Alice* his Wife, held divers Lands in *Great Cornerth*, of *Richard Cornerd* their Father, Value 5*l.* 3*s.* *per Ann.* and of the Abbeſs of *Malling*, Lands worth 10*s.* *per Ann.* of the ſaid *Richard* a Meſſuage and one Carucate of Land there, worth 4*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* and alſo *Cavendiſh* Manor worth 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* at one Fee, and alſo of *William de Buteveyln*, one Meſſuage, one Carucate, and 60 Acres of Land, one Acre of Meadow, aud 10*s.* Rent in *Little-Conerd*, *Bures*, *Newton*, *Waldingfield*, *Illeigh*, *Preſton*, *Torp*, and *Lilleſey*, worth 3*l.* 11*s.* *per Ann.* at the 4*th* Part of a Fee, and alſo they held more of the Inheritance of the ſaid *Alice*, a Meſſuage and one Carucate of Land in *Bernardeſton*, of *Arnold de Mounteny*, by the Service of one Half-Penny to the *Scutage* when laid, which Houſe and Carucate, was worth 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per Ann.* *Thomas* died in 1321, *Alice* his Wife ſurviving him; in 1322, ſhe ſetled Lands on her Sons, *Roger* and *John*.

Sir *Thomas de Grey* Knt. their Son and Heir ſucceeded, and married *Iſabell*, eldeſt Daughter and Co-heir of *Fulk Baynard*, of *Merton* Eſq; and had *Merton*, *Bunwell*, *&c.* for her ſhare, he came and ſetled at *Merton*, in the antient Seat of the *Baynard*'s, whoſe Arms he always bore, quartered with his own (or *Cornerth*'s) in her Right, and their Poſterity have always done the ſame. In 1337, they ſetled the Manor of *Merton*, Lands in *Hockwold*, the Manor and Advowſon of *Bunwell*, on themſelves in Tail, *Merton* Manor, being then held by *Katherine*, Widow of *Fulk Baynard*, in Dower. In 1345, he held one Fee in *Merton*, of *John Fitz-Walter*, who held it of the King, which was lately *Fulk Baynard*'s, one Quarter of which, *Thomas Gernoun* held of the ſaid *Thomas*. This Quarter of a Fee in *Merton*, was firſt the Inheritance of the *Bardolf*'s, given by *Robert Bardolf* with *Iſolda*, to *Henry de Grey* her Husband, in whoſe Family it continued, 'till one of them infeoffed it in the *Caſton*'s, in the Time of *Henry* III. *William de Caſton* held it of *Hugh Bardolf*, who held it of the King in *Capite*, in 1345, *Thomas Gernoun* held it, in 1401, *Tho. Jermyn* held it. in 1453, *Robert* Son and Heir of *Hen. Pakenham*, Eſq; deceaſed, appointed *Will. Pakenham* of *Shropham* his Attorny, to deliver to *William Mounteney* Citizen and Skinner of *London*, *Rich. Caus* Gent. and others, ſeizin of all his Lands, Rents, Services, *&c.* in *Merton*, *Thomſon*, *Watton*, and *Griſton*, which *Hen. Pakenham* his Grandfather, and *Henry* his Father, *William Mounteney* Clerk, *John* Rector of *Creſſingham Parva* now dead, had of the Feoffment of *Tho. Gernon* of *Threxton*, Couzin and next Heir of *John Gernon* of *Merton* aforeſaid. At their Deaths they left it to Sir *Roger de Grey*, of *Merton* Knt. [e] who by Will proved in 1371, declares that he had infeoft Sir *William Bawde* Prieſt, and others, in his Manors of *Cavendiſh*, *Little-Cornerth*, and *Preſton* in *Suffolk*, and *Merton* in *Norfolk*, he ordered his Father Sir *Thomas Grey*'s Debts to be paid, and that *Alice* his Wife ſhould have an Annuity of 20 Marks *per Ann.* and Mr. *Thomas Grey* his Brother, another of the ſame Sum, the Manor of *Little-Heneye* worth 10 *l. per Ann.* to go to two Prieſts Yearly. The Profits of his Manor of *Hadeſton* or *Bunwell*, to raiſe Portions for his two Daughters, and if *Thomas* his Son dye before either of his Daughters Marriages, then their Fortunes to be at the Diſpoſition of Sir *William Bawde*. The Will is dated at *Dover*, and is in *French*.

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[a] Atlas p. 370. Godwin de Præſul: p. 484.

[b] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 79.

[c] Deed S. D.

[d] Conerd, Cornard, Cornerthe, and Cornheard, a good Family Lords for many Ages of Cavendiſh and Cornerd in Suff. from Mr. Rices's MSS. of Suffolk Gentry, now in Mr. Anſtis's Hands, who lent it Dr. Tanner. John de Cornherd was Sheriff of Suffolk and Norfolk, four Years ſucceſſively in King John's Time, viz. in 12:6, 7, 8, 9. See Fullers Worthies, Sub Tit: Norff.

*Thomas de Grey* his Son and Heir, died a Minor, leaving two Siſters,

*Margaret* after married to Sir *Thomas Shardelowe*, and

*Joan* to *Thomas Pynchbeke*, and then this Manor was divided into three Parts, *Tho. Grey*, Clerk their Uncle, had one third Part, which in 1388, he ſetled on *Pynchbeke* and his Wife, and ſo they had two thirds, and Sir *Tho. Shardelawe* and *Margaret* his Wife the other third, the whole being intail'd for want of Iſſue of the Neices, on *Tho. de Grey* their Uncle and his Heirs, as it ſeems they did, for in 1402,

*Tho. Grey* Clerk, held this Manor, and the whole of the Eſtate of the *Grey*'s in *Norfolk*, and died poſſeſſed of it before 1404, for in that Year,

*Fulk de Grey*, Eſq Son of *Fulk de Grey* and *Margaret* his Wife, Nephew and Heir to *Tho. de Grey* Clerk, had Livery of his Eſtate in *Norfolk* and *Cambridgeſhire*, being Lord of *Vernon*'s Manor in *Elm* in *Cambridgeſhire*, in Right of *Eleanor Vernon* his Mother, *Merton*, *&c.* he married *Eleanor Bernardeſton*, and was ſucceeded by

*William de Grey* of *Merton* Eſq; who married [f] *Chriſtian* Daughter and Co-heir of *John Manning* of *Great-Elingham*, [g] by his Will dated 3 *Nov.* 1474, ordered his Body to be buried in St. *Peter*'s Church of *Merton*, by *Chriſtian* his Wife, his Stone now lies in the Midle-Alley, it had four Eſcutcheons, the firſt with *Grey*'s Arms ſtill remain, the ſecond was *Grey* quartering *Baynard*, the third was *Grey* quartering *Manning*, and the fourth was *Grey*, impaling *Manning*, and this Inſcription.

> **Orate pro Animabus Willi: de Grey Armigeri et Chriſtianæ uxoris eius, Filie Johis: Mannynge nuper de Ellingham, Magna Gener: et pro Animabus omnium Benefactorum ſuorum, et pro Animabus pro quibus tenentur. Qui quidem Willus: obiit in feſto Sci: Martini Epi: Anno Dni: Mcccclxxiv, Dicta Chriſtiana obiit in feſto Sci: Petri ad vincula ::::::**

*William de Grey* of *Merton*, Eſq; his Son and Heir, had two Wives, *Mary* Daughter of Sir *Henry Bedingſield* of *Oxburgh* in *Norfolk*, and *Grace* Daughter of *Thomas Teye* Eſq; Widow of *Francis Hethe* of *Worlington*, to whoſe two Daughters he was Guardian, *Agnes* the ſecond dying young was buried at *Merton*, *Margaret* [h] the ſecond married *George Bokenham* of *Snitterton*, Eſq; after the Death of his firſt Wife, *Chriſtian* Daughter of *William de Grey* her Gaurdian. In 1492, [i] Sir *Henry Grey* of *Keteringham*, ſetled that Manor by Will, for want of Heirs of the Body of *Anne* his Daughter in Law, Wife of *Thomas Hevenyngham*, Eſq; on this *William* and his Heirs, but I can't ſay poſitively, how near related they were; in 1494, he held the Manors of *Merton*, and *Hadſton*, alias *Baynard*'s in *Bunwell*, of *John Ratcliff* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and *Edmund* was his Son and Heir. Againſt the North Wall, there is a Monument for this *William* and his two Wives, the Braſſes are all remaining, ſave the Inſcriptions which are torn off, his Effigies in Armour, with the Arms of *Grey*, and *Baynard* quartered, is in a kneeling Poſture, having his Helm lying by him, a Scrowl, and *Grey*'s Arms quartering *Baynard* over his Head, behind him, are his five Sons in looſe Gowns, with a diſrobed Scrowl over their Heads, oppoſite to him is *Mary Bedingſield* his firſt Wife kneeling, with her three Daughters behind her, over her Head is another imperfect Scrowl, and the Arms of *Grey* quartering *Baynard*, impaling *Bedingſield*, quartering *Tudenham*. Behind them, is *Grace Teye* his ſecond Wife, behind her, their two Daughters with diſhevel'd Hair, over her has been a Scrowl, beſides the Arms of *Grey* quartering *Baynard*, impaling *Teye* of *Eſſex*, a Feſs in chief three Maſtlets, in baſe a Chev'ron.

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[e] Regr. Haydon, in Arch: Epi: Norw. fo. 6. 7.

[f] Hiſt. Norff. fo. 329.

[g] Regr. Gelour in Archiv. Norw. part. 2. fo. 169. 6.

[h] Hiſt. Norff. fo. 287.

[i] He was Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk in 1433, and is named among the Principal Gentry of Norff Fuller's Worth: p. 265. 269. John Gray Eſq; his Brother was Sheriff in 1449.

Edmund

*Edm.* Grey Eſq; his Son and Heir, married *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *John Spelman*, Knt. and died ſeized of this, and *Bunwell* Manor in 1548, and is buried in the Chancel, with this Inſcription faſtened on a Braſs on the North Chancel Wall, with *De Grey* quartering *Baynard*, impaling *Spelman*.

Here by underneath lyeth Edmund de Grey
Eſq; who maried Elizabeth ye Dowghter
of Sir John Spelman Knt. aud deceaſed this
preſent Life the 20th Day of Auguſte 1548.

*Thomas de Grey* of *Merton* Eſq; eldeſt Son of *William de Grey*, by *Mary Bedingfield* his firſt Wife, did not inherit his Fathers Eſtate; he married *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *Rich. Fitz-Lewes* Knt. but had no Children, after her Death he was ordained Prieſt, and lived 41 Years in Orders, and dying in an advanced Age, lies buried with his Wife in the S. Iſle for whom there is this Inſcription on a Braſs Plate againſt the Wall.

In this Ile lyeth buried under one Stone
Thomas de Grey Eſquire and Elizabethe his
Wife, Dowghter of Sir Rycharde Fitz-Lewes
Knight, and after her deſeaſe made himſelfe
Preaſt and ſo lived xli yeares and departed
out of this Lyfe the firſt of Septembre 1556,

Arms. *De Grey* quartering *Baynard*, impaling *Fitz-Lewes*, a Chev. between 3 Trefoils.

*Tho. de Grey* Eſq; Son and Heir of *Edmund*, married firſt *Anne* Daughter of *Henry Everard*, of *Lynſted* in *Suffolk* Eſq; ſecondly *Temperance* Daughter of Sir *Simond Carew*, of *Anthony* in *Cornwall*, by whom he had no Iſſue, ſhe out lived him, held *Bunwell* in Jointure, and re-married to Sir *Chriſtopher Heydon* of *Baconſthorp* Knt. [i] he died ſeized of *Hadſton* or *Baynard*'s Manor in *Bunwell*, held of the Earl of *Suſſex* at one Fee, *Berryhall* Manor in *Ellingham*, late *Manning*'s, held of the Earl of *Suſſex* as of his Manor of *Atleburgh*, the Advowſon of *Bunwell*, held of Sir *Thomas Lovell* by Fealty, and 13*s.* 4*d.* Rent, the Manor of *Merton*, held of the Earl of *Suſſex*, as of his Manor of *Woodham-Walter* in *Eſſex*, Parcel of *Fitz-Walter*'s alias *Baynard*'s Barony, 300 Acres of Land, 100 Acres of Paſture, 20 Acres of Wood, 1000 Acres of Marſh, and 300 Acres of Bruery, a Fold-Courſe and Commonage for 100 Cows, in *Tompſon*, *Griſton*, *Watton*, *Totington*, and *Merton*, held of the Queen in *Capite*, by the 20*th* Part of a Fee. He was buried under a fair Marble at the Eaſt-End of the South Iſle, having three Shields on it, two at the Head, *viz.* his own Arms impaled with his two Wives.

EVERARD, on a Feſs between 3 Stars, 3 Mullets.
CAREWE, 3 Lyons Paſſant.

And at his Feet *Grey* and *Baynard* quartered. The Inſcription is,

Here under lyeth intombed the Body of Tho. de Grey Eſq; Sonne and Heyre of Edmund
de Grey Eſq. who deceaſed the 12 of May 1562, and had to his firſt Wife Anne Everode
Daughter of Henry Everode of Linſted in Suffoke Eſquier, and to his ſecoud Wiffe
Temperance the Daughter of Sir Wymonde Carewe of Anthony in Cornewell
Knight, whoſe Soul God Pardon.

*Thomas de Grey* Eſq; his Son and Heir was only 7 Years old at his Death, and ſo became Ward to Queen *Elizabeth*, but died a Minor in 1556, his Eſtate went to his Uncle,

*Rob.* Grey Eſq; who had Livery of it that very Year, he married *Anne* Daughter of Sir *Tho. Lovell* Knt. and died *Feb*: 28 1600, and is buried in the Chancel, on the S. Side of which, againſt the Wall, is a Monument with the Effigies of *Time* at the Top, with the Mantle, Creſt, and Arms of *Grey* impaling *Lovel*, *Arg.* a Chev'ron *Az.* between 3 Squirrels Sejant *Gul.* and this Inſcription.

Hic
requieſcunt Robertus de
Grey Armiger qui obijt 28 Die
Februarij Anno domini 1600 & Ætatis ſuæ 70.
Ac Anna Uxor ejus, Filia Thome Lovell
de Harlinge Militis. Ex quorum nato unico & Hærede, Gulielmo de Grey milite per
Doam: Annam Uxorem ejus, Filiam Jacobi
Calthorpe de Cockthorpe milit: Conjugio
jam per triginta Annos beatè continuat: prodijt hæc clara Soboles,

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[i] Inquis. poſt Mortem. Capt. apud Norwic. Jul. 4 Eliz.

Filij.
Robertus, eorum
Filius primo-genitus
Ætate ſua ſex Menſium,
Ex hac Vita migravit.
Anno Dom: 1606.
Robertus, Modo
Hæres apparens.
Jacobus,
Edmondus,
Gulielmus, defunct:
Phillipus, defunct:
Gulielmus Superſtes.

Filiæ.
Elizabetha, Deſuncta.
Barbara, nupta Tho:
Guybon Armigero.
Anna, nupt: Cottono
Gaſcoigne Gen: defunct.
Ellena, nupta Talmach
Caſtle Armigero.
Dorothea, nupt: Jacobo
Reynold Armigero.
Maria.
Penellope.
Elizabetha deſuncta.
Catharina defuncta.
Jana.

Anteceſſorum Memoria, Honore magis et longiùs viget,
Quando eorum Pietas & Providentia, in Poſteris ſuis relucent.
Anno Dni: 1652.

Sir *William de Grey* Knt. only Son and heir of *Robert*, was as eminent for his probity as deſcent, he married *Anne* Daughter of Sir *James Calthorp* of *Cockthorp* Knt. and died *Oct.* 19. 1632, ſeized of *Merton*, *Bunwell*, *Berry-hall* in *Ellingham*, A Manor in *Bichamwell* and *Cawſtons* Manor in *Conard Parva*, with the Lands, Commonages, and Faldage aforeſaid, and lies buried in the Chancel by his Father, leaving

Sir *Robert de Grey* his Son and heir, 20 Years old at his Fathers Death, who [k] was Knighted, with *Chriſtopher Athoe*, of *Bichamwell* Eſqr. by King *Charles* the firſt, *June* 23. 1641. He married *Eliz*, Daughter and Coheir of *William Bridon* of *Ipſwich* Gent, and died in 1644, and was buried in the Chancel under a large Graveſtone, having a Braſs Shield at each corner, the firſt is *Grey* or *Cornerthe* impaling *Calthorp*, the 2d. is *Grey*, *viz.* Barry of ſix with [l] an Annulet for difference, impaling *Bridon* a Bend ingrailed. 3d. *Grey* with the Annulet, ſingle, 4th. *Bridon* ſingle. In the middle is a Braſs Eſcutcheon with Mantle and Creſt, *viz.* 1ſt. *Grey* with an Annulet. 2d. *Grey* alias *Cornerth.* 3d. *Bainard.* 4th. *Manning.* And this Inſcription.

Here under lyeth the Body of Sir Robert de Grey Knt.
(Sonne and Heyre of Sir Robert de Grey Knight, late
of Merton deceaſed) who married Elizabeth one of the
Daughters and Coheyres of William Bridon late of
Ipſwich Gent. and had Iſſue by her, William late
deceaſed, Barbara and Anne now living, and de-
parted this Life the 20th Day of October Anno Dni: 1644.

At his Death

*James de Grey* Eſq; his next Brother ſucceeded, he married *Eliz.* Daughter of Sir *Martin Stutevile* of *Dalham* in *Suffolk* Knt. they are buried under a black Marble in the Chancel, with the following Inſcriptions. *De Grey*'s Creſt.

1. GREY, *viz.* Barry of 6 with an Annulet. 2. GREY alias CORNERTHE. 3. BAINARD. 4 a Bend. 5. a Feſs indented *Erm.* between 6 Croſlets. 6. MANNING. all impaling STUTEVILE, a Saltyr ingrail'd *Ermine.*

Exuviæ
Viri Honorabilis Jacobi de Grey Armigeri, Filij
Secundi Gulielmi de Grey militis, et Dominæ
Annæ Uxoris ſuæ, qui ex Elizabetha, Filia
Martini Stutfield de Dalham in Agro
Suffolcienſi militis, chariſſimâ Sponſa prolem
Reliquit, Gulielmum de Grey Armigerum, Filium
Unicum, Elizabetham, Suſannam et Annam,
Filias; et tertio Die menſis Junij Anno Dni; MDCLXV, Spiritum Deo reddidit, et in

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[k] Walkleys Catal: p. 143.

[l] He aſſumed the Original Coat of the Grey's, and ſhould have born it with a Mullet, as 3d Son, and not an Annulet, as 5th Son, for they are deſcended from a 3d Son.

Pace hic requieſcit, Carnis Reſurrectionem
Expectans Glorioſam, in Adventu Salvatoris
Domini noſtri Jeſu Chriſti.
In memoriam Conjugis clariſſimi
Et merentiſſimi
Marmor hoc
Reponendum curavit.
Alſo under this Stone lieth the Body of Elizabeth de Grey Daughter of Sir Martin Stutevile of
Dalham in the County of Suffolk Knt. She
Departed
this Life upon the 15th Day of September 1696 in the
80th Year of her Age, her wholl Life having bene a
continued Example of great Vertu & Prudence.

WILLIAM DE GREY Eſq. their only Son ſucceeded, who was Burgeſs in Parliament for *Thetford* in 1685, and married *Eliz.* Siſter and Coheir of *Tho. Bedingfield* of *Darſham* in *Suffolk* Eſq.

THOMAS DE GREY Eſq; his Son and Heir ſucceeded, he was choſen for *Thetford* in 1705, and again in 1708, and ſince that time hath worthily ſerved in Parliament for the County, and is now Juſtice of the Peace, as many of his Predeceſſors have generally been. *Wed.* 7. *June* 1721, an Act of Parliament paſſed for diſcharging ſeveral Eſtates in the County of *Norff.* and *Suff.* from the Uſes contained in the Marriage Setlement of *Tho. de Grey* Eſq; and for ſetling other Eſtates in the ſaid Counties to the ſame Uſes. The ſaid THOMAS, is now Lord and Patron, and hath Iſſue by *Eliz.* Daughter of *Will. Windham* of *Felbrigge* in *Norff.* Eſq. THOMAS DE GREY of *Chriſt*'s Coll. *Cambr.* who is Clerk in the Secretaries Office, *Will: de Gray* of *Trinity Hall* in *Cambridge*, *Eliz:* married to the Revd. Mr. *Edw. Chamberlain* Rector of *Creſſingham Magna* in *Norff.* and *Catherine* now ſingle.

As to the Arms, in all MSS. Viſitations &c. per *Hawley Claren.* temp. *E.* 6. per *Harvey* Claren. Temp. *Eliz.* per *Biſhe* Claren: Anno 1664, they have conſtantly uſed the Arms of *Cornerd*, and in *Biſhe*'s Viſitation the Quarterings are thus enter'd, 1. *Grey* alias *Cornerd. Az.* a Feſs between 2 Chev. *Or.*
2 *Baynard. Arg.* a Feſs. between 2. Chev. *Az.*
3 *Barnſton* or *Bernardeſton. Az.* a Feſs dancette *Er.* between 6 Croſlets *Arg.*
4 *Manning.* quarterly *Az.* and *Gul.* over all a croſs Patonce between 3 Trefoils ſlipped *Or.*
CREST, on a Torce of his Colours, a Dragons Head eraſed *Or.*

Monuments in the Church of St. *Peter* at *Merton*, beſides thoſe already taken notice of, are A Graveſtone in the Church, which a MSS. tells me, was for

"Mary Wife of William de Gray Son and Heir of William de Grey, and Siſter to
"Edmund Bedingfield Eſq; ſhe died Apr. 5. 1480.

Arms were *Grey* or *Cornerth* impaling *Baniard.* *Grey* quartering *Baniard* impaling *Bedingfield*, quartering *Tudenham.*

It appears by the ſame MSS. that formerly in the North and South Windows oppoſite to one another, in the entring into the Chancel, ſtood the Coat of *De Gray* or *Cornerth* quarter'd with *Baniard*, erected in 1403. And in a South Window at the upper End of the Church was the Effigies of St. *Edmund*, in his Princely Robes, holding in his left Hand an Arrow, and lower in the ſame Window was depicted the Pourtraiture of Sir *Robert Clifton* Knt. kneeling, with his Hands held up, in Armour, with his Mantle, and Coat of Arms thereon, quarter'd with *Caily*'s, with a Book before him, and in a Scrowl from his Mouth,

**Sancte Edmunde oꝛa pꝛo nobis.**

In the ſame Window, was an Effigies of a DE GREY kneeling, on his Mantle his Coat Armour impaled with *Baniard*, and this,

**Oꝛate pꝛo Animabus [m] Roberti Clifton militis ac [Will.] de Grey Armigeri, et pꝛo bono Statu Alicie nuper Uxoꝛis eoꝛundem et pꝛo quoꝛum ::::::**

By which it appears, that ſhe put it up after the Death of both her Husbands, their Souls being pray'd for in it. This is now gone.

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[m] See Hiſt. Norff. Fol. 256

On a Stone in the South Iſle plated with Braſs, there are two Hands holding a Heart, upon which the Word **Credo**, and from the Heart two Scrolls, on the 1ſt, **Credo quod Redemtor meus vivit**, on the 2d. **Et in Noviſſimo Die Surrect ..... Salvatorem meum.**

**Hic Jacet Alicia quondam Uxor Johis: ffyncham Filii ſenioris Johis: Fyncham**
**Que quidem Alicia fuit Filia Thome Bedyngfeld Armigeri & Soror Marie**
**Grey & que quid: alicia ob: xxii die Maii A° Dni: Mccccl xiiii cuius aie: ppiciet: deus.**

The Arms were *Fincham*, three Bars and a bend *Er.* impaling *Bedingfield.* but are now loſt. There is a Stone in the Nave diſrobed of it's Braſſes, but had this Inſcription.

**Orate pro Anima Chriſtianæ Buckenham nuper uxoris Georgii Buckenham**
**filiæ Willi: de Grey Armigeri, que obiit xiii° die Junii Anno dni: Mcccclxxxxii**
**et pro Anima Agnetis Heth quondam Filie Franciſci Heth Armigeri**
**que diem clauſit extremum, viz. xxiiii Maii Mcccclxxxxiiii.**

On a Stone in the Chancel, having *De Grey*'s Arms in a Lozenge.

Here lyeth the Body of
Anne the Daughter of
*James de Grey* Eſq; late of
this Pariſh, She died Febr. 4. 1702
in the 50th Year of her Age.

On a Stone near the former, having the ſame Arms.

Here lyeth the Body of
Suſan de Grey
Second Daughter of James de Grey
Late of this Place Eſq.
By Elizabeth de Stutvillee
Daughter of Sir Martin de Stutvillee
Of Dalham in the County
Of Suffolk Knt.
She
departed this Life the 30th Day of
Dec. 1697 in the 47th Year
Of her Age
In
Affection to whoſe Memory her
Brother in Law Sir William Rant
Of Thorp Market in this County
Knt. hath at his own Charge
Cauſed this Marble
To be laid.

On a white Stone.

Here lyes the Body of Mrs Mary Warren
Who exchanged this Life for a better
Dec. 8. 1661. To whom God grant a joyfull Reſurrection

[n] In the Windows of the Church there were formerly the Arms of, GREY, impaling BANYARD, and the following Arms.

BERNARDESTON, *Az.* a Feſs dancette *Erm.* between 6 Croſlets *Arg.* BANYARD. MANNING. BEDINGFIELD. SPELMAN. EVERARD. CAREW. LOVELL. and TEYE of ESSEX, *Arg.* a Feſs between three Martlets and a Chev. *Az.*
CLIFTON, and CAILY quarter'd, quartering ALBANY. BURNELL *Arg.* a Lion ram. --- in a Bordure ingrailed GREY, impaling a Cheveron between three Trefoils ſlipped.

The Chancel is tiled and the South Porch, the Nave, South Iſle, and North Porch, are leaded, the Steeple is round, having in it three Bells, it's Roof is flat, but formerly was pyramidal.

The Seat of THOMAS DE GREY Eſq; who is Lord and Patron, ſtands a little diſtance from the Church on the South Weſt part.

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[n] E. MSS. penes J. Anſtis Garter E. 26. fo. 10.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Peter*, was given by *Jeffry Baniard*, and confirm'd by *Roger Baniard* his Son, and *Fulk Baniard* his Grandſon, to the Monks of St. *Pancrace* at *Lewes* in *Suſſex*, Namely, the Church and Parſon of *Merton* with his Land, and alſo the Tithes of the Demean Lands of the Hall, and 80 Acres of his Gift. The Rectory in *E.* I, was valued at 13 Marks, the Prior of *Lewes*'s Portion at 10 Marks, Peter-Pence 19 *d.* It is in the Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, and Deanry of *Breccles*, the Temporals of the Prior of *Lewes* were taxed at 41 *s.* 3 *d.* *William* Son of *John Bacon* of *Griſton*, gave to *Will.* Prior of *Lewes* his Right in a Meſſuage and 46 Acres of Land, 2 *s.* 6 *d.* Rent in *Merton*, all which Revenues continued in that Monaſtery 'till it's Diſſolution, and then came to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and were after ſold to the *Greys*. It ſtands in the Kings Books by the Name of *Marton* alias *Merton*, and is valued at 6 *l.* 5 *d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 40 *li.* 5 *s.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and ſo is capable of Augmentation.

This Town paid 3 *l.* 10 *s.* 6 *d.* to the Tenths, and is valued at 241 *l.* to the Land Tax.

## RECTORS.

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| 1266, | *Roger de Skerning*, the Biſhops Nephew. The Prior of LEWES. |
| 1295, | *Will. de Berdewell.* FULK BAYNARD promiſed the Monks, that if they would preſent *Walter de Berdewell* his Chaplain, their Rectory ſhould receive no Damage by it; and therefore in 1302, the PRIOR preſented him. |
| 1310, 2 Non. *June*, | *Tho. de Bautre*, By the POPE's Proviſion, by *John de Abbatsbury* Canon of the Church of *Sarum*. |
| | *William Packet.* He reſigned. |
| 1324, Prid. Non. *Maij.* | *Edmund de Vienna*, in exchange for *Faringho* in *Linc.* Dioceſs. |
| | *Robert Vaus.* He reſigned. |
| 1350, 5 *Feb.* | *John Jay* Prieſt. In 1374, there was a Compoſition made between the PRIOR and RECTOR, by which the Rector was for ever to have all their Portion of Tithes in *Merton*, with a Toft called *Lewes-Yard* and 50 Acres called *Lewes-Lond.* |
| | *William*, *Bulcock* LL. Licentiat. |
| 1388, 3 *Dec.* | *Tho. Large.* Change with a Prebend in *Aſtely* in *Warwickſhire*. |
| 1409, 5 *Sept.* | Sir *William Large* Prieſt, on Sir *Tho. Large*'s Reſignation. |
| 1448, 28 *Apr.* | Sir *Peter Lock* Prieſt, Maſter of *Thompſon* Coll. on *Large*'s Death. |
| 1505, 6 *Aug.* | Sir *Richard Crofts.* |
| 1507, 10 *Sept.* | Sir *John Pory* Chaplain. |
| | *John Harriſon*, was the laſt preſented by the PRIOR. |
| 1557, 14 *Apr.* | *Bernard Hall*, on *Harriſon*'s Death. THOMAS Duke of NORFOLK. |
| 1560, 12 *Oct.* | Mr. *Edward Marſh*, on *Hall*'s Reſ. he had *Threxton.* THO. DE GREY. |
| | *Ambroſe Simſon.* He reſigned. |
| 1580, 6 *May*, | *Henry Ryce.* Lapſe. He was deprived. |
| 1590, 21 *Dec.* | *John Croſs*, A. B. buried *May* 31, 1620, the ſame Day with *Margaret* Wife of *Tho. Croſs* Rector of *Threxton.* THO. HOPKINS LL. B. Patron for this Turn only. |
| 1620, 30 *Aug*: | *Tho. Croſs*, united to *Threxton*, buried here 1640. WILL. DE GREY. |
| 1640, 21 *Sept*: | *Tho. Reynolds*, on *Croſſe*'s Death. ROB. DE GREY, Eſq. |
| 1676, | Mr. *Samuel Warren* Rector buried, Anno Æt: 77. |
| 1676, 18 *Oct*: | *Joſhua Chadwick* A. M. buried in 1695. |
| 1731, | *Alexander Croſhold* Rector, buried *Dec.* 14, 1731. |
| 1731, 12 *Feb*: | The Rev. Mr. *John Borret* Clerk, is the preſent Rector, and holds it united to *Griſton.* THOMAS DE GREY, Eſq; is the preſent Patron. |

## *Marriages from the Pariſh Regiſter.*

1593, *Chriſtopher Craigge*, A. M. to *Anne Dover*. 1600, *Will. Graye*, Eſq; to *Anne Calthorp*, Gent. 1617, *Tho. Gibbon* Eſq; to Mrs. *Barbara de Grey*. 1623, *Cotton Gaskin*, (*Gaſcoign*) Eſq; to Mrs. *Anne de Grey*. 1630, *Tolmach Caſtle*, Eſq; to *Hellen* Daughter of Sir

*William de Grey* Knt.

1631, *James Rannols*, Eſq; to *Dorothy* Daughter of Sir *William de Grey*, Knt.

1633, *Edward Bullock*, Eſq; to *Mary* Daughter of *Anne de Grey.*

1634, *John Palgrave*, Eſq; to *Anne Paſtoyne* Widow, (*Paſton.*)

1639, *Christopher Attoo*, Eſq; to *Penelope* Daughter of Sir *William de Grey.*

1686, Sir *John Rouſe*, of *Henham* in *Suffolk*, Bart and Mrs. *Anne Wood.*

1734, The Rev. Mr. *Edward Chamberlain*, (Rector of *Creſſingham-Magna*) and Mrs. *Eliz de Grey.*

## *Burials in this Church.*

1600, *Anne* Wife of *Rob. Gray*, Eſq; 7 *March.* 1600, *Rob. de Grey*, Eſq; 10 *Sept.*

1616, *William*, 1618, *Elizabeth*, 1621, another *Elizabeth*, 1628, *Philip*, 1631, *Catherine*, all Children of Sir *William de Grey* Knt. who was buried himſelf in 1632.

1631, *Mary* Daughter of *Talmach Caſtle* Eſq; 1636, *William*, Son of *Robert de Grey*, Eſq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife. 1644, Sir *Robert de Grey*, Knt. 1656, *Barbara* Daughter of *James de Grey* Eſq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife. 1662, The Worthy Lady *Anne de Grey*, Widow, formerly eſpouſed to Sir *William de Grey* Knt. 1665, *James de Grey* Eſq.

1686, Major *William de Grey*, Eſq; *Flebilis omnibus, nulli flebilior quam Mihi.* I. C.

1687, *Elizabeth de Grey* his Widow. *Ingens Dolor ſtupet.*

1687, *William* their Son. 1689, Major *Edmund de Grey.* 1696, Madam *Elizabeth*, Relict of *James de Grey* Eſq. 1697, Mrs. *Suſan de Grey.* 1702, Mrs. *Anne de Grey.* 1717, Mrs. *Elizabeth de Grey.* 1717, *William* Son of *Thomas de Grey*, Eſq. 1727, *Charlott* Daughter of *Thomas de Grey*, Eſq.

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# *WATTON*

WATTON, or WADETUN, as it is anciently ſpelled, may ſignify the Town by the *Ford.* ƿadan in the *Saxon* Language, ſignifies to *Wade* over a River, and ƿade, the *Ford* or Place that People go over at; and accordingly there are divers *Fords* over the River, that runs between this Town and *Sakam.*

At the Time of the Confeſſor it was in two Manors, *Aldred* a Free-Woman held the Head Manor at five Carucates, which *Ralf Fitz-Walter* held of the Conqueror's Gift, there being four Carucates in Demean, Wood ſufficient for it's Maſt to maintain 400 Swine, and a Church with 20 Acres of Land belonging to it, worth 1 *d.* an Acre; the Manors were each worth 4 *l per Ann.* the Town was a League long and half a League broad, and paid 13 *d. ob.* out of every twenty Shillings that the Hundred raiſed to the Gelt or Tax, but at the Survey the whole was join'd and reduced to 7 *l. per Ann.*

WANELUND H. Wadetuna tenuit Aldreda libera Femina T. R. E. v Car. terre m° tenet Ranulfus Filius Galteri. tunc et poſt ix Vill: modo Nullus. Tunc et poſt xi Bor. modo xii. ſemper iii Serv. xxx Acr: prati. ſemper iiii Car: in Domnio. tunc ⁊ poſt iiii Car: hominum m° iii. Silva cccc Porc. modo i Mol: ſemper iii Runcin: ⁊ xiii Animal: modo v. et xxxv Porc. m° xxx. et xvii Ov: modo lxii. hic iacent xv Soc: T. R. E. modo xxiii. lxxxii Acr: ſemper iiii Car. Idem tenet. i Eccleſia xx Acr. et val. xx d. Hec villa fuit in duobus Maneriis T. R. E. unum quodque valebat iiii l. modo totum val. vii Libr. Et habet i Leug: in longo, ⁊ dim in lato, quicunque ibi teneat. ⁊ de xx Sol. de Gelto xiii d. et i. Obulum.

The whole continued in the *Fitz-Walters*, 'till *Ralf Fitz-Walter*, with the Conſent of *Maud* his Wife, gave the Advowſon of the Church, and near a third Part of the Town, to the Prior of the Monks of *Thetford*, in which Houſe it continued to it's Diſſolution, when it was conveyed with the Impropriate Rectory and the Advowſon of the Vicarage, to to the Duke of *Norfolk*, by the Name of *Monks-Wick Manor* in *Watton*, and was after purchaſed by *John Wright*, and *Thomas Holmes*, who ſold it to *William de Grey* Knt. who ſold it to the Lord of WATTON-HALL Manor, to which it hath been join'd ever ſince.

## WATTON-HALL,

Or the Head Manor, came from the *Fitz-Walters* very early to the *D'engaine's*, and went with *Ada Dengaine*, to *Robert de Vallibus* or *Vaux*, her Huſband, who had Livery of it in 1139, [o] as of his Wife's Inheritance, but did not deſcend to his Son with the reſt of his Eſtate, being granted (as we muſt ſuppoſe) by him, to [p] *Robert de Vaux* his Uncle, upon his Seating him-ſelf in *Norfolk*, at his Death, *William* his eldeſt Son ſucceeded, and left it to *John de Vaux* his third Son, who obtained a Charter for a Weekly Market to be held in this Manor every *Friday*, but in 1204, there was a Writ brought to enquire whither it was not prejudicial to the Market of *Saham*, and it being found ſo, the Charter was recalled, but before the Expiration of this Year, *Oliver de Vaux*, having the Manor conveyed to him by his Brother, by his great Intereſt with the King, obtained a new Charter, in which the Market was granted to be held every *Wedneſday*, as it is at this Day; afterwards finding the Liberties of the People much injured, he became one of thoſe Barons, that met together at *Stanford* in an hoſtile Manner, and ſent the King Word to *Oxford*, that if he did not reſtore the People their antient Liberties, they deſigned to poſſeſs themſelves of all his Caſtles and Lands, for which, this, and his other Lordſhips in *Norfolk* were ſeized on, but after, upon his Submiſſion they were reſtored; in 1237, he granted to *Richard de Rupella* or *Rokele*, the half of his Manor, to be held of him by Knight's Service, which is at this Day called ROKELE's *Manor*: In 1249, *William* his Son had the Court here, he died Iſſueleſs, and *John* his Brother ſucceeded him, who granted a Meſſuage to *Richard de Wadeton* or *Watton*, this was the Riſe of *Watton*'s Free-Tenement, which was afterwards join'd to the Manor of CURSON's; he was one of thoſe Barons that ſtood againſt King *Henry* III. in defence of their Liberties, but he ſoon left them, and ever afterwards adhered firmly to the King, who having proved his Fidelity, immediately after his Victory at *Eveſham*, made him Sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and in [q] 1266, Governour of *Norwich* Caſtle: in 1276, *Edward* I. granted him a *Saterday* Market at his Manor of *Repham*, and a Fair there, on the Eve, Day, and Morrow, of the Feaſt of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, in 1280, he had a Pillory, Trebuchet, Aſſize of Bread and Beer, and a Weekly Market in this Town, with Liberty of Free-Warren allowed him in *Eire*, and in 1282, upon the Marriage of his Daughter *Maud* with *William de Ros*, he ſetled the Manor on them and their Heirs, and in 1286, the ſaid *William* and *Maud* were found to be ſeized of the Manor and the aforeſaid Privileges, and at the Death of this *John de Vaux*, A°. 16 *E*. I. his whole Eſtate was divided between his two Co-heirs, *Petronill*, married to *William de Nerford*, who had *Thurſton*, *Shoteſham*, *Apleton*, *Holt*, &c. in *Norfolk*, *Wiſete*, in *Suffolk*, *Abyton*, in *Cambridgeſhire*, and others, to the Number of 25 Fees, and *Maud* married to *William de Ros* as aforeſaid, had *Reſham*, *Hackford*, [r] *Watton*, half *Holt*, *Cleye*, &c. in all about 19 Fees. *William de Ros*, Son of *William* and *Maud*, inherited this Manor, and gave it to *John* his youngeſt Brother for Life, who died ſeized of it about 1337, and having no Iſſue, *William* his Brother, now called *William de Ros* of *Hamlake*, was repoſſeſſed of it, and at his Death in 1342, left it to *Margery* his Wife for Life, who was found to hold it of [s] the Earl *Marſhal* at one Fee, in 1358, ſhe was married to *Thomas Arundell*, who was Lord here in her Right: ſhe went a Pilgrimage to *Rome*, returned ſafe to *England*, and died in 1372, ſo that it never came to *William* her Son and Heir, who was an active Warriour in *France*, 20 *Edw*. III. and was in that great Expedition for raiſing the Seige of *Aguyllon*, which the Duke of *Normandy* had laid with 100,000 Men, after that, in the Battle of *Creſſy*, and after that, the ſame Year in the Battle of *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, where the King of *Scots* and his Nobles were taken Priſoners, next Year he went into *France* with the *Black Prince*, and was at the winning of *Calais*, but in 1351, going a Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land*, he died without Iſſue, leaving *Thomas* his Brother 14 Years old, his Heir, who at his Mother's Death inherited this Manor, he was alſo a brave Man, being in the *Black Prince*'s Service at the Battle of *Poicters*, where *John* King of *France* was taken Priſoner; in 1383, he and *Beatrix* his Wife, Widow of

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[o] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 525. Where by Miſtake it is called Hocton.

[p] He founded Pentney Priory.

[q] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 526.

[r] Ibid. fo. 549.

[s] The Account of this Manor in the Atlas p. 342, is falſe, the Norfolk Family, were not Lords, for the Bigod's, Mowbray's, &c. were only capital Lords of the Fee, by Grant of the Fitz-Walters, this Manor being held of the Norfolk Family, as of their Manor of Forncet.

Maurice Fitz-Morris, Earl of *Desmond*, and Daughter of *Ralf* Earl of *Stafford*, were ſeiz- of this Manor, and *John* was their Son and Heir, but did not inherit 'till after his Mother's Death, for his Father who died this Year, left it her for Life, and afterwards ſhe married Sir *Richard Burley* Knt. who was Lord here, whom ſhe alſo ſurvived, and at her Death in 1414, it went to this *John*, then Lord *Roos* of *Hamlak*, her Son and Heir, who was alſo a great Warriour, and as Mr. *Dughdale*'s tells us, no leſs Eminent for his Piety, as is manifeſt from his Pilgrimage that he made to *Jeruſalem*, in which he died at *Paphos* in the Iſle of *Cyprus*, by the bad Air of the Country *Aug.* 6, 17 *R.* II. without Iſſue, leaving Sir *William de Ros* Knt. his Brother his Heir, who was ſometime Lord Treaſurer of *England*, and died in 1414, leaving it to *John* Lord *Roos*, his Son and Heir, who in 1419, was ſeized of this Manor and a Fiſhery belonging to it, but being unhappily ſlain about this Time in the *French* Wars, with *William* his Brother, *Thomas* Lord *Roſs* his Brother inherited: He following the Example of his gallant Anceſtors, had the Fate of a ſhort Life, dying in 1430, leaving *Thomas* his Son then an Infant his Heir, who had Livery of his Inheritance in 1445, tho' he was not of Age, he always faithfully adhered to the *Lancaſtrian* Intereſt, for which 1 *Ed.* IV. he was attainted in Parliament, and his Lands ſeized into the King's Hand's, and ſoon after he died at *Newcaſtle*, leaving *Edmund* his eldeſt Son his Heir, who was forced to flee beyond Sea in his Youth, but was reſtored by Act of Parliament 1 *H.* VII. but this Manor after the Attainder in 1462, was given to *Richard Roſſe* and *Robert Weſſingham*, who reſtored it when it was reverſed. This *Edmund* died in 1508, and the Manor went to [t] Sir *Thomas Lovell*, Knight of the Garter, who married *Iſabell*, one of the Siſters and Co-heirs of the ſaid *Edmund* deceaſed, and Sir *Robert Manors*, who married *Eleanor* the eldeſt Siſter, and in 1534, *Thomas* Lord *Roos* Son of Sir *Robert*, was Lord of this, *Holt*, *Cley*, *Sniterly*, *Hackford cum Whitwell*, *Houghton*, *&c.* or a Moiety of them; after this, 'twas ſold ſeemingly to the *Gynneys*, for in 1570, *Thomas Gynney* was Lord, and then it came to the *Palmers*, and *Thomas Palmer* was Impropriator, Lord of *Monk*'s-*Wic* and Patron, in 1609, *Edward Palmer* Gent. of *Teſterton* preſented: it ſeems they were join'd in Sir *Edw. Barkham* Knt. for in 1608, he had purchaſed *Curſon*'s Manor, in 1632, was Lord of *Watton-Hall*, *Monks-Wick*, Patron, and Impropriator, and ſo continued 'till after 1660, when 'twas ſold to Mr. *William Samwell*, of *Deans-Yard Weſtminſter*, who died 1676, leaving it to *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Denner Strut*, of *Little-Warley* in *Eſſex*, Bart. who after his deceaſe, re-married to [u] *John*, third Son of Sir *Philip Woodhouſe* of *Kimberley*, who died in 1718, and ſhe in 1720, and it went to *Anne* Daughter and Heir of *William Samwell*, Eſq; who married WILLIAM HENRY FLEMING, Eſq; the preſent Impropriator, Lord, and Patron, the ſaid *Anne* dying in 1728.

## CURSON'S MANOR.

Was made up of diverſe Parcels of the Manors of *Watton-Hall*, and *Rokele*'s, ſold off at different Times; *William Curſon* of *Watton*, held a Tenement and about 20 Acres of Land, which became the Scite of this Manor in *Henry* III*d*'s Time, *William Curſon* purchaſed half a Fee of *Richard de la Rokele* in *Watton*, which was ever after held of *Rokele*'s Manor; *Richard de Watton*, had a Free-Tenement here, of the Grant of *John de Vaux*, which in 1272, he ſold to *Alexander de Boterwick*, and after, it was join'd to this Manor; in 1345, *Alexander Curſoun* held it at a Quarter of a Fee, of *Peter* and *Mary de Stremby*, as of their Manor of *Rokele*'s, it after went to *Peter Curſoun*, and in 1401, *Rob. Curſon* had it, and held it of *John Copledick*'s Manor of *Rokeles*, in 1453, *Henry*, Son of *Henry Pakenham* Eſq; had it, and after diverſe Purchaſes, 'twas ſold by *Thomas Sharp* to Sir *Edward Barkham*, as is already obſerved, who join'd it to his other Manors.

## ROKELE'S MANOR,

Now called *Rockells*, received it's Name and Riſe from *Richard de Rupella*, (that is, *Of the Little Rock*) or *Rokele*, who obtained the firſt Grant of it from *Oliver de Vaux*, Lord of the Town in 1237, and in 1287, it was in one of that Name, but whither the firſt Purchaſer or his Son, I can't ſay, moſt likely it was his Son, for he was Lord in 1315.

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[t] Hiſt. Norff. fo. 218.

[u] The Atlas ſays he had a Pleaſant Seat here, p. 342, which was far from it, before the preſent Lord made ſome Additions to it. The Antiquities of Malvern Priory p. 32, ſays that he died at Malvern June 26. 1718 aged 62, Years.

In 1345, *Peter de Stremby* and *Mary* his Wife held it at half a Fee, of the capital Manor. In 1385, *Leonard Kerdeſton* had it, and the ſame Year *John Copeldike* Knt. who was in Poſeſſion of it in 1401; In 1432, *Will. Heton* owned it; In 1504, Sir *Hen. Colet* and *Chriſtian* his Wife had it ſetled on them by Fine, having purchaſed it of *Hugh Denys*, *Tho. Hobbys*, *Roger Lupton*, and *Jeffry Topps*. In 1563, *Dioniſe Topps* forfeited it to the Crown, and the Queen granted it in Exchange, to *Roger Carew*, and in 1613, *Anthony Carew* ſold it to *William Heighoe*, and the ſame Year *William Heighoe* convey'd it to *James Jurden* in Truſt for *Robert Heighoe*. In 1672, *Thomas Scott* the Elder of *Watton*, by Will left it to *Tho. Scott* his Grandſon, he having purchaſed it of *Tho. Heighoe*. It now belongs to PETER BARKER Gent. who reſides in the Manor Houſe, which ſtands about half a Mile N. Eaſt of the Town, againſt the Common called *Watton-Green*.

This is a ſmall Market Town ſituate juſt into the Wood Land but near the *Filand* or open part of the County, it is a good Thoroughfare and it's Market is no deſpicable one, great quantity of Butter being ſent thro' this Place to *Downham-Bridge*, from whence the Factors return it to London by Water. The Town's name is oddly expreſſed by a *Rebus* or *Device* carved on the Market-Croſs, *viz.* a *W.* a *Hare* and a *Tun*, now a Hare being often called by the Country People *Wat*, that join'd with the *Tun*, can't fail of making *Wattun*, tho for further direction the *W.* is prefixed.

The *CUHRCH* was placed by the old Manor Houſe (which is now quite demoliſhed) and ſtands between the preſent Town and *Watton-Green*, no doubt but fix'd ſo at firſt, for the joint Convenience of the Tenants of the ſeveral Lordſhips, which induced the Capital Lord to fix his Houſe near it, it was built in all appearance about *Henry* I. by *Fitz-Walter* and dedicated to St. *Giles*, tho' it ſeems about *H. 6.* time to have been re-dedicated to St. *Mary*, there were three Gilds held in it, one of St. *Giles*, one of St. *Mary*, and one of St. *John Baptiſt*. 'Twas given as before obſerved by [x] *Ralf Fitz-Walter* to the Prior of *Thetford* [y] who got it appropriated to his Houſe, the Impropriation being valued at 20 Marks and the Vicarage at five Marks, the ſaid *Ralf* gave the Farm, Lands, and Houſe that *Ernald* the *Prieſt* who was then Rector, held of him, with all the Tithes, and alſo 60 Acres of his Demeans, called *Eilewardes-Hage-Wood* and diverſe Rents &c. which conſtituted that Manor call'd *Monks-wick*, they being taxed for their Temporal Rents belonging to it at 15 *s.* The Vicar at the impropriation had all the ſmall Tithes ſetled on him, and an Annual Portion out of the great Tithes of 26 *s.* and 8 *d.* which is now paid by the Impropriator, out of the *Wic* Farm every *Lammas-Day*, he is alſo to repair the Chancel, but the Vicar was to pay the Peter Pence which was 13 *d.* a Year, 1 *s.* 8 *d.* Sinodals and 6 *s.* 8 *d.* procurations, and was to have the Tithe Wood of the Pariſh, and all *Mortuaries*, which are ſtill paid according to the Statute, he hath alſo a Vicarage Houſe and 10 Acres Glebe. it is valued in the Kings Books at 7 *l.* 5 *d.* and being Sworn of the clear Yearly value of 49 *l.* 6 *s.* 9 *d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, and is in the Deanry of *Breccles* and Archdeaconry of *Norwich*. The Town paid 6 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Tenths, and is valued at 677 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Land Tax. The Prior of *Pentney* had Temporals in this Town valued at 4 *s. per An* [z] given by *Robert de Vaus* the Founder, *viz.* 15 Acres called *Crundale* and 13 Acres held by *Richard* the *Weaver*. The Church is very ſmall, which ſhews that the Town is increaſed ſince it's Foundation, it is only 20 Yards long, and including the two Iſles, 11 Yards broad, the Steeple is round at bottom and octangular at top, having three large Bells in it, on the firſt is this Inſcription.

O. VIRGO. VIRGINUM. ORA. PRO. NOBIS. AD. DOMINUM.

The North Porch, two Iſles and Nave are Leaded, the Chancel being tiled, the Remains of a curious Crucifix carved in Stone on the Front of the North Porch may ſtill be ſeen.

In a Window in the South Iſle are the Arms of *Thetford* Priory, as at Folio 448. There are three or four Stones diſrobed of Braſſes, under which, probably ſome Perſons of diſtinction were formerly buried, one had four Shields of Arms on it, near this Stone *John Berry* the late Vicar is interr'd.

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[x] Doms. Norw. Hiſt. 444.

[y] Mon. Ang. V. 1. 665.

[z] Mon. Ang. Vol. 2. fo. 19. apud Wadyngton, as it is there called.

In the South Iſle lies a Stone for *Mary* Wife of *Richard Hamond* who died March 26*th* 1710. Aged 28 Years 5 Months.

In the midle Iſle is a Stone, for *Deborah* Wife of *Thomas Scott* Gent. who died 22*d.* Aug. 1713. and *Tho. Scott* Gent. who died June 7th. 1729, aged 76.

On a mural Monument againſt the North Chancel Wall.

SAMWELL, *Arg.* two Squirels ſejant endorſed *Gul.* impaling *Woodhouſe*, and his Creſt of the Hand and Club. On a Coat of Pretence.

STRUTT, *Sab.* a Chev. *Arg.* between three Croſlets fitchee *Or.*

Sacred to the Memory of Ann Wodehouſe Daughter of Sir Denner Strut of the County of Eſſex Baronet, Widow of William Samwell Eſq. Lord of this Mannour and Patron of this Living, and alſo of John Woodhouſe Eſqr. of this County. Obijt 19 Aug. 1720. Æta: 72, and lyeth interr'd underneath.

Againſt the ſame Wall on another Monument are the Arms of,

FLEMING, *Gul.* a Frette *Arg*, impaling *Samwell*, Creſt, a Snake wreathed holding a Chaplet *Gul.*

Hic ſitæ ſunt Reliquiæ Annæ Fleming, Filiæ Gulielmi Samwell Armigeri, de Comitatu Northampt: et Willmi: Henrici Fleming, de hac Parochia Armigeri, Uxoris, Exemplar Virtutis & Religionis pientiſſimum relinquentis, Animam Deo reddidit, Aprilis viceſimo octavo 1728, Anno Ætatis Quinquageſſimo quarto; Hic quoque jacet Blanch Allen, ſupra-memorati Willi: Henrici Fleming Mater, obijt XVII° Auguſti MDCCXXIX, Anno Ætatis LXII°.

A Stone in the North Iſle is laid over, *Henry Jarvis* of *Watton* Gent. who died the 10th of March 1660 Aged 59 Years.

There is a Hatchment of the Arms of, *Tooly*, *Arg.* on a Chev. ingrailed Sab. three Eſcalops of the Field for *Henry Tooly* late Vicar, who was buried here.

There are three half Acres of Land belonging to this Pariſh, two of which lie in the Field, and the third in the *Lammas* Meadows.

There are alſo *Alemes-Houſes* with half an Acre of Land, founded by *Edward Goffe* of *Threxton* who died in 1612, and is buried at *Saham*, the following Clauſe concerning theſe Alms-Houſes is taken from his Will, "I will that four of the pooreſt aged Couples dwelling in Watton, ſhall have their dwelling in the Alms-Houſes during the term of their natural Life, and alſo an Annuity of 5*l.* per Ann. [for ever] granted out of my Houſes and Lands lying and being in Griſton, to be equally divided amongſt them yearly, during the time of nine Years, at four ſeveral Payments, [*viz*] at the Feaſts of the Annunciation, St. John the Baptiſt, St. Michael the Archangel, and the Nativity of our Bleſſed Saviour, and in the tenth Year, only the Sum of 50*s.* and the other 50*s.* to be laid out in repairing the Alms-Houſes, if need require, at the diſcretion of the Feofees."

In 1673, on *Saturday* the 25*th.* of *April*, there happen'd a moſt dreadfull Fire in this Town which burnt down above 60 Houſes, beſides Barns Stables and Out-Houſes, the Butchers Shambles &*c.* to the value of 7450*l.* and Goods to the value of 2660*l.* for which there was a Brief granted to gather all England over 'till the 20*th.* of *Sept.* 1675.

Between this Town and *Merton* on the left Hand, lies *Wayland Wood*, commonly called *Wailing Wood*, from a Tradition of two Infants murder'd by their Uncle in this place, of which the Ballad or old Song, *Of the two Children in the Wood*, is ſaid to be made; the Original of which Tradition I don't find; the Name is a plain corruption of *Weyland*, and is the very Demean of and gives Name to the Hundred, as is plain from the Sheriff's *Turn* which was always kept at a certain place in this Wood which is now owned by *Tho. de Grey* Eſq.

## VICARS.

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| 1302, 13 Kal: *June*, | *Ralf de Frezinfield.* Prior of THEFFORD. |
| 1306, 4 Kal: *May*, | *William de Foderinghey.* |
| 1335, 3 Id: *Jan*: | *John Dounyng*, of *Weſthorp.* By the POPES Proviſion. |
| 1349, 15 *Oct*: | *Rich. Seyne*, of *Hockham.* MARY Counteſs of *Norfolk*, by the King's Grant, who had ſeized the Advowſon as belonging to an Alien Priory. |

1361, 12 *March*, *John*, Son of *Robert Stalworth*, of *Methwold* deceased. Lapse.
1366, 22 *March*, *Will. Warner*, on *Stalworth*'s Resignation. The PRIOR of *Thetford*.
1372, 10 *Oct*. *John Swyket*, on *Warner*'s Resignation. The KING, on Account of the Alien Priories.
1373, 31 *Jan*. *Rich. Markaunt*, on *Swyket*'s Resignation. *Ditto*.
1378, 9 *March*, *Richard Bully*, of *Reydon*.
1387, 7 *July*, *William Cranbum*, on *Bully*'s Resignation.
1394, 6 *Oct*. *Nicholas Taverner*, of *Wymundle*.
1395, 26 *Nov*. *William Manton*, of *Wortham*, on *Taverner*'s Resignation. } PRIOR of *Thetford*.
1400, 16 *April*, *John Drury*, of *Croxton*. (See fo. 102.)
1401, 29 *Aug*: *William Stene*, on *Drury*'s Resignation.
1415, 14 *Sept*: Sir *Clement Rollesby*.
1418, 3 *March*, Sir *Nicholas Talpe* Priest, of *Tilneye*.
1427, 6 *March*, *Jeffry Isaac*, of *Beccles* Priest, on *Talpe*'s Resignation.
1448, 15 *Nov*. *Thomas Bevyr*, resigned.
1454, 30 *July*, Sir *Robert Thornton* Priest, resigned.
1457, 24 *April*, Sir *John Cappe*, Chaplain.
1462, 8 *April*, Sir *John Godwyn*, Chaplain.
1481, 12 *Feb*: Sir *William Smyth* Priest, alias *Perysson*, resigned.
1490, 2 *Jan*: Sir *John Daunby* Priest, died in 1528.
1528, 2 *June*, Sir *Thomas Palmer* Chaplain. PRIOR of *Thefford*.
1557, 25 *June*, *Maurice Hughes*, on *Palmer*'s Resignation. THOMAS Duke of *Norfolk*.
1560, 30 *Oct*: *John Rede* Priest, on *Hughes*'s Death. THOMAS PALMER.
1571, 10 *Jan*: *Hugh Turner*. HENRY TURNER. united to *Threxton*.
1609, 3 *Aug*: *Robert Canham*, A. M. on *Turner*'s Death. EDWARD PALMER Gent. of *Testerton*.
1626, 7 *July* *Robert Taylor*, A. B. on *Canham*'s Death. *Ditto*.
1632, 9 *Aug*: *William Forster*, on *Taylor*'s Death. EDWARD BARKHAM Knt.
1660, 20 *Oct*. *Henry Tooley*, on *Forster*'s Cession. Sir EDWARD BARKHAM, Knt. and Bart.
1861, 17 *May*, *Andrew Hatley*, A. M. on *Tooley*'s Death. ANNE Wife of *John Woodhouse* Esq; of St. *Margaret*'s *Westminster*, in *Middlesex*.
1691, 26 *Aug*: *John Berry*, A M. on *Hatley*'s Death. JOHN WOODHOUSE Esq.
1730, 30 *Sept*: The Rev. Mr. THOMAS PIGG, the present Vicar, on *Berry*'s Death, who holds it united to *S. Pickenham* Rectory, to whom we are much obliged for his excellent Sermon preached at the Assizes at *Thetford*, *March* 19 1735, when he was Chaplain to WILLIAM HENRY FLEMING Esq; the present Patron, who was then *High-Sheriff* of the County.

⁂ There are several annual Fairs here, one, on Michaelmass Day, another on St. Simon and Jude's Day, &c. but I do not meet with any Account of them, in any Evidences that I have seen.

# SAHAM-TONY

CHURCH, is dedicated to St. *George*, who had a large Gild held in his honour here, and a Chapel, with his Sepulchre in it; there were three other Gilds *viz.* of the *Holy Trinity, our Lady*, and St. *Peter*; The Rectory was valued at 40 Marks, and had a Vicarage in the Rectors Gift, valued at Six Marks, the Portion of the Abbot of St *Katherine*'s, *de Monte Rothomagenſi* or *Roan* in *Normandy*, who was Patron of the Rectory, was valued at [a] 40 *s.* it paid 7 *s.* 7 *d. ob*: Procurations, and 3 *s* 4 *d.* Synodals and 2 *s.* Peter-Pence. [b] In 1286 the *Vicar* proved before the Juſtices Itinerant, that he was intitled to a *Mortuary* at the Death of any Pariſhioner, and recover'd a Horſe for the Mortuary then in diſpute, [c] In 1375, the Biſhop certified the Rights of the Vicar, but upon the Statute to endow the Vicarages, The Rector withdrew preſenting to the Vicarage, and ſo it came to be an abſolute Rectory, as it now continues. There is a very good Houſe, to which belongs a Rectory Manor and 23 Acres of Glebe. The Temporals of the Prior of *Norwich* were taxed at 9 *s.* 6 *d.* and the Rector of *Shipdham* paid a Penſion of 4 *s.* to this Rectory.

## *The* CHANTRY

Was taxed at 5 *l.* 14 *s.* 9 *d. ob.* and was founded by *William de Saham* in 1281, for his own and Anceſtors Souls, and for that purpoſe he ſetled diverſe Lands and Tenements in *Wendling*, on the Abbot and Canons at *Wendling*, on condition they paid five Marks yearly to his Chantry Chaplain ſerving in his Chapel, which was dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and is ſtill called *Little* St. *Andrews*, and lies on *Shipdham* Road in *Saham*, and this always paid tenths to the diſſolution: *Tho. Southwood* was Chaplain of the Chantry in 1443, and it is called in ſome Evidences, the *Church of St. Andrew in Saham.*

I find the Name of one Vicar only of *Saham*, *viz.*

1315. 3. Id. *Apr. Ric. Scot* Vicar of *Saham*. THEOBALD DE TRECIS Rector, Patron.

## RECTORS.

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| 1313, Kal: *April*, | *Theobald de Trecis*, Accolite, the Queens Phiſician, preſented by the Prior of HERMONDESWORTH, Proctor to the Abby of St. *Katherine de Monte* near *Roan* in *Normandy*. |
| 1317, Id: *May*, | *Peter de Briggemencourt*, Subdeacon. Brother, HUMPHRY LE CONTE-POYNTOUR, Proctor to ROAN Abby. |
| 1320, 6. Non. *March*, | A Sequeſtration was granted to *Theobald de Trecis*, Accolite, the Queens Phyſician. |
| 1321. Kal: *May*, | *John de Trecis*. Brother JOHN DE FRAUNKEVYLE, Proctor &c. |
| 1329, 4. Kal: *Auguſt* | *John Rotarius parvus de Trecis*, Subdeacon. On the Reſignation of *John Rotarius de Trecis*. Brother WILL. DE PESTLAMORE, Proctor &c. |
| 1343, 31. *Oct.* | *Robert Poumart*. The King. The Temporalities of ROAN Abby being in his Hands, as belonging to an Alien. |
| 1356, 17. *Nov.* | He reſigned, and *Benjamin* or *Benedict de Hockham* had it in exchange for *Offington*, in *Lincoln* Dioceſs. The King. The Rectory with the united Vicarage was valued at 46 Marks. |
| 1361, 20. *Sept.* | THO. DE WELFORD. The Proctor of ROAN Abby. |
| 1368, 20. *Dec.* | *John de Corby*, changed with *Welford*, and had this for *Hurſtmonteaux* in *Chiceſter* Dioceſs. The Prior of HERMONDESWORTH, Patron. By grant from ROAN Abby. |

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[a] This Pention is paid by the Rector, to the Maſter and Fellows of New College in Oxford.

[b] Placita Norff. Itin. 14 E. 1. N°. 12. Rot. 93. they are now paid according to the Statute.

[c] Pat. 49. E. 3. P. 1. M. 34.

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| 1377, 19. *Nov*, | *Henry de Wakerle*, changed *Hargrave* in *Lincolnſhire*, for this, with *Corby*. The King on Account of the Priory Alien of of HERMONDESWORTH. |
| 1386, 23. *Dec*, | *Wakerly*, changed this, for *Stow* in *Lincolnſhire*, with *Philip Wen*. |
| 1389, 2. *March*, | *Wen*, changed it for *Crondale* in *Canterbury* Dioceſs, with *John Graunger*. |
| | Maſter *John Corf*, Rector, buried in the Chancel, in 1443. |
| | *John Morton* reſigned. |
| 1450, 7, *Nov*, | *John Bryan*. The Preſident, Cuſtos, and Fellows of St. MARY WINCHESTER College in OXFORD, commonly called NEW-COLLEGE, founded by *William of Wickham*, who procured this Advowſon of King *Ric*. 2d. it having devolved to the Crown, as part of the poſſeſſions of a Priory Alien. This Society are now Patrons and preſented the following Rectors. |
| 1462, 20, *May*, | *John North*, LL. B. change with *Mitſhitling*, *Winchester* Dioc. |
| 1462, 18, *Aug*: | *Elias Holcote*. |
| 1494, 26. *Jan*: | *Laur. Cokkys*, Decret: Dr. |
| | *Rich: Rewys*. reſign'd. |
| | *Will. Shaw*. |
| 1467, 27, *Nov*: | *Will. Porter*. died. |
| 1582, 27, *July*, | *Will. Cuffould*. Decret. Dr. reſigned. |
| 1524, 23, *Nov*: | *Ric. Dominick*. reſigned. |
| 1546, 16, *Sept*: | *Edw. Oſbern*. died. |
| 1557, 13, *May*, | *Sixtus Quaterman*. died. |
| 1557, 13, *Jan*: | *Rob. Payne*. reſigned. |
| | *Fran. Dorington*. S. T. P. reſigned. |
| 1563, 23, *Oct*: | *John Eſtmond*. LL. D. |
| 1589, 12, *Aug*: | *Rich. Terry*, he founded the Free School here, and was a Benefactor to the Rectory. |
| 1604, 23, *Jan*: | *Tho. Crane*. died. |
| 1626, 15, *Dec*: | *Will. Waldron*, died Rector. |
| 1662, 11, *Jan*: | *John Harſent*. he reſigned. |
| 1679, 25, *April*: | *Humphry Prideaux*. D. D. the learned Dean of *Norwich*, Author of that incomparable Work intitled; *The Connection of the Old and New Teſtament*, beſides other things of great uſe, he reſigned. |
| 1686, 10, *Aug*: | *William Chriſtmaſs*, died Rector. |
| 1694, 15, *Nov*: | *Ric. Lydiat*. L L. B. |
| 1702, 23, *Febr*: | *Will. Curl*. L L. B. on *Lydiat*'s Ceſſion, he died *June* 1734. buried here. |
| 1715, 7, *Nov*: | |
| 1734, 10, *Dec*: | The Rev. Mr. *Daniel Ruſhworth*, L L. B. The preſent Rector. |

## *The* RECTORY MANOR.

The RECTORY ſtands among the Livings undiſcharged, being valued at 21 *l*. 14 *s*. 9 *d*. *ob*. and pays Firſt Fruits, and 2 *l*. 3 *s*. 5 *d*. *ob*. *q*. Yearly Tenths, and 2 *s*. Synodals: It belonged to the Manor, 'till *Roger de Toni* gave it in King *John*'s time, with a large part of the Demeans and many Rents and Services, with the *Lete* of the Town, to the Rectory, the Advowſon of which he gave to the Abby of St. *Catherine on the Hill* by *Roan* in *Normandy*, who preſented by their Proctors or Deputies, but could never get it appropriated, tho' they attempted it; the Court was uſually held in the Church, as appears by the ancient Rolls of the Manor, a great number of which, now remain in the Rectors cuſtody, from which it appears, that the Prior of *Norwich*'s portion was allotted to the Sacriſt of the Cathedral, and that the Prior of *Weſt-Acre* had of the Gift of *Roger de Tony* in the 5th Year of King *John*, 20 Acres of Wood called *North-Tweyt*, and Liberty of Commonage on *Saham* Commons, and alſo the Tithes of all the Wood ſold out of his Woods in *Saham* and *Neketon*, for his own, his Father's and Mothers Souls, which was confirmed by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, There is a good Glebe with a large convenient Rectory-Houſe joining to the Weſt ſide of the Church Yard, Mr. *Ric. Terry* Rector here, at his Death left the Houſe furniſhed, and order'd it to go from Succeſſor to Succeſſor for ever; at firſt there were all manner of Implements of Husbandry as well as Furniture to above 200*l.* value, at that time, but they are now reduced, to only ſome pieces of Plate and a few houſehold Goods, for which the Rector lays in Security to leave them to his Succeſſor; he alſo gave a Houſe and Piece of Land to the *Pariſh-Clark* to ring the 8'o the Clock Bell from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day* the Houſe is now down, the Land lett at 3*l. per Ann.* (as I am informed) but the Bell is forgot to be rung. His Picture is ſtill in the Houſe, drawn *Anno Ætatis* 62, *Domini*, 1625, his Arms are *Sab.* a Feſs *Or.* between three Swans *Arg.* Motto, UNI VIROS UNA BEANS: he gave four Acres of Land for Glebe to the Rectory, and augmented the FREE-SCHOOL here, (which was firſt founded in 1611, by *Edward Goffe* of *Threxton* Gent. who ſetled a Houſe and Land to the value of 10*l. per Ann.* on the Maſter) with ten Pounds *per Ann.* more, which is the Endowment of the preſent FREE-SCHOOL; the Houſe ſtands a little diſtant from the Eaſt part of the Church Yard, and the Maſter lives in it and teaches School.

The Town is valued to the Tax at 1074*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and paid 9*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* to the old Tenths, And *Thompſon* College had Lands here at it's Diſſolution.

The *CHURCH* is a good Building, conſiſting of a Nave, two Iſles, Chancel and South Porch, which are all leaded, the Tower is ſquare, built about 1480, on it, is St. *George* and the *Dragon* carved in Stone, it hath five Bells, and formerly had a Clock, which is now decay'd.

*On Marbles in the Chancel.*

Guil: Waldron hujus Parochiæ Rector, eruditus ſimul et pius, et Virtutum omnium quæ vel Chriſtianum, vel Chriſti Miniſtrum decent, Cultor ſedulus, verumque Exemplar. Obijt Decemb: 8°. Anno Dom. 1678.

Sub hoc Marmore jacet Corpus, Gulielmi Chriſtmas, hujus olim Eccleſiæ Rectoris obijt xi°. Die Januarij Anno Salutis 1703.

CRANE, *Or.* on a Cheveron between 3 Cranes riſing *Az.* 3 Cinque-foils of the Field, impaling,

LEMAN. *Az.* a Feſs between 3 Dolphins embowed *Arg.*

CREST, a Cranes head eraſed *Az.*

Hic jacent Reliquiæ S. S. Thomæ Crane, de Civitate Nordovici Mercatoris, Qui cum Septem ſupra Sexaginta Annos vixiſſet, certâ demum revivendi Spe occubuit, Anno Salutis 1700.

Seriùs aut citiùs Sedem properamus ad unam,
Nec poterit Pietas, nec Vultus ſacra, nec Aurum,
Rugis, inſtantique Moras adferre Senectæ.

Memoriæ piæ, lectiſſimæ Fæminæ et Conjugis ſuæ, Mariæ Crane, Thomas Thomæ Filius, poſuit et dicavit. denatæ xi° Auguſti, Anno Dni: 1671. Ætatis 34.

Here lieth the Body of Mrs. Anne Bride, Wife to Mr Bartholomew Bride Merchant, and Daughter to Mr. Thomas Crane Miniſter of Saham, who died the 28 of June, Anno Dom: 1662,

Watch and Pray.

Hic jacet ſepultus hujus, olim Eccleſiæ Servus, THOMAS CRANUS, Sacræ Theologiæ Baccalaureus, qui obijt 2do Februarij A. D. 1662.

Tu tamen, Mortem ut numquam timeas, ſemper cogita.

Hic jacet Corpus Thomæ Goaffe Generoſi, qui obijt 28vo die Martij Anno 1638.

Frances Wife of Thomas Goaffe Gent. died in 1638.

Mrs. Eliz. Goaffe, eldeſt Daughter of Mr. Tho. Goaffe, died Aug. 3. 1647, aged 20 Years, and 6 Months.

Mr. Edward Goaffe Gent. died 1659.

Hic jacet ----- Goaffe, Filius Magiſtri Thomæ Goaffe, natu maximus ----- 29
Anno Dni. 16---- Suæ vigeſimo et -----

SHUCKFORTH, a Feſs *Erm.* between 3 Eagles diſplaid.
*Creſt*, an Eagles head eraſed proper.
Here lyeth the Body of Thomas Shuckforth of London Merchant, who dyed the 29th of Sept. 1665 in the 26th Year of his Age.

Mr. Richard Shuckforth of of Saham, died 12 Febr. 1671, Aged 70 Years.

He was Grandſon of *John Shuckforth* of [d] *Diſs* Gent. who lived there in 1546. Son of *Richard Shuckforth* (who purchaſed and ſetled at *Saham*) by a Daughter of the *Daynes's* of *Roydon*, from whom the preſent Mr. *Shuckforth* of *Saham* is lineally deſcended.

*On a handſome Silver Salver belonging to the Altar,*

Ex Dono Thomæ Shuckforth Generoſi, in Uſum Eccleſiæ Saham-Tonienſis, Gulielmo Curll L L. B. Rector, Anno 1721.

There is alſo a Silver Cup, with our Saviours head engraved thereon and theſe Words, SAHAM. THONYE. ANNO. 1568.

*In the Nave, on a Braſs Plate.*

Anna Sandell hic vixit 26 Annos, et obijt 17 Die September: 1596 Æt: Suæ 48.
Et ne putes, candide Lector, mortuam eſſe, quæ in Cælo vivit,
Diſce mori Mundo, vivere diſce Deo.

The *Sandells* had anciently a good Eſtate here, which in 1545 was augmented by *Ric: Sandell*, who purchaſed of *Edmund Southouſe* Gent. And *Jane* his Wife, a Meſſuage, 80 Acres of Ground, Liberty of Faldage, and 30*s.* Rent, in this and the adjoining Towns.

*On an old Braſs.*

Here lieth the Bodye of Edwarde Goaffe late of Threxton, who departed this Lief the 20 of Maye 1612, and before his Death to the Glorye of God and advancemente of Learninge, erected a Free-Schole and 4 Almeſſe Houſes in the Towne of Saham Toneye, and alſo 4 Almeſſe Houſes in the Town of Watton, and gave unto everye of the ſame for ever, a reaſonable and convenient meyntenance.

Praiſed be God.

The Font hath an Eagle on the Top, and on the Wood-work this.

Lavacrum Regenerationis.

Johannes Ives nuper de Saham, Inſigne hoc Pietatis ſuæ Teſtimonium, Deo et Eccleſiæ ſuæ moriens legavit. Anno Domini 1632.

*By it is an old broken Stone with this.*

------ Spiro ----- eth buried ----- Forbie ----- peaceable, Godlie, --- belovid -----
lamented ----- glorified ----- Filias --- cua Sperno.

In the N. Iſle Windows, are the Arms of *Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, *Ely* Biſhoprick. and *Or.* on a bend *Arg.* cotized *Gul.* 3 Cinquefoils of the laſt. In the S. Iſle Eaſt Window, *Arg.* a chief Gironne of 4, *Gul.* and *Or.* quarter'd with the Bend cotized, impaling *Sab.* a Chev. *Or.* between 3 ---- and alſo the Arms of TONY are in the Windows, *viz.* *Arg.* a Maunch *Gul.*

There are two Altar Tombs on the S. ſide of the Church Yard, the firſt for,

Frances Wife of Luke Sheare and Daughter of William Shuckforth, who died Sept. 1 1701, aged 32. She left two Sons and two Daughters. The ſecond, for

Henry Forbey who died Jan. 6, 1724, aged 57 Years. Anne Forbey died Febr. 14 1712 aged 7 Years. Simondes Forbey died April 4, 1708, aged 6 Months. Margaret Forbey died 1704, aged 1 Year.

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[d] See Fo. 15.

## *Burials in this Church.*

1382, *William Woodham.* 1429, *William Rokell.* 1528, *Thomas Bolton* of this Town, Gent. he was Lord of *Haywood-Hall* in *Diſs*, and afterwards of *Boyland-Hall* in *Briſingham*, where he lived, (ſee fo. 8. 40.) *Alice* his Wife, and *Thomas Jermyn* his Brother are menſioned. 1557, *Richard Sandell* Eſq.

## SAHAM-TONY's, *or the* Capital MANOR.

At the Time of the Confeſſor, contained not only this whole Town, but great Part of the adjacent Villages, and the whole of *Ovington*: The Confeſſor himſelf held it, and the Hundred belonged to it, it extended then into *Griſton*, *Caſton*, *Breccles*, and *Elingham*; there were three Carucates of Land in the Town, one of which, was in the King's Hands as Demean, beſides 40 Acres of Meadow, Wood ſufficient to maintain 730 Swine, and there were then kept 60 Sheep and 40 Goats, there being 46 *Socmen*, who did their annual Suit and Service to the Manor, for the Lands they held of it; it continued along in the Crown, and the Conqueror kept the chief of it in his own Hands, for he had two Carucates in Demean; of the 46 *Socmen* that belonged to it when he firſt had it, he gave 15 to *Ralf*, Son of *Ivo*, and two, to *Berner the Archer*, and another Part which after, was called *Pages* Manor, he gave *Roger Bigot*. In the Confeſſor's Time, the whole was worth 12 *l.* and at the Survey 20 *l.* 'twas about three Miles long and two Miles broad, and paid 2 *s.* 6 *d.* out of every 20 *s.* taxed on the Hundred. And from this Time it belonged to the Crown, and was farmed at the old Rent by diverſe Perſons, during the Conqueror's, and the ſucceeding King's Reigns, to *Richard* I. who raiſed it, for *Ebrad de la Denver*, paid that King 27 *l.* 8 *s.* 4 *d.* a Year for it, and ſoon after he left it to *Ralf de Tony*, whoſe Deſcendent *Roger de Tony*, obtained a Grant of it to him and his Heirs, with the Hundreds of *Weyland*, *Grimſhoe*, *&c.* of King *John*, in the firſt Year of his Reign, *viz.* 1199.

Terre Regis in Manu Regis. (Domeſday fo. 3.)

Wanelunt H. SAHAM tenuit Rex E. iii Car: terre ⁊ xlv Acr. tunc xliii Vill: poſt ix. modo iiii. modo xi Bor: ſemper i Serv. tunc ⁊ poſt i Car: in Dnio m°. ii. tunc xii Car: homin: poſt ⁊ m° iii. xl Acr. prati. Silva Dcc ⁊ xxx Porc. ſemper i Mol: tunc iii runc: m°. ii. tunc iii Anim: m° viii. tunc xviii Porc. m° xx. ⁊ m° lx Ov. ⁊ xl Capras. Huic Manerio iacebant T. R. E. xlvi Socm: cum omni Conſuetudine, poſt et modo xxxi. iii Car: terre xxvii Acr. xl Acr. prati. tunc ⁊ poſt xii Car: modo viii. Silv. c Porc. de iſtis hominibus habet Rainaldus Filius Ivonis xv. et Bernerus Arbaliſtarius ii. et in Griſtuna &c. (as in fo. 574.) et in Caſtletuna, (as in fo. 566.) et in Brcccles &c. (as in fo. 559) et liberi homines Heroldi, val: T. R. E. liii Sol: modo ſunt in firma de xx Lib: totum val: T. R. E. xii Lib. et reddebat dimidium diem Mellis, et modo reddit xx Lib: ad penſum. Totum habet i Leug: ⁊ dim: in longo, et i Leug: in lato, ⁊ reddit de Gelto de xx Sol. ii Sol. ⁊ vi d. in Elinegham &c. (as in fo. 559.)

ROGER DE TOENY, TODENI, THONY, or TONY, was the firſt of the Family who had the Town in Fee, and from him it is ſtill called SAHAM-TONY, to diſtinguiſh it from ſeveral Towns of the ſame Name, Sæham, Seham, Saham, or as ſometimes pronounced Soham, (for they are all thus variouſly ſpell'd in antient Records) ſignifies no more then the Dwelling at the great Water, or Sæ, and accordingly here is a very large Lake called Saham Mere, which abounds with exceeding good Fiſh of ſeveral Kinds, but is moſt remarked for it's fine Eels, tho' among them, there is a particular [e] *Species*, with exceeding large Heads, as much to be noted for their bad, as the others are, for their excellent fine Taſte and Colour: Thus alſo Seham or Soham in *Cambridgeſhire*, hath the largeſt *Mere* that I know of, and from theſe, both the Places received their Names.

This ROGER, was deſcended in a direct Line from *Roger de Tony*, Standard-Bearer of *Normandy*, and Founder of the Abby of *Conchis* in that Dukedom, whoſe Son *Ralf* came in with the Conqueror, and for his Services in the Battle againſt King *Harold*, had many

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[e] The Inhabitants from their Uglineſs call them, old Women.

Lordſhips given him, and [*f*] as Mr. *Dughdale* tells us, no leſs than 19 in this County, he gave to the Abby of *Conchis* as the ſame Author ſays, his Lordſhip of *Wrotham*, to the Monks of *Weſt-Acre*, all the Lands that *Oliver* the Prieſt held of him there, and died in 1102, and was buried at *Conchis*, leaving *Ralf* his Son and Heir, who married *Judith* Daughter to *Waltheof* Earl of *Huntingdon* and *Northumberland*, with whom he had *Kertling*, (commonly call'd *Carthlage*) Manor in *Cambridgeſhire*; he was ſucceeded by *Roger de Tony* his Son, who confirm'd [*g*] *Weretham* Lordſhip to the Monks of *Conchis*, he had a grant of [*h*] a hundred Shillings Land in *Holkham* in *Norfolk*, and dying in 1162, left this ROGER DE TONY, who obtained the grant of this Manor, his Son and Heir. It was then valued at 28*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* a Year, for at the time of the Grant's being paſſed, *Robert Fitz Roger*, and *Richard de Goſfield*, who ſerved Sheriff of *Norfolk* for *Robert*, had ſo much allowed out of his Accounts, as Rents ſunk by the Grant. And it appears that the King gave it among other things in exchange for 140*l.* *per An.* Lands in *Anjou*, and in Recompence for the Service he did him when Earl of *Moreton*. He was ſucceeded by

RALF his Son and Heir, who joined the Barons, but was after that in the Kings Favour, in 1239, being ſigned with the Croſs, as diverſe other Nobles then were, he took a Journey to the *Holy Land*, and about *Michaelmaſs* time died on the Sea, and

PETRONILL his Widow had this Manor and *Neketon* for Life: She re-married to WILLIAM Son and Heir of [*i*] THO. DE ST. OMER, who was Lord in her Right, and in 1275 was, Juſtice Itinerant with *Simon de Grey* in *Cambridgeſhire*; in 1285, the Hundred and Manor were valued at 60*l.* *per An.* and paid 50*s.* *per An.* Blanch Farm to *Norwich Caſtle*. Her Son *Roger de Tony* died in 1276, ſo that he was never Lord. *Petronill* his Mother ſurvived her ſecond Husband, and at her death it went to

RALPH DE TONY her Grandſon, Son of *Roger* aforeſaid deceaſed, who died in 1293, and

ROEBRT his Son ſucceeded; in an Inquiſition taken in his time, it was found, (as it was in another taken in 1280) that all Perſons belonging to *Saham*, uſed to be free from Toll in *Watton* Market, 'till Sir *Oliver de Vaux* Lord there compelled them to pay it, upon which Account [*k*] in 1298 this *Robert* obtained a Charter (or rather renew'd and got the former alter'd) for a weekly Market on *Mondays* at his Manor of *Saham*, and two Fairs Yearly one on the Day and Morrow of the Feaſt of St. *Martin* the Biſhop and five Days following, and [*l*] another on the Eve and Morrow after the Feaſt of St. *George* the Martyr, and five Days following; He was one of thoſe Barons that ſubſcribed the Letter ſent to Pope *Boniface* the 12th of *Febr:* 1300. 29. *Ed.* I. in the Parliament held at *Lincoln*, concerning the Subjection of the Kingdom of *Scotland* to that of *England*, which the Pope then pretended to intermedle with, ſubſcribing himſelf, *Robert Toney* Lord of *Walingford*, bearing for his Arms, *Arg.* a Maunch *Gul.* he died ſeized in 1309, and by the Inquiſition taken after his Death 'twas found that this Manor was worth above 110*l.* *per Ann.* and that,

ALICE Widow of *Thomas* Lord *Leibourne* deceaſed, was his Siſter and next Heir aged 25 Years, and that *Maud* his Wife had the Manors and Advowſons of *Neketon*, *Little Creſſingham, and Little Fraunſham* in free Marriage, and that they were jointly ſeized, 'till *Robert* died, they being held of *Will: de Wigenhall* as of *Richmond* Honour at half a Fee, his right of Fiſhery in *Saham Mere* was valued at 13*s.* 4*d.* the Park 10*l.* &c.

ALICE LEIBOURNE had Iſſue by her firſt Husband, *Juliana*, firſt married to *John de Haſtyngs* Lord *Abergavenny*, 2*dly* to *Thomas Blount* Steward of the Houſhold to *Edward* II. and 3*dly* to *Will: de Clinton*, but *Saham* did not go to her, but was ſettled on

GUY DE BEAUCHAMP Earl of *Warwick*, ſecond Husband of the ſaid *Alice*, and their Heirs; he was Son and Heir of *Will. Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, and died ſeized in 1315, leaving it to

THOMAS Earl of WARWICK his Son and Heir, *Alice* his Wife ſurvived him, and the following Year married to *William la Zouch* of *Aſhby* in *Leiceſterſhire*, and died in 1324.

THOMAS Earl of WARWICK was not two Years old at his Father's Death, and ſo became the Kings Ward, who Knighted him at the Age of 13 Years, and gave him Livery of all his Lands, and among others of the whole Eſtate of the *Tony*'s, for which he paid 100

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[f] Dugh. Bar. Vol. 1. Fo. 469.

[g] Mr. Dugh. miſtakes in this point. Wrotham or Wretham is the ſame place, and ſo could not be originally given by both.

[*h*] That is, as much as lett at 5l. per Ann.

[*i*] He was Lord of South-Grenehoe. &c.

[k] Dug. Bar Vo. 1. fo. 471. The Seat of the Tony's was at Flamſted in Hertfordſhire.

[*l*] The Atlas page 343, ſays, here is a little Country Fair kept yearly on the Monday before the Feaſt of St. John Baptiſt, or Midſummer Day.

Marks relief, *Saham, Flamſted, Kirtling, &c.* being held by Barony. He died of the Peſtilence in France *Nov:* 13th 1369.

GUY DE BEAUCHAMP Son and Heir, died in his Father's Life-time, but upon his Marriage with *Phillipa*, Danghter of [m] *Henry* Lord *Ferrers* of *Groby*, they had *Saham, Wayland, Grimſhoe, Creſſingham-Parva, Fraunſham-Parva*, and *Neketon* Manors, and Advowſons, with the Advowſons of the Priories of *Weſt-Acre* and *Shouldham*, ſetled on them and their Heirs Male, for want of which, at his Wife *Phillipa*'s Death in 1384, they deſcended to his Brother,

[n] THOMAS BEAUCHAMP Earl of *Warwick*, who married *Margaret*, Daughter to *William* Lord *Ferrers* of *Groby*; he was a Man of much Renown in Warlike Affairs, from his Youth, ſo much noted for Virtue and Prudence, that he was choſen in Parliament, Governour of King *Richard* II. who was then young, [o] being alſo one of thoſe Nobles who went with that King's Letter to Pope *Boniface* the *9th.* complaining of the *Proviſions* of Benefices, and other Exactions of the See of *Rome* in *England*. Towards the latter Part of King *Richard*'s Reign, this Noble Earl was attainted, and the Manor and Hundreds were given by the King, to *John Montacute* Earl of *Salisbury*, and his Heirs male, along with *Panworth-Hall* Manor in *Aſhill* and *Saham*, and the other Poſſeſſions of the Earl of *Warwick*, but the Attainder being reverſed, in the 1 of *Henry* IV. he died ſeized of all his antient Eſtate *April* 8, 1401, and his Wife *Jan:* 22 1406, leaving

[p] RICHARD BEAUCHAMP Earl of *Warwick*, their Son and Heir, a Man no leſs Famous then his noble Progenitors, he was made Knight of the *Bath* at the Coronation of *Henry* IV. and the next Year at the Coronation of *Jane*, Wife to that Prince, he kept Juſts on the Queens Part, againſt all Comers, in 1402, he took the Banner of that great Rebel *Owen Glendowr*, and put him to flight, and ſoon after was made Knight of the *Garter*.

In 1407, he went to the *Holy Land*, and viſited his Couſin the Duke of *Barr*, and in his Way thither, performing many gallant Feats of Arms, and being reſpectfully received and treated by many Princes, he arrived at the *Holy Sepulchre*, and ſet up his Arms on the North Side of the *Temple*; *Baltredan* the *Souldans* Leiutenant at *Jeruſalem*, hearing that he was deſcended from the Famous *Guy* Earl of *Warwick*, (whoſe Story they had in Books of their own Language) feaſted him royally, and gave him large Preſents; from *Jeruſalem* he came to *Venice*, and having travelled into *Ruſia, Poland, &c.* ſhewing much Valour in many Tourneaments, he returned into *England*, and was immediately retained by *Henry* Prince of *Wales*, (afterwards *H.* V.) to ſerve him in Peace and War for 250 Marks a Year, and at that King's Coronation was made *High Steward* of *England*, and behaved ſo bravely during his whole Life, that the Emperour *Sigiſmund*, told King *Henry*, *That no Chriſtian Prince had ſuch another Knight, for Wiſdom, Nurture, and Manhood*; adding, *that if all Courteſie were loſt, yet it might be found again in him*: Inſomuch that ever after, by the Emperour's Authority, he was called, *The Father of Courteſy*; he died at *Roan* in *Normandy* 1439, leaving

HENRY his Son, by his ſecond Wife, his Heir, who was firſt made *Primier* Earl of all *England*, and after that, Duke of *Warwick*, and was to take Place in Parliament next the Duke of *Norfolk*, and before the Duke of *Buckingham*, which that Duke would not bear, and therefore 'twas agreed, that one ſhould take Place one Year, and the other the next, and he, who ſurvived, to take Place of the others Heir male as long as he lived. He died *June* 11, 1445, being 22 Years old; in his Father's Life-time, when he was ſcarce 10 Years old, being then called *The Lord Diſpencer*, he married *Cecily*, Daughter of *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Salisbury*, (who after his Death married *John* Lord *Tiptoft*) by whom he left one Daughter,

ANNE, who died in 1449, in her Infancy, and this Manor, with the whole Inheritance of the *Beauchamp*'s went to

ANNE her Aunt, as only Siſter of the whole Blood, to her deceaſed Father, who was then married to

RICHARD NEVILL Earl of *Salisbury*, who for his ſpecial Services about the King's Perſon, had the Title of Earl of *Warwick*, confirmed to him and his Wife, and their Heirs, with all Preheminecies that any of their Anceſtors had, before the Creation of *Henry* Duke of *Warwick*. This was that great Earl, who was ſo Powerfull, as to be nick-named, *Richard make King*, ſo famous for his Courage and Popularity in *Edward* IV. and *Henry*. VI Days, that every Man wore his Badge, the ragged Staff, on his Hat, and painted the white

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[m] Dugh. Bar. Vol. 1. p. 235. 268. he gave Neketon Advowſon to Shouldham &c.

[n] Ibid. fo. 326.

[o] Rymer Vol. 7. p. 674.

[p] Dug. Bar. Vol, Fo. 243,

Croſs on his Door, yea ſo exceedingly Hoſpitable was he, that at his Houſe in *London*, ſix Oxen were uſually eaten at a Breakfaſt, and every Tavern was full of his Meat, for every one that had any acquaintance in his Family, might take as much boil'd and roaſt Meat, as he could carry away upon a long Dagger, as the *Atlas* has it, Page 343. He was ſlain at *Barnet-Field* 11 E. IV. his Counteſs *Anne* ſurviving him, who had all her Inheritance taken from her, and was forced to ſhift from Place to Place in great Streights, but however, the Parliament were ſo kind, as to ſetle the whole on

Isabell and Anne, her two Daughters, the firſt married *George* Duke of *Clarence*, and the ſecond, [q] to *Richard* Duke of *Gloceſter*, afterwards King *Richard* the III. who enjoyed *Saham*, *Neketon*, *Panworth-Hall*, *Creſſingham parva*, and the reſt of the *Norfolk* Eſtate, with the whole Inheritance, 'till his Death in *Boſworth Field*: And then King *Henry* VII. reſtored the whole Inheritance to the Counteſs

Anne, but not with purpoſe, that ſhe ſhould enjoy it, for it appears, that after the Power given by the Act, ſhe conveyed the whole Inheritance to the

King, who immediately conſtituted *Sir John Ratcliff de Fitz-Walter* Knt. Steward of *Saham*, *Little Creſſingham*, *Panworth*, *Neketon*, *Wayland* and *Grimſhoe* Hundreds, and theſe were after called *Warwick Lands*, and amounted in all, to 113 Manors and Hundreds, all which were enjoyed by the Crown, 'till they were granted off by degrees; in 1506 Sir *Rob. Lovell* Knt. was Steward; in 1527 the Viſcount *Rochford* had this Manor for a Term, and after that it remained in the Crown, 'till.

King Henry VIII. in the Year 1544, granted the Manor and Park of *Saham*, and the Hundreds of *Grimſhoe* and *Wayland* to

Sir Richard Southwell Knt. and his Heirs, and the ſame Year the ſaid *Richard* had Licence to Alien 60 Acres of Land called *Parkers Average* at the end of *Saham* Park, to *Nic*, *Mynne* and his Heirs. In 1570,

Robt. Southwell a Minor was Lord. And afterwards in 1580, the Lord

Paget had it. In 1616,

Sir John Steward Knt. Lord *Kintcleven* in *Scotland*, alien'd it to

Clement Corbet, during the Life of *Eliz.* his Wife. It afterwards came to the Berney's in 1634, when

Sir Ric. Berney kept his firſt Court, and in 1688,

Ric. Berney of *Redham* Eſq. was Lord, and it being mortgaged to Mrs. *Anne Martell*, in 1709, 'twas purchaſed, by

John Cotton Eſq. who is lately dead, and the Manor (as is reported) is to be ſold by Decree in Chancery.

## Saham's *or* Page's MANOR.

At the time of the Conqueſt was given to *Roger Bigot*, of whom *Rotbert* held it for Life, 'twas then worth 30*s*. *per An.*

Terra Rogeri Bigoti. (Doms. fo. 127.)

H. Wanelunt. In SAHAM i Liber homo lx Acr. terre, quam tenet Rotbertus, i Car: & v Bor. & viii Acr. prati, Silva xv. Porc. & val. xxx Sol.

In 1139, *Hugh Bigot* gave the King a Fine to have his Manor of *Saham* again, which *Hubert de Munchenſi* held; it after came to the *Warren*'s, and *Ralf de Warren* Lord here, granted the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre* two Meſſuages and the Lands belonging to them, with the Services of two Men, and liberty to fiſh with two Boats at all times of the Year in *Saham Mere*; in 1194 *Robert* Son of *Simon* of *Saham* paid King *Richard* the 1ſt. 20 Marks for his relief to have all his Lands in peace, which his Father held in Capite, at half a Fee; in 1228, he held it at a whole Fee of *Ralf de Tony*; in 1274, and 1282, *Will. de Saham* Clerk, Son of this *Robert*, was Juſtice of the Kings Bench, and in 1276, Juſtice Itinerant in *Worceſterſhire*, and *Richard de Saham* his Brother, was one of the Barons of the Exchequer in 1285. In 1276, *Robert de Saham* (perhaps) another Brother was Lord; in 1287, *Will.* Son of *Ralf de Saham* had it conveyed to him, and was Lord in 1299. In 1315, *John de Saham* owned it; from whom it came to the *Page*'s, a Family that had been ancient Owners in the Town, for in 1249 *Robt. Page* ſetled a Meſſuage and Land here on *Adam Page*, and in 1316, *Tho. Page* Parſon of St. *Andrew*'s in *Snitterton*, ſetled a Meſſuage and Lands on *Walter Page*, and in 1334, *Edmuud de la Sale* of *Norwich* and *John Watts* of *Stanford* Chaplain, ſetled the Manor and all the *Page*'s Eſtate, on *Adam Page* of *Saham* and *Eliz.* his Wife and being after purchaſed by the *Coe*'s, it became join'd to *Howard*'s *Manor*.

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[q] Her 1ſt. Husband was Edw. Prince of Wales Son to Hen. VI.

## BOTILER'S, HOWARD'S, HERVEY'S, *and* PAGE'S,

Was Part of the Capital Manor granted by *Roger de Tony* in the Time of *Hen.* III. to *John Boteler*, who held it of him at the fifth part of a Fee; it after was held by *Ralf de Beeſton*, and in 1345 *John Notingham*, *Robt. Curſon* and *Will.* Son his, held it as Truſtees for *Thomas Howard*, to whom they ſoon after releaſed it. In 1315, *William le Butler* was Lord; in 1401 *Edward Howard* and *John Notingham* had it, who ſold it to *John Coe* Eſq. who died poſſeſſed in 1483. In 1507, 'twas ſetled on *Hugh Coe* and *Anne* his Wife, and in 1525 *Chriſtopher Coe* ſetled his Manor of *Howard*'s, *Hervey*'s and *Page*'s, on Sir *Chriſtopher Jenny* Knt. and *Eliz.* his Wife, with 20 Meſſuages, ſix Faldages in *Saham*, *Aſhill*, *Threxton*, *Carbrook*, *Ovington*, &c.

In 1577, *Bartholomew Skerne* was Lord, in 1581, *Frances*, *Mary*, and *Jane*, were his Daughters and Coheirs, and one *Gifford* married *Frances*, it ſeems they ſold it, for in 1590 *Robt. Houghton* Eſq. conveyed it to *Charles Howard*, Knight of the Garter, Lord *Effingham*, and high Admirall of *England*, and *Miles Corbet* Eſq. and 'twas after purchaſed by Sir *Ric. Berney*, and joined to the great Manor.

As to *Harveys* when ſingle, I dont meet with any thing of it.

In 1638, *Page*'s *Place* or the Manor Houſe and 60 Acres Demeans, belonged to *Thomas Goffe* Gent. as Son and Heir of *Edward Goffe*.

Part of one of theſe Manors, were ſold off, and held as a Seperate Manor, by *Tho. Jves* in 1585, after 'twas ſold to *Bayly*, then came to *Greenleef* who ſold it to Mr. *Cotton*.

## WOOD-HOUSE MANOR

In *Saham*, was part alſo of *Saham* Manor, given by *Roger de Tony*, to *Ralf de Boſco* or *Bois* (that is of the Wood) to be held at half a Fee, in 1345, *Simon de Bois* had it, and in 1315, *Ralf at Wood* was Lord, who took his Name from the *Wood* he lived by, as the Manor did from the *Houſe* he lived in; part of this Manor, was ſoon after joined to the Capital Manor that it firſt belonged to, and another part to *Wood-Houſe* Manor in *Ovington*, that Manor Houſe being the ancient Scite of this Manor, is called in Evidences, ſometimes *Wood-Houſe*, in *Saham*, and ſometimes in *Ovington*. [See fo. 575] The *Atlas*, p. 344. tells, that King *Hen.* VIII. *Anno Reg.* 37. gave two Cloſes in this Pariſh, late Sir *Richard Southwell*'s, to his new College, called *Chriſt Church* in *Oxford*, with many other Eſtates, when he made it the Cathedral of his new erected See.

# *LITTLE-CARBROOK.*

CARBROOK-PARVA, was an Exempt belonging to the *Commandry* of St. *John* at *Great-Carbrook*, to which Houſe it was appropriated, along with *Carbrook-Magna*, and the Church was valued with it, but the Vicarage was always ſeperate, and valued at ſix Marks, but not taxed; it paid neither Sinodals nor Procurations, neither was it viſited by the Archdeacon, tho' he had the ſame Juriſdiction over the Pariſhioners, and Power of Induction, as in *Great-Carbrook*.

The Temporals of the Prior of *Shouldham*, were taxed at 16*s.* 8*d.*

## VICARS.

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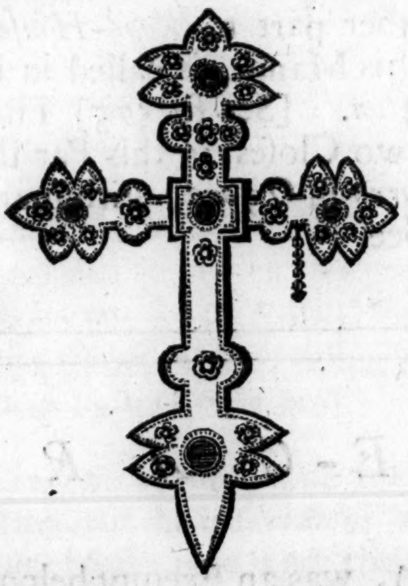
| 1302, 14 Kal: *Aug:* | *Geffery de Aldeby.* The Prior of St. *Johns of Jeruſalem*, at *Great Carbrook.* |
| 1333, 13 Kal: *Jan:* | *Hugh Herbert*, reſigned. |
| 1351, 12 *Oct:* | *John Ode.* |
| 1354, 30 *May* | *Thomas Beneyt*, of *Shefford.* |
| 1361, 16 *Nov:* | *Symon Nyd*, reſigned |
| 1372, 5 *Febr:* | *Richard Drury.* |
| 1388, 8 *Oct:* | *Will: Roucock.* |
| 1390, 22 *Nov:* | *Ric: Maſon*: change for *Narford.* |
| 1394, 22 *March,* | *Tho. Eye* of *Saham-Tony.* |
| 1401, 27 *Dec.* | *Ric. Harry*, change for *Brendlegate* in St. *David's* Dioc. |
| 1402, 7 *May,* | *Will. Harry,* |
| 1403, 7 *May,* | *John Trymnell*, change with *Joddeton Hereford.* Dioc. |
| 1412, 3 *Febr:* | *John North.* |
| 1414, 14 *Dec:* | *Tho. Peyntour.* |
| 1421, 1 *Aug:* | *Tho. Smyth*, reſigned, and in |
| 1424, 2 *Dec:* | *John*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, Conſolidated the Vicarages of *Kerbrook magna & parva.* And the Church of *Karbrook parva*, was then pulled down and levell'd, *William Hulles*, Prior of the Hoſpital of St. *John of Jeruſalem* was Patron of both, and the *Commandry* was to receive an annual Pention of 13*s.* 4*d.* for ever, from the Vicar of *Great Carbrook* for this Conſolidation. |

In 1737, in digging in the Church Yard, which hath been long deſecrated, there was found a Croſs of this form laid over the Coffin, of ſome Religious Perſon buried here, moſt likely one of the Knights, there were two Chains, on which hung two Jewels, that on the one ſide being loſt; 'tis to be ſuppoſed by the make of the Braſs Boſſes on the Croſs, that there were formerly Relicks under them, and that it was buried with him on that Account, and poſſibly might be fetched by the Knight himſelf or whoever he was, from the Holy Sepulchre. The Stem of it is of Oaken Wood.



## *The* MANOR *of* LITTLE-CARBROOK *or* WESTHALL.

When the Confeſſor took his Survey, this belonged to one *Alſere* a Freeman, and was called *Weſt Carbrook*, and after the Conqueſt, *John* Nephew of *Waleram*, who had *Great Carbrook*, had this alſo; it was then of 10*s. per An:* Value, it had a Church with 20 Acres of Glebe worth 12*d.* a Year, and paid *Gelt*, and was included in the Menſuration of *Great Carbrook* to which it was always joined.

Terre Johannis Nepotis Walerami. (Domſ. Fo. 280)

H. Wanelunt. In Weskerebroc ten: idem [Sc. Alfere T. R. E.] i liber homo xl. acr. terre ſemper. i bor. et i Serv: tunc et poſt i. Car. Et val. x Sol. Soca in Saham Regis; Anteceſſor Rogeri Bigot commend: tantum.

Part of this Town belonged to the Honour of CLARE, namely, half a Fee, which was held by the *Muntchenſies*'s, *Vere*'s and *Valence*'s in the ſame manner as *Winfarthing*, (See Fo. 122) but another part which laid here and in *Great Carbrook*, was held of the *Bigots* and their Succeſſors, for in 1235, *Will. de Muntchenſy* held it at one Fee of the Earl *Marſhal*; and in 1252. *Warine de Muntchenſy* had free Warren here and in *Holkham*, and in 1274, the Earl of *Glouceſter* warranted the Aſſize of Bread and Beer.

In 1285, the Village was preſented for not coming twice a Year to the Sheriffs *Turn*, to the Kings damage of 2*s*. a Year, but upon the Death of *Aymer de Valence* in 1323 without Iſſue Male, this Manor was aſſigned to

*Mary* Daughter to *Guy de Chaſtilian*, Earl of St. *Paul*, his Widow, in Dower, who founded *Denny* Abby, the Reverſion after her death to go to

*David de Strabolgy* Earl of *Athol*, it being allotted to him among the Manors aſſigned to *Joan* his Wife one of the Heirs of *Aymer de Valence* Earl of *Pembrook*.

*David de Strabolgi* his Son and Heir ſucceeded, who left it to *David*, his Son and Heir, who died 10 *Oct*. 49. *E*. 3. leaving Iſſue, two Daughters Minors, *Eliz*. and *Phillipa*, who were committed to the Wardſhip of *Henry* Lord *Percy*,

*Eliz*: firſt married Sir *Tho. Percy* Knt. a Younger Son of the ſaid Lord's, and
*Phillipa* married Sir *Ralf Percy* Knt. his Brother,

And afterwards re-married to Sir *John Halſham* of *Kent* Knt. as her Siſter did to Sir *John Scroop*. Knt. and they and their Husbands held this Manor jointly.

In 1414 *John Halſham* Eſq. had it, in 1434 Sir *Hugh Halſham* Knt. his Son had it, with the Manors of *Filby*, *Poſſewyck*, *Stukey* and *Weſt-Beckham*, which had paſſed with it a great while; he died in 1441 and left them to

*Joan* Wife of *John Lewknore* of *Goring* in *Eſſex*, Daughter of his Brother *Richard Halſham*, who ſold it afterwards to

*Jeffery Bulleyn* of London, Knt. who was Lord in 1460, and died in 1462, leaving them to *Thomas* his Son and Heir, then 18 Years old, and in King *H*. 8. Sir *James Bulleyn* ſold it to

*Alleyn Peirce* and others, who ſold it to

*Tho. Scott* and *John Gadron*, and they to

*William Brown*, *Robt. Downing* of *Scoulton*, ----- *Palmer*, *Will. Tyndall*, *Tho. Thycket*, ----- *Turner*, and others, and ſo it became divided into many parts, *Downing* had the biggeſt part, *Dey* of *Scoulton* another part, and there were many other Sub-diviſions, which reduced it to almoſt nothing, the biggeſt part was purchaſed by the *Southwells* and joined to the other Manor.

The Manor of *Scoulton Burdeloſs* or *Oldlands*, extends hither, and ſo largly formerly, that in 1315 *Jeffery de Burdeloſs* was returned as one of the Lords here.

Another part of this Town was held by the *Carbrook* Family, who would have had it eſteemed a *Free Tenement* or *Manor*, but when Sir *Richard* Son of Sir *Richard de Kerbrook* had it, 'twas ſeized by Sir *Hugh de Vere* who was then Lord, and he was forced to acknowledge it held of him by *Villenage*.

By a Deed without date, *John* Son and Heir of *Roger*, who was Son of *Henry* of *Little Carbrook*, granted to *Richard* Son of Sir *Richard de Kerbroc* his Kinſman, a Meſſuage, Lands, Tenements, Woods, Cuſtomary and Free Rents, Faldcourſe &c. which he had of the Gift of his Father *Roger*, in *Little* and *Great Kerbroc*. Sit *Robert de Boſco* of *Saham*, *John de Saham*, *Hubert de Boſco* and others, being Witneſſes.

In 1239, *John de Kerbroc* and *Alice* his Wife had a Meſſuage and Carucate of Land here, and in *Watton*, *Ovington*, *Griſton*, *Letton*, *Cranworth* and *Shipdam*, which belonged to *Roger* Son of *Henry de Kerbrook* in 1249, and was then called KERBROOK's Tenement, and ſometimes KERBROC's Manor. *Walter de Kerebroc the Preacher* and *Emma* his Wife, are as old as any of this Family that I meet with.

# *GREAT-CARBROOK.*

THIS Town is properly enough named from it's Situation, by a *Brook* or Rivulet, and it's *Carry* Soil, and was at firſt without doubt, no more than the *Carr* by the *Brooks* Side.

The *CHURCH*, is a regular Pile, re-built about the Beginning of *H.* VI. Reign, it conſiſts of a Nave, two Iſles, two Porches, and Chancel, which are all covered with Lead, there is a lofty ſquare Tower at the Weſt-End, and in it are five good Bells.

At the Upper-End of the North Iſle is a Chapel, dedicated to St. *John the Baptiſt*, whoſe Altar and Image were in it, this belonged to the Gild of St. *John the Baptiſt* in this Town, and that Society, found a Chaplain conſtantly to ſing for the Welfare of the Brothers and Siſters of the Gild, living, and the Souls of the Brothers departed; right before the Altar of this Chapel, in 1462, *Elizabeth Aſtle* Gentlewoman, was interred.

Directly oppoſite to the South-Iſle is another Chapel of the *Holy Virgin*, whoſe Altar and Image were alſo in it, this belonged to the *Virgin*'s Gild, and had a Prieſt maintained by them, to ſing there.

The Church it's ſelf is dedicated to St. *Peter* and *Paul*, and ſo was the High-Altar, at which the *Gild*, in Honour of thoſe Apoſtles was always held, and was the biggeſt of the three Gilds.

Directly in the Midſt of the Chancel, lie two exceeding antient Coffin Stones, with a Croſs Patee on each, to ſhow they belonged to the *Templars*, there are two imperfect Circumſcriptions on them, in Capitals, which ſeem to be added long ſince they were firſt laid, and moſt probably when they were re-placed, after the re-building of the Church, I take that moſt North, to be the Sepulchre of *Maud*, Counteſs of *Clare* their Foundreſs, and the other on her Right-Hand, or that moſt South, to be one of her younger Sons, that might probably be the firſt *Commander* of this Houſe, but to ſay poſitively it is ſo, I don't pretend; they lie exactly in the Place where the Founders of religious Places were generally buried, as *Herbert*, Founder of *Norwich* Cathedral was, by the Croſſes, they were of the *Order*, by their Place of Interment, Perſons of Diſtinction, by the Remains of the Inſcriptions, Mother and Son, and alſo of the *Clare* Family; now tho' I don't meet with their Names, *Vincent* on *Brook* fo. 120 ſays, that ſhe had by *Roger de Clare* her Husband, *Richard* Earl of *Clare* and *Hertford*, and others, and Mr. *Dughdale* telling us, where that Earl was buried, ſhows plainly 'twas not his Sepulchre, elſe I ſhould have been induced to have thought ſo, by Reaſon of his Confirmation of his Father and Mother's Benefactions to this Houſe, to which he was alſo a Benefactor. It is plain from this Inſcription, that he was Knight of the Order, and had been at *Jeruſalem*, and ſo qualified, to be *Commander* of the Houſe, and muſt be of great Note, his Name being not mentioned, all which confirms my former Conjecture.

*On the firſt.*

MATER. CLARENSIS. GENEROSO. MILITE. CLARA.
MA. - - - - - - - - - - - - HIC. TVM. - - VE - - - - -

*On the ſecond.*

A. DEXTRIS. NATVS. REQVIESCIT. MATRIS. HVMATVS.
HVNC. PETIIT. PORTVM. PROPRIVM. REVOLVTVS. IN. ORTVM.

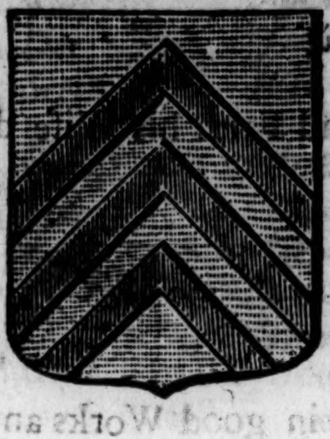
There are 16 Stalls in the Chancel, which tells us the Number of Knights reſident here, when this Church was built; great Numbers of Perſons of Figure were certainly buried here, as the Stones reaved of their Arms and Inſcriptions, plainly ſhow us.

In 1530, *Robert Wallot* Gent. of this Town, was buried in the Church.

The Screens between the Church and Chancel, are very fine, there is the beginning of an old Inſcription on them, *viz.* **Orate pro Benefactoribus.** .... the reſt being loſt.

**In 1658, the following Arms were in this Church, ſome of which ſtill remain.**

**CLARE.**



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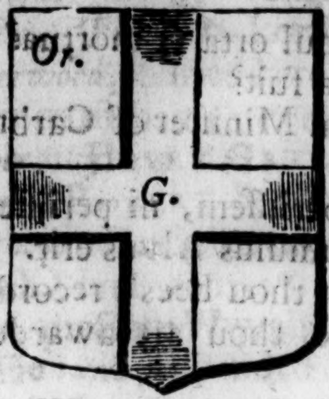

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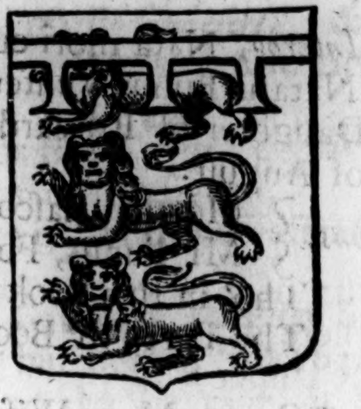

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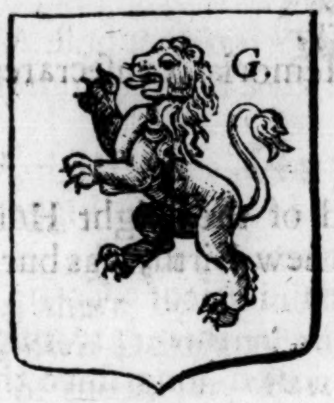

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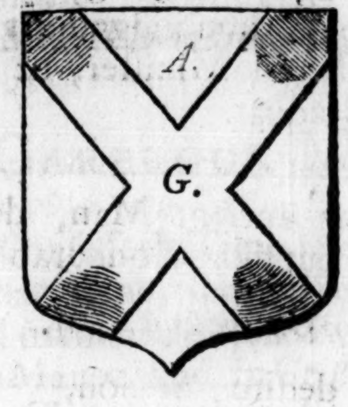

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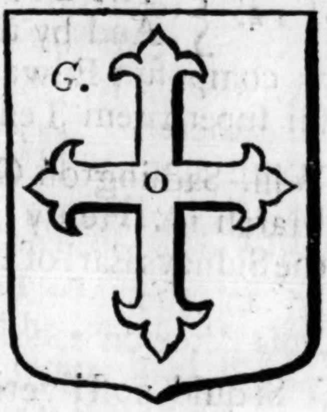


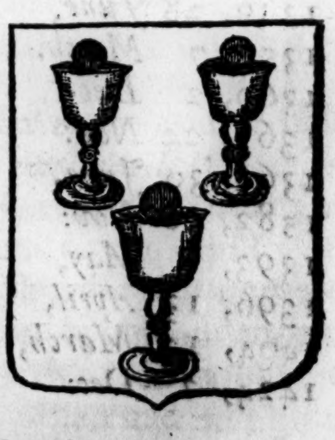
And theſe, Barry of 10. *Arg.* & *Az.* a Lyon ramp. *Or.*
*Ermine*, a Saltyr ingrailed *Gul.* and the ſame 2 Coats impaled.
3 Lyons ramp. in a Bordure, impaling a Feſs between 2 Chev.
*England. France. Arg.* on a Feſs *Gul.* 3 Delis's *Or.*
*Gul.* 6 croſs Croſlets *Or.* a Label of three *Az.*
*Az.* two Luces indorſed, between Cruſuly of Croſs Croſlets *Or.*

In the middle Iſle is a Graveſtone, for *Sara* Wife of *John Pennyng* Gent. who died *Dec.* 4, 1638.

In the South Iſle is a Graveſtone ſtripp'd of all it's Braſſes, ſave one Shield, on which are the Arms of *Grey* of *Merton*, impaled with *Bainard*, which ſhows me, that it was laid over *Fulk de Grey* Gent. one of the five Sons of * *William de Grey* of *Merton*, Eſq; who was buried here in 1560, as the Pariſh Regiſter informs me, in the Grave of *Eliz: Drury*, his Wife, who was buried *Nov:* 8 1555.

In 1570, *George* Son of *Anthony Grey* Gent. was buried here, and the ſame Year, the ſaid *Anth. Greye* Gent. Son and Heir of *Fulk de Grey* aforeſaid, was buried alſo, whoſe Son *Anthony de Grey* of *Carbrook* was living in 1616, and had one Brother, *Thomas*, and 9 Siſters.

There are ſeveral Prieſts buried under Graveſtones here, as is plain from the Badge or Emblem of the Prieſthood, ſtill remaining on ſeveral of them, the other Braſſes being gone, *viz.* the three Chalices, thereon the Wafers or Sacramental Bread, as in this Shield.



The King's Honour of *Clare* ſtill extends hither, there being many Lands &c. held of it at this Day.

The Roof was adorned with the Images of our Saviour and his Apoſtles, all which were demoliſhed in the Time of the Uſurpation.

There is a Parcel of Town Lands belonging to the Pariſh, which Tradition ſays, was given by two Maids, who danced themſelves to Death, and are buried on the South ſide of the Church.

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* See fo. 579.

The following Notes, I tranſcribed from the old Regiſter, which begins in 1538,

1625. *Interog.* Nata mori cur es, ſimul orta et mortua? Cur heu!
Natalis Funus Venter et Urna fuit?

Mary Daughter of Edward Catheral Miniſter of Carbrook, and Faith his Wife died the 9th of Auguſt.

*Reſpons.* Mortua naſcor, Ego periiſſem, ni periiſſem;
Mi Funus, Fœnus, Tumulus Alvus erit.
Tho' in this Book of Death thou bees't recorded,
Thy Part i'th' Book of Life, thou art awarded.

1625 Oct. 23. Mary Wiſe of Tho. Gaudron, a Woman rich in good Works and Alms-Deeds died.

*Apoc:* 20. 12. The Book of Life agrees with thy Lives Story.
And by theiſe Bookes thou judged art to Glory.

Mœrens compoſuit Edwardus Catherall Miniſter, ut illam Memoriæ conſecraret, et Amoris ſui ſuperſtitem Teſſaram relinquat.

1630 Will. Sadlington Gent. buried.

1637 March 19. Henry Sidney an antient Man, deſcended of the Right Honourable Houſe of the Sidneys Earl of Leiceſter, but more Honourable by his new Birth, was buried here.

*On the laſt Leaf.*

*Funell* Si quid noſti verius iſtis, dedito: Si non,
Candidus, ut ſoleas, miſereſce Infantie Annis.

This *Funell* I ſuppoſe was one of *Catheral*'s Scholars, and tranſcribed the Regiſter for him.

The RECTORY was appropriated to the Prior of the *Hoſpital* of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem*. and is an Exempt, not viſited by the Archdeacon, and pays neither Synodals, nor Procurations, neither it is taxed, tho' the Church was valued at 55 Marks, with the Church of *Little Carbrook* included, and the Vicarage at 40*s.* but yet the Parochial and Spiritual Juriſdiction over the Pariſhioners, belongs to the Archdeacon, who always inducts the Vicar.

The VICARAGE, was valued at 7*l.* 12*s* 06*d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly value of 10*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths; it pays 3*s.* 4*d.* Synodals, and is in the Archdeaconry of *Norwich*, and Deanry of *Brecles*;

It hath been augmented; the Queens Bounty being procured, by the Rev. Mr. *John Cater* Rector of *Elingham-Parva*, who hath ſetled part of the great Tithes of *Elingham-Magna* upon it for ever, to 20*l.* *per Annum* Value. This Town paid 6*l.* 6*s.* to the Tenths, and is now valued at 919*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Land Tax.

## VICARS.

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| 1332, 6. Id. *Jan.* | *Peter Drury.* Brother. *Leonard de Tybert*, Prior of the Hoſpital of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem* in *England*, |
| 1349, 28 *June*, | *Roger Druene.* the Prior &c. reſigned. |
| 1357, 7 *March.* | *Adam Pope* of *Halebolm*, reſigned |
| 1360, 2 *Dec.* | *Robert* Son of *Geffery Robyn* of *Toftrys.* |
| 1361, 24 *Nov:* | *Robert de Bolton*, reſigned. |
| 1366, 30 *June*, | *John Finch.* |
| 1382, 10 *Nov:* | *John Poyntour*, exchange with *Breccles.* |
| 1393, 1 *May*, | *William Taliour*, change for *Pateſle* Rectory. |
| 1396, 13 *April*, | *Richard Nicol.* |
| 1404, 12 *March*, | *Tho. Belton*, who on *Smith*'s reſignation in |
| 1424, 2 *Dec:* | had a Conſolidation of the two Vicarages, and ſo became Vicar of both the *Carbrooks.* |
| 1453, 26 *April* | *Robert Gorebham*, died Vicar. |
| 1479, 13 *Dec:* | *Robert George.* |

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| 1522, 27 *June*, | *John Emyſon*. Lapſe. |
| 1540, 26 *Feb:* | *John Winter*, the laſt preſented by the Prior. |
| 1564, 26 *Sept:* | Sir *James Robinſon*, Rector of *Ovington*. THOMAS SOUTHWELL, Eſq. buried here *Feb:* 19 1565. |
| 1566, 11 *July*, | *Ambroſe Sympſon*. *Ditto*. reſigned. |
| 1573, 30 *Dec:* | *James Sympſon*. THOMAS Lord PAGET, of *Bodandeſert*. died. |
| 1583, 25 *Sept:* | *William Butterwood*, buried here in 1592. ROBERT SOUTHWELL, Eſq. |
| 1592, 19 *July*, | *Richard Cooper*. JEFFRY GATE, Eſq; for this Turn. deprived. |
| 1595, 21 *Aug:* | *Robert Dixon*. ROBERT SOUTHWELL, Knt. reſigned. |
| 1598, 1 *April*, | *Stephen Bowgeon*. Lady ANNE SOUTHWELL Patroneſs after Sir *Robert*'s Death. |
| 1614, 30 *June*, | *Henry Porter*, preſented by the King as Gaurdian to THO. SOUTHWELL. He was ſuſpended in 1618, but held it 'till 1636, and was the laſt that was ever preſented to the Vicarage, it having been held ever ſince by Sequeſtration. |
| 1636, | *Edward Catherall* was Sequeſtrator and Curate. |
| 1662, | *Edward Bulver*. |
| | The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Godwin*, is now Curate. |

## GREAT-CARBROOK MANOR.

ALFERE a *Saxon* Freeman in the Confeſſor's Time, held the Chief of this, and the other *Cherebroc*, there being in this, at that Time, four Carucates and an half, three of which were his own Demeans, the Wood maintain'd 400 Swine, and he had a Mill, and half the Fiſhery of the River, Part of the Manor laid in *Griſton*, and *Osbert* held it of him; the whole was worth 7*l.* There was a Church and 24 Acres of Glebe worth 2*s.* and this, and *Little-Cherebroc*, were above two Miles long, and as much broad, and paid 15*d.* to the *Gelt.*

H. Wanelunt. (Domſ. fo. 280.) Terre Johannis Nepotis Walerami.

CHEREBROC, tenuit Alfere liber homo T. R. E. iiii Car. & dim. tunc et poſt x Villi: m°. vi. ſemper xviii Bord. xxiii Acr. prati. tunc iii Car. in dominio, poſt et modo iii. ſemper vi Car. hominum. Silva cccc Porc. m° i Mol. dim. piſcar. hic iacent ſemper xxiiii Soc. i Car. terre ad omnem Conſuetudinem. In Greſtuna ten: Osbertus i Bereuita, i Car. terre, que iacet ſemper huic Manerio, & ii Villi: & ii Serv: & ii Acr: prati, tunc i Car. & poſt, et m° i Car. & dim: in dnio: tunc iiii Runcin. & m° x Anim: tunc xx Porc. m° xxx tunc. xl Oves. m° xliiii. m° x vaſa apum. Totum val: vii Lib: i Eccleſia, xxiiii Acr. & val. ii Sol. Totum Cherebroc habet viii quar: in longo, & dim: Leug: & in lato, & xv d. de Gelto. Soca in Saham Regis, Rogerus Bigot commend: tantum.

At the Conqueror's Survey, *John* Nephew of *Waleram* held it, and it paſſed to the Earls of *Clare*, of which Honour it was always held, it contain'd better than half the Town, and almoſt a third Part of *Little-Carbrook*, and the Advowſons of both the Churches belonged to it, and were given with it to the *Preceptory* or *Commandry* in this Town, by *Maud* Counteſs of *Clare*.

## *The* COMMANDRY *or* PRECEPTORY,

Of Knights *Templars*, and Knights *Hoſpitalers*, of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem*, was the only *Commandry* in this County, and was firſt a *Preceptory* of the Knights *Templars*, founded by *Roger* Earl of *Clare*, who died in 1173, [q] and was a great Benefactor to the Order; at their Foundation he built their Houſe for them.

Theſe *Preceptors* were ſo termed, as *Minſheu* and others obſerve, becauſe they were poſſeſſed by the more Eminent ſort of the *Templars*, whom the chief Maſter by his Authority created, by the Name of *Preceptores Templi*, or *Maſters*, for ſo were the Governours of this Houſe often called. This Order had it's firſt Original about 1118, when ſome religious

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[q] Brook ſays 1174.

Knights vowed Chaſtity to the Patriarch of *Jeruſalem*, profeſſing to live after the Manner of the Regular *Canons*, and ſetling by the Conſent of *Baldwin* King of *Jeruſalem*, near our Lords *Temple* there, they thence took the Name [r] of Knights *Templars*, and profeſſed to guard the Pilgrims that went in Pilgrimage to the *Holy Temple*, as much as they could poſſibly; and about nine Years after, their Order was eſtabliſhed, and a white Habit aſſigned them by Pope *Honorius*, with a Croſs Pateé of red Cloth on their Right Shoulder, and from that Time they began to have numerous Gifts conferred upon them, ſo that in a ſhort Time, there was ſcarce any Nation but had them ſetled among them, and in *England*, their chief Houſe was the *Temple* in *London*, on which the ſmaller *Preceptories* were all dependent: In 1182, MAUD Daughter of *James de St. Hillary*, Counteſs of *Clare*, and Widow of [s] *Roger* Earl of *Clare*, their Founder, gave this *Preceptory*, (which was not finiſhed nor fully endowed by her Husband) to the *Knights Hoſpitalers* of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem*, with the Churches of *Great* and *Little-Carbrook*, and the Moiety of the Town, on Condition they paid 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly to the Nuns of *Buckland*, all which was confirmed by *Richard de Clare*, Earl of *Hertford* her Son, and King *John*, in 1199, from which Time ſhe was declared Foundreſs of this Houſe. 'Tis certain the *Templars* were concerned, and had ſome of their Order here, upon the Foundation of Earl *Roger*, [t] for at the Diſſolution of their Order, their Part of the Poſſeſſions of this *Preceptory* was ſeized, but in 1314, was conveyed to the Houſe again, and ſetled on the *Prior* or *Maſter* of the *Commandry* of St. *John Baptiſt* of *Jeruſalem*, and the Knights *Hoſpitalers* reſiding here, [u] they were called *Hoſpitalers*, becauſe they built an *Hoſpital* at *Jeruſalem*, for the Entertainment of all that came from any Part of the World to viſit the *Holy Places*, and did guard and protect ſuch Pilgrims in their Journey; they had alſo the Care of their *Hoſpitals* in all Countries, where Pilgrims were received; to theſe, Pope *Clement* the 5*th* transferred the *Templars*, which by order of the Council held at *Vienna*, he had got ſuppreſſed. The *Hoſpitalers* are now the Knights of St. *John* of *Malta*, where their chief abode is, the Iſland of *Melita* or *Malta* being given them by the Emperor *Charles* V.

The Conſtitution of this Council, was obeyed here in *England*, in *E.* II. time, when an Act paſſed to diſſolve that order, and after that, their whole Poſſeſſions were conferr'd upon the Knights *Hoſpitalers*. The *Atlas* p. 406, gives us an erroneous Account of it's being dedicated to St. *John* the Apoſtle, and that it's Founder was unknown, but as to the reſt, it is right, in telling us that it was inriched with many Farms and Vaſſals, and that all that enjoyed the Privileges of this Order, were allowed to ſet a Croſs upon their Doors, in all places where they dwelt, that they might be known by all others, and he might have added, upon [x] the Lands of all ſuch alſo, for upon this Account, great numbers of ſmall annual Payments, were given to this Houſe, out of Houſes, Lands, and Tenements, all over the County, in order to have the Croſs of the Hoſpital ſet upon them in Token of Exemption; thus I find diverſe Lands in *Weſton-Market* in *Suffolk* and [y] ſeven Acres of Land in *Ferſfield* &c. payed ſmall Rents to the Houſe, by which they enjoyed the extenſive Privileges of the Order, not to pay any Tithes, nor other Dues whatever; but great numbers of People preſuming to do this as a Protection, a Statute was made in *Edward* the I. *Time*, that all that ſet thoſe Croſſes falſly, ſhould forfeit either the Houſe or Land to the Lord of the Fee.

Theſe *Hoſpitalers* at firſt were like all other Orders, in a mean State, and raiſed themſelves by rebelling againſt their Patriarch of *Jeruſalem*, who had firſt encouraged them, and then appealing to *Rome*, which *See*, being deſirous to have that *Patriarch* ſubject to it, engaged with the *Hoſpitalers*, againſt their *Patriarch*, and gave them whatever Privileges they deſired; [z] by Vertue of which, when ever the Biſhops excommunicated any one, the *Hoſpitalers* would receive them, adminiſter the Sacraments to them and bury them in their Church Yards, thus, was any Kingdom, Province, City or Town interdicted, if the *Hoſpitalers* had a Church, that was ſtill open, and the Interdict did not reach it, ſo that then their Offerings and Mortuaries were wonderfully increaſed; thus alſo in all Pariſhes that were given them they took the Church wholly to themſelves, ſerved it by a Chaplain removeable at their pleaſure, and did every thing that way, without taking notice of any Biſhop, 'till the Statute of the Endowment of Vicarages took place, and then the Biſhops, obliged them all to endow, it having been in ſome meaſure levell'd againſt them. In like manner, all Houſes and Lands which they purchaſed, or which were given them, were exempt of all Tithes and other Dues, not only in one, but in all places where they were concerned: their Privileges being ſo great, that they cared neither for the Spirituality nor Laiety: In the Statute of *Magna Charta*, *Chap.* 37. their Privileges are reſerved to them, and you may ſee the right of the Kings Subjects vindicated, from the Uſurpation of their Juriſdiction, by the Statute of *Weſtminſter* 2. 13 *E.* I. and by the Statute of 32 *H.* 8. *Cap.* 24. their Lands and Goods here in *England*, were veſted in the King.

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[r] Fratres Militiæ Templi.

[s] The Monaſticon fo. 546, by Error calls him William. Compare, Dugh. Bar: V. 1. fo. 211. The Monaſticon, Vol. 2. fo. 508, 510, 546.

[t] See fo. 575. of their Diſſolution &c. ſee Philpot's Hiſtory of Kent, p. 148.

[u] Minſheu. Termes of the Law.

[x] Spelman's Icenia fo. 161.

[y] See fo. 43.

[z] Mon. Ang. Vol. 2. fo. 499.

Their Houſe here, was ſometimes called the *Priory* of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem*, but moſt commonly, the *Commandry of Kerbrook*, which word is derived from *con* and *mando*, becauſe the Bretheren always were obliged to eat together in publick, or be in *Commons*, as we now expreſs it, there being vaſt numbers of *Devote's* who had the privilege of boarding in the Houſe, tho' they did not lodge there: every one that took this Order, was obliged to vow to go in Pilgrimage to *Jeruſalem*, either as a Religious *Devote*, or as a *Knight* of the Order, to fight againſt the Infidels, and every [z] *Commandry* was govern'd by ſome Brother of the ſame Houſe, who had been actually Knighted in the Holy Warrs, who was always named by the *Grand* [a] *Prior* of the Order in *England*, unleſs (as ſometimes he did) he gave Licence to the *Commandry* to chooſe their own *Commander* or *Prior*, upon which choice he had the Government and Direction of the Houſe and all the Revenues belonging to it, but could diſpoſe of nothing but to the uſe of the *Grand Priory*, only was allowed every Year, in his Accounts to the *Grand Prior*, a Suſtenance for himſelf, according to his Degree; they are ſometimes called *Croſs bearing Bretheren*, becauſe by the Rules of their Order, they were always obliged to wear a Croſs on their Breaſts, and another on their Shoulders; at their Reception into the Order, every one promiſed to defend it to the utmoſt of their ability and to pay on St. *John Baptiſt* their Patron's Day, ſomething annually to the Fraternity.

In 1256 *Elias* Prior of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem* in *England*, had 20 Acres and a Meſſuage here, given to this *Commandry*, by *Robert le Syrreys* and *Aveline* his Wife, ſetled on him and his Succeſſors.

It was valued at the Diſſolution at 65 *l.* 2 *s.* 9 *d.* *ob.* and in 1543, was granted to Sir *Richard Greſham* Knt. and Sir *Richard Southwell* and their Heirs, by the Name of the *Scite of the Preceptory of Carbrook*, with the Manor and Rectory impropriate, and the Advowſon of the Vicarage thereto belonging, and alſo *Herberd's Grove*, *St. John's Wood*, *Ryſing-Wood*, and a Wood in *Ketyſall Field*, *&c.* Sir *Richard Southwell* changed his Manor of *Eaſt-Walton* with Sir *Richard Greſham*, and having this ſolely his own, he ſetled it with *Woodriſing*, and the main of his Eſtate, on *Thomas Southwell* Eſq. Son to Sir *Robert Southwell* of *Mereworth* in *Kent* his younger Brother, and it hath been ever ſince joined to the Manor of *Woodhall* or *Woodgate* in *Carbrook* with which it now continues.

I find but few Names of the Maſters of this Houſe.

1256 *Elias*, Prior.
1285 *Robert de Hengham* Maſter.
From 1307 to 1315, *Alexander de Micham* Maſter, which ſhows 'twas for Life.
1424 *John Hallegate Preceptor* of the *Commandry*.

There are no Ruins of note remaining of the *Commandry*, its' *Scite* joins to the S. Side of the Church Yard, and there was a Chappel of *St. John Baptiſt*, either cloſe by, or joining to the Houſe, which the Fraternity uſed as their private Chapel.

## WOODHALL *or* WOOD-GATE *alias* LATYMER'S MANOR.

Wanelund H. In Cherebroc tenuit Heroldus T. R. E. iii Car. terre Berewita in Nechetuna. ſemper i Car: in Dominio. tunc i Villan. ſemper xiii Soc. & i Ser. xvi Acr. prati, & ii Car: hom: Silva ccc Porc. tunc i. runcin: & iii Vac. & ix Porc. et eſt in pretio de Neketuna.

Terra Radulfi de Toenio. (Doms. fo. 230.)

Whence we learn, that *Herold*, in the Confeſſor's Time, held this moiety or half of the Town, as a *Berewic* to *Neketon*, with which it was valued; that there were three Carucates of Land, of which one was always Demean, or in the Lord's own Hands, there was one Villain, 13 Socmen, one Servant who had 16 Acres of Meadow allowed him, and two

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[z] Many of theſe Commandries, were called in the Country by the Name of TEMPLES becauſe they formerly belonged to the Templers, as WILBURGHAM-TEMPLE in Cambridgeſhire &c.

[a] A Liſt of them may be ſeen in Dug. Mon, Vol. 2. fo. 501. As alſo the Ceremonies uſed, at the reception of every new Member. The Grand Prior of the Order in England was choſen by the Grand Prior of Jeruſalem.

Men to plough the Land, a Wood that would keep 300 Swine, one Cart Horſe, three Cows and nine Hoggs, the whole of which was given by the Conquerour to,

Ralf de Tony: it afterwards belonged to *Roger le Bigod*, who gave it to *William de Muntchenſi*, and he infeoffed *William de Manerijs*, who was to hold it at one Fee, in the time of *R.* I.

In 1253, *Guy de Butetort* had a Charter for free Warren here, but he had it only for Life or Term of Years, for in 1256 *Walter de Manier* or *Manners* was Lord, and the ſame Year *William de Manerijs* was found to be of Age; and to hold a whole *Knight*'s Fee here, and was not yet Knighted.

It belonged ſome time to *Baldwin de Maniers* who in 1290, had free Warren *&c.* allowed, both by the Earl *Marſhal*, as Lord of the Fee, and the King alſo.

In 1311, this *Baldwyn* ſold it with the Manor of *Fulbourne* in *Cambridgeſhire*, to *Robert de Butetort*, who ſetled them on the ſaid *Baldwyn* for Life, remainder to *John Butetort* and *Maud* his Wife and their Heirs, the ſaid *John* died ſeized of it and *Mendleſham* in *Suff.* 17. *E.* II. and of *Butetort*'s Manors in *Cranworth* and *Kimberle*, and *John* Son of *Thomas Butetort* was his Heir, it was then held of *Maners*, who held it of the Earl of *Arundel.*

In 1327. *Will. Latymer* had it, and

In 1328 Sir *Robert de Morley* Knt. conveyed his Manor of *Carbrook* to *Walter de Hales* Knt. during his Liſe.

In 1345 *Elizabeth Latymer* Widow of *William Latymer* held it of *Hockham* Manor, and *Will. de Latimer* was their Son and Heir, at whoſe death,

*John de Nevill* Lord *Raby*, who married *Eliz.* Daughter of the ſaid *Eliz.* and Siſter and Heireſs of *Will. de Latimer* had it, and was found ſeized in 1388, *Ralf* his Son and Heir being then 24 Years old.

In 1443, it belonged to *George Nevile* Lord *Latimer*, and *Elizabeth* his Wiſe, who died ſeized in 1469, leaving

*Richard Nevile* his Couſin and Heir, who in 1493, was jointly ſeized of it with his [c] Feoffees, for then they leaſed it to *John Nevile*, Eſq; with *Woodhall* Wood, out of which the Leſſee was to have *Hokewood*, and in 1530, the ſaid

John Nevile then Lord *Latimer*, had Livery of it, and he in 1544, ſold it to

Sir Richard Southwell, Knt. at which Time there were 20 Meſſuages, 10 Cottages, 400 Acres of Land, 40 Acres of Meadow, 100 Acres of Wood, 200 of Furrs, and 40*s.* Rent of Aſſize, in *Carbrook*, *Scoulton*, and *Cranworth*, and in 1558,

Sir Richard ſetled them with his Eſtate, on himſelf for Life, and then on

Thomas Southwell, eldeſt Son to Sir *Robert Southwell* his younger Brother, and he enjoyed them, who was Lord of this and the other Manors, Impropriator and Patron, the whole being now join'd as it ſtill continues.

He was a Minor in 1570, and in

1616, the Manors of *Carbrook*, *Woodhall*, which was *Latymers*, and the *Preceptory*, were aliened by Sir *John Steward*, Knt. Lord *Kincleven*, in *Scotland*, to *Clement Corbet* and others, during the Life of *Elizabeth* that Lords Wife. It afterwards came to the Crane's, and

Richard Crane, Eſq; only Brother and Heir of Sir *Francis Crane*, Knt. Chancellor of the Garter, *&c.* ſucceeded in this Eſtate; on the 10 *March* 1642, he was created Baronet, and married *Mary* Daughter of *William* firſt Lord *Widdrington*, he lived at *Riſing*, and died about 1645, his Will bearing Date in that Year, by which he appointed his Manor of *Carbrook* in *Norfolk*, ſhould for ever ſtand bound for the Payment of 200*l. per Ann.* to the Chapel of St. *George* of *Windſor*, to maintain five *poor Knights* there, and by Vertue of a Commiſſion [upon the Statute of the 43 *Elizabeth*] for charitable Uſes, the Manors of *Wooodriſing* and *Weſtfield*, were found charged too, but in the Time of *William Crane*, Eſq; to whom Sir *Richard*'s Eſtate fell, 27 *Jan:* 1659, [d] it was decreed in Chancery, that the Manor of *Carbrook* only, ſhould for ever ſtand charged with 230*l. per Ann.* payable half Yearly, 200*l.* of which, is for the Maintenance of five *poor Knights*, and the 30*l.* a Year, for the repair of their Houſes, the Chancellor of *Windſor* for the Time being, to receive the Money, the 30*l. per Ann.* being added (as I ſuppoſe) at that Time, [e] becauſe the Manors of *Woodriſing*, and *Weſtfield*, were found liable to ſatisfye for building and finiſhing the five Houſes for them.

About 1662, *William Crane* Eſq. and *Mary* his Wife ſetled the Manors of *Carbrook*, the

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[c] John Cardinal, and Archbiſhop of York, Richard Biſhop of Durham &c.

[d] Aſhmole of the Garter, page 165.

[e] Ditto Octav. Edit. Page 103.

*Preceptory* or *Commandry* there, the Impropriate Rectory and Advowſon of the Vicarage, *&c.* on

[f] ROBERT CLAYTON Gent. and others, in whoſe Family it ſtill continues.

Sir WILLIAM CLAYTON, being Lord, Impropriator, and Patron, and hath a *Lete*.

In 1561, WILLIAM BRAMPTON Eſq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, ſold to *Robert Crane* Eſq; and others, a Capital Meſſuage, and 20 Acres of Land in this, and the adjoining Towns, called *Warners*.

Sir JOHN PARROT Knt. had a Grant of the Lands in this Town, which were in the Tenure of *Thomas Walſingham*, and were forfeited by *Dioniſe Topps*, and did belong [g] to his Manor of *Rokele*'s in *Watton*, which he was to hold at the 20*th* Part of a Fee, as of his Manor of *Eaſt-Greenwich*.

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[f] Afterwards Sir Robert Clayton, Knt. Lord Mayor of London, he was Lord in 1686, the Quit-Rents then valued at 22 *l.* 9*s.* 2 *d.* [g] See fo. 588.

# *SCOULTON*

CHURCH is dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*, (tho' I have met with it called *All-Saints*) was taxed at 12 Marks, and paid 14*d.* Peter-Pence, it is now valued in the King's Books at 10*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 48*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation, the Town now contains about 50 Families, paid 2*l.* 10*s.* to the Tenths, and is now laid at 606*l.* to the Tax. It is in the Archdeaconry of *Norf.* and Deanry of *Breccles*.

## RECTORS.

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| 1295, | *Rob: de Bauns.* (See fo. 345.) |
| 1298, | *Ralf de Bauns* or *Bancis.* |
| 1305, 6 Kal. *July*, | *Alexander de Reſham*, Accolite. Sir JOHN DE THORP, Knt. and *Alice* his Wife for this Turn. |
| 1333, 12 Kal: *Jan*: | *William de Mortimer.* Sir CONSTANTINE DE MORTIMER Senior, Knt. he had Licence for non Reſidence. |
| 1337, 20 *Dec*: | Maſter *Adam de Blofeld* Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1349, 16 *July*, | *Thomas Rake*, of *Henyngham.* *Ditto.* |
| 1368, 23 *April*, | *John atte Wend*, of *Elingham.* Sir ROB: DE MORTIMER, Knt. He had *Ridlington.* |
| 1377, | *William atte Wende*, Rector. |
| 1381, 26 *Dec*: | *John Howeſſon.* *Ditto.* |
| 1387, | *Simon* Rector here. (See fo. 364, 5.) |
| 1414, 10 *Sept*: | *Stephen Noble* Prieſt. Sir JOHN FITZ-RALF, Knt. |
| | Sir *Conſtantine Fitz-Ralf*, Rector. |
| 1418, 4 *Feb*: | Sir *Roger Philpot*, of *Penteneye* Prieſt, on *Fitz-Rauf*'s Reſignation, in exchange for the Vicarage of *Wigenhall* St. *Mary* the V. JOHN FITZ RAUF Eſq. |
| 1424, 10 *May* | *Will. Elyngton* Prieſt. on *Philpot*'s reſignation, in exchange for *Coggeſhall* Vicarage in *London* Dioceſs. *Ditto.* |
| 1433, 20 *June*, | *Thomas Welde* Prieſt. *Ditto.* |
| 1449 2 *Nov*: | Sir *Robert Waſſeleyn* Prieſt. Sir ROBERT CONIERS Knt. |
| 1452, 30 *Sept*: | Sir *John Hert* Prieſt, on *Waſſelyn*'s Reſignation. Sir ROB. CONIERS Knt. and MAUD his Wife. |
| | Sir *Robert Selot* Rector. |
| 1464, 30 *April*, | Sir *James Berry* Prieſt. JOHN CONYERS Eſq. |
| | *Peter Newman* reſigned. |

1522, 14 *Sept:* Sir *Cuthbert Howys* Chaplain. Ela Lovell, Widow.
1530, 20 *May,* *Andrew Browne*, reſigned. Rob. Horner, and Will. Hert, who recovered this Turn, by *Quare Impedit*, againſt *Anthony Gurney* Eſq; and *Will. Bolleyn* Clerk, *Ela Lovell* Widow being true Patroneſs, having made a Grant of it.
1560, 3 *Aug:* *Thomas Biſhop* Prieſt. Sir Rich. Southwell, Knt.
1579, 24 *Feb:* *John Kirby*, or *Kirkeby*. A. M. The Queen. Lapſe.
1612, 13 *Jan:* *Thomas Lammas*, A. M. John Mathew, Clerk, this Turn.
1624, 17 *Nov:* *Matthew Brownrigge*. Nich. Easton, this Turn.
1632, 11 May, *Edw. Bulwer*, A. M. on *Brownrigge*'s Reſignation.
1678, 16 *Oct:* *Charles Seppens*, A. M. Edw. Bedell, Eſq.
1691, 18 *Nov:* *John Watſon*, on *Seppens*'s Death. Isabell Relict of *Edw. Bedell*, Eſq. united to *Hingham*.
1730, 2 *Oct:* The Rev. Mr. *Edward Chamberlayn* Clerk, on *Watſon*'s Death. Patrick St. Clair, Clerk, this Turn. He is the preſent Rector, and holds it united to *Creſſingham-Magna*, the Patronage being in the Heirs of *George Bedell*, Eſq.

The *CHURCH* is a ſmall building, it's Nave being thatched, the two Iſles and S. Porch are leaded, there is a low Steeple, ſquare at Bottom, and octangular at Top, in which are three Bells; at the Upper-End of each of the Iſles, there was a Chapel and an Altar in each, in the South Chapel Windows are the Arms of *Calthorp*, and *Mortimer*, in the North, *Arg.* 3 Ineſcutcheons *Or.* on each a Lyon ramp. and the Arms of *Mortimer* of *Atleburgh*, are in many Places of the Nave and Chancel. Againſt the Weſt-End of the Church-Wall, there is a Monument, on the North Part of it, thus inſcribed.

> Near this Place lieth the Body of Elizabeth the belov'd Wife of John Daye of Scoulton Gent. who departed this Life Sept. 20th Anno Dom: 1734, Ætatis ſuæ 44. She was of a moſt meek Temper, and candid Diſpoſition, endued with the moſt endearing Qualitys, being pious towards God, charitable towards her Neighbours, an affectionate Wife, a loving and tender Mother.
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> Diſce ab Exemplo.
> Et memento te breviter ſecuturum.
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> 5 of her Children lie by her { 2 Sons, 3 Daughters.

And over her Graveſtone under the Monument is a Black Marble, with this.

> Sub hoc Saxo Mortales Exuviæ Eliſabethæ Conjugis Chariſſimæ Johannis Daye de Scoulton Genr: depoſitæ ſunt, obijt Viceſimo die Septembris, Anno Dom: 1734. Æt: Suæ 44.
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> Ubi eſt tuus, O Mors, Stimulus?
> Ubi tua, O Orce, Victoria?

Daye, *Or.* on a Chief indented *Az.* 2 Mullets of the Field.
Crest, on a Torce *O.* & *Az.* a Pair of Wings Proper.

On the Screens are theſe Arms.

Bendy of 8, *G.* and *Ar.* *Arg.* 3 Croſlets Fitchee *Sab.* *Ar.* 3 Creſcents *S.* *Ar.* 4 Chevrons *Gul.*

The Inſtruments of the Paſſion in different Shields, as the Hammer, Scourge, Crown of Thorns, the Spear and Spunge, the Heart pierced, the Nails, the five Wounds, and the Croſs, and the Name of Jeſus.

*Sab.* 3 Creſcents *Arg.* *Erm.* a Bend *Sab.* *Arg.* a Croſlet Floree *Gul.* quarterly *G.* & *Arg.* *Arg.* 3 Annulets *G.* *Arg.* an Eagle diſplaied *Vert.* *Arg.* a De-lis *Gul.* *Arg.* 3 Croſlets Patee *Gul.* *Gul.* 3 Cinqueſoils *Arg.*

*Arg.* 3 Cinqueſoils *Gul.*

In a North Chancel Window. Quarterly *Or*, and *Gul.* a Bendlet *Sab.*

There is a fine diſrobed Marble, which hath loſt it's Inſcription Arms and Effigies, it is the Graveſtone of *John Fitz Rauf* Eſqr. who was Lord and Patron, and was buried here in *July* 1440. Lady *Alice* his Daughter, was then a Nun at *Thetford*, his Siſter *Maud* was a Nun at *Bruſyerd*, Sir *Tho. Fitz Rauff* his Brother, Sir *Tho. Tudenham* Knight, *Rob. Mortimer* Eſq. *Will. Warner* of *Tomſon* Eſq. and *John Holderneſs*, were his Feofees and Executors; *Julian* his Wife was buried by him in 1446, *Rob. Hotot* her Son and *Maud Coniers* her Daughter, are mentioned in her Will.

## Scoulton, Mortimers, Old-Lands *or* Ollands.

The Advowſon at firſt belonged to *Burdeloſs*'s Manor, 'till 1257. and then *Robert de Mortimer* purchaſed it of *Jeffry de Burdeleys*, and ever ſince, it hath belonged to *Roger Fitz-Renard*, and came to the *Mortimers* and paſſed in that Family along with *Atleburgh*, as you may ſee at fo. 343.

Wanelund H. (fo. 282. Doms.) Terre Rogerij Filij Renardi.

SCULETUNA. ii Car. terre tenuit i lib. homo. T. R. E. tunc et poſt v Villani, m° vi. tunc eſt poſt i Boꝛd. modo iii. tunc ⁊ poſt ii Serv. m° i. xvi Acꝛ prati, ſemper ii Caꝛ: in dnio: tunc ii Caꝛ. et dim: homin: m° ii. Silv. iii Poꝛc. tunc x anim: tnnc xxx Poꝛc. m° xv. tunc lxv Ov. modo xviii. ⁊ iiii Soc. xii Caꝛ. terre. ⁊ val: xl Sol.

In the 6th. of King *John*, there was a Writ to the Sheriff to deliver ſeizin of this Manor to *Robt. de Mortimer*, whom King *Richard* his Father had diſſeized againſt his will, and given it to *Will. Mortimer*. It was held at half a Fee of the Earl *Warren*, And in 1223 *John* Earl *Warren* totally releaſed the Manor to *Will. de Mortimer*: In 1259 *Rob. de Mortimer* was impleaded for two Carucates of Land here, which were *Will. de Mortimer*'s, who was of the King of *France*'s ſide, when *Normandy* was loſt, but the Jury found, he was not then ſeized. This Manor had Free-Warren, Aſſiſe of Bread and Beer, a Manor Houſe; Wind-Mill and Fiſhery, and was worth 11 *l.* 7 *s. per An.* in 1282.

In 1315 *John de Thorp* was Lord, in right of *Alice Mortimer* his Wife, who was Mother of *Conſtantine de Mortimer*, which *Conſtantine* had Licence to embattle his Manor-Houſe here in 1319.

In 1402 on the diviſion of the *Mortimers* Eſtate, as you may ſee at fo. 347. this Manor fell to the Share of Sir *John Fitz Ralf* Knt. in right of his Wife, and from that time it went with *Elingham-Hall* Manor, as you may ſee at fo. 328, 'till 1540, and then 'twas ſold by *Anthony Gurnay* Eſq. to Sir *Richard Southwell* and *Thomaſine* his Wife and their Heirs, with the Advowſon of *Trinity* Church here, and Sir *Edward Chamberlain* releaſed his Right in it. It extended then into *Riſing*, *Cranworth*, *Hingham*, *Carbrook*, and *Little-Elingham*; it went from the *Southwells* with *Carbrook*, to the *Crane*'s and was ſold by that Family to the *Bedell*'s, and *Edward Bedell* Eſq. was Lord, and in 1691, *Iſabell* his Relict preſented; it now belongs to the Heirs of *George Bedell* Eſq.

The Fines are at the Lord's Will, and the eldeſt Son is Heir.

## Burdeloss *and* Newlands.

H. Wanelunt. Terre Berneri Arbaliſtarij. (Doms. fo. 284.)

In SCULETUNA tenuit i Libeꝛ homo ſub Heroldo, T. R. E. iii Caꝛ: terre, tunc et poſt vi Villani, m° v. ſemper v Boꝛ. xxvii Acꝛ: prati, ⁊ ii Caꝛ: terre tunc in dnio: ſemper i Caꝛ. hom: Silva ccc Poꝛc. ſemper ii runc: ⁊ iiii An: modo x. ⁊ xxiiii Poꝛc. m° x. ⁊ xv Ov: m° cx. ⁊ ſemper xxx Capr: ſemp: val: l Sol. Totum habet i Leug. ⁊ dim: in longo, ⁊ i Leug. in lato. quicunque ibi teneat. ⁊ de Gelto xv d. Hoc eſt de Maneriis Radulfi. ⁂

This Manor belonged to *Harold* in the Confeſſor's Time, of whom a Freeman held it, it had then three Carucates, two of which were Demean, there was Wood for the Shackage of 300 Swine, the whole Manor was worth 50 *s.* and the whole Town was about three Miles long and two broad and raiſed 15 *d.* towards the *Gelt*. It was given to Earl *Ralf*, by the Conqueror and on his Forfeiture, to *Berner* (*the Archer.*)

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⁂ In SCULETUNA. vi Libi: hoes: xxx Ac. terre. tunc i Car. modo i Car. & dim. This was Part of Little-Elingham Manor, that extended hither. (Doms. fo. 90.)

It belonged to the *Picot's* and at the death of *Euſtace Picot* fell to the Share of his Daughter *Lauretta*, who carried it to *Hugh de Burdeleys* her Husband, who died about 30 *Hen.* 2. and ſhe ſurvived him ſome time, and at her death it went to *William de Burdeleys* her Son and Heir, he bare for his Arms, *Erm.* on a cheif *Gul.* a Lyon paſſant *Or*, and held this Manor, by *Grand Serjeantry* namely, of being the Kings chief *Lardiner*, *Larderer* or *Larder*, *William de Burdeleys*, his Son ſucceded, and after him *Hugh de Burdeleys*, in 1245, when it contained a whole Carucate in Demean, he had it of his Brother *Williams*'s Gift in 1232, by a Record in 1236 it appears that *Jeffery de Burdeleys* an elder Brother of the firſt *William* had it ſome time, but he died without Iſſue, and ſo it came to *William*. In 1251 *Jeffry* Brother of *Hugh* paid his Releif, and the Year following had Livery of this and a Manor in *Madingle* in *Cambridgeſhire &c.* and had Free Warren allowed him in all his Lands. In 1256 'twas found upon a *Quo Warranto* that he held it by the *Serjeantry* of keeping the Kings *Larder*, on the Day of his Coronation, and another Record ſays, when he would, (*Ubi Voluerit.*) he died in 1263, and 'twas found that King *Henry* had granted him a Charter of Free-Warren in his Manors of *Scoulton* in *Norff. Sacheſden* and *Bereford* in *Bedfordſhire*, *Cumberton* and *Madingle* in *Cambridgeſhire*, and that it had been allowed in *Eire*, and that Sir *John de Burdeloys* Knt. was his Heir, and had Aſſiſe of Bread and Beer, Weyf and Trebuchet: He married *Margaret* Daughter of *John de Creke*, who ſurvived him, and at her Death it went to *Jeffery de Burdeleys* their Son and Heir, whoſe Son *John Burdeleys* and *Maud* his Wiſe held the Manor In 1333 'twas found that *Margaret* Widow of *John de Burdeleys* held it by the Service of coming to the King's *Larder* on the Coronation Day with a Knife in her Hand, to ſerve the *Larderer*'s Office. *John* Son and Heir of this *John de Burdeleys* died a Minor in the Kings Cuſtody *Aug.* 9 1346. And in 1347 his Eſtate was divided between *Thomas Marſhall* who married *Elizabeth*, and *Gilbert de Camera* or *de la Chamber* of *Epping* in *Eſſex*, who married *Joan*, the Siſters and Heireſſes of the ſaid *John*, and upon the Extent then made, the Quit-Rents appear to be 35 *s. per An.* this was allotted to *Joan*, and upon her Siſter *Elizabeths* death without Iſſue, it appears ſhe alſo inherited her part except what ſhe had aliened ſince the Partition, and that ſhe was at that time married to *John Fitz John*, otherwiſe called *John de Middleton*, her firſt Husband being dead, ſhe died about 1374 for in that Year, *Edmund de la Chambre* her eldeſt Son by her firſt Husband inherited: all the preceeding Lords conſtantly ſerved the Office of *Lardiner*, there was 20 *s.* Rent, part of this Manor lying in *Thompſon*. *Edmund de la Chambre* Lord here [*e*] ſerved the Office at the Coronation of *Hen.* 4. without contradiction, no one having ever claimed it, beſides the Lords of this Manor. He died in 1410, and *John* was his Son and Heir, who died in 1447, his Feofees being obliged to releaſe this Manor to *George Chambers* his Son and Heir, when he came of Age, who joined with *Mary* his Wiſe and ſold it to *Hugh Fenne* who died ſeized in 1476. it after came to *George Nevile* Lord *Abergavenny*, who died 14th of *June* 37 *Hen.* VIII. and left it with *Sutton-Inſoken*, *Out-Soken*, and *Burgh*, to *Henry Nevile* Lord *Abergavenny* his Son and Heir, and it continued in the Family, for in 1696 the Lord *Abergavenny* had it, and it had been farmed by the *D'eye*'s of *Scoulton* a long time: at the Coronation of *James* II. *George Nevile* Lord *Bergavenny*, laid claim to the Office of *Larderer*, in which the Lord *Maynard* claimed a Turn, but the Lord *Abergavenny* ſerved it; the Lord *Maynard* ſerved at the Coronation of *Charles* II. and of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and the Lord *Abergavenny* claimed it at Queen *Annes*.

The *D'eyes* or *Days* of *Scoulton* are an ancient Family, *Thomas D'eye* of *Scoulton* married *Maud* Daughter and Heir of *Rob. Downing* of *Scoulton*, and had *Robert*, who married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Rob. Futter* of *Thomſon*, and died *Jan.* 1626, leaving *Thomas Deye* their ſecond Son but Heir, who married *Bridget* Daughter of *James Methwold* of *Langford* Gent. and died in 1658, leaving *Thomas Deye* his ſecond Son but Heir, who married *Barbara* Daughter of *Philip Calthorp* of *Greſſenhall* Eſq. he died 1671, leaving *Rob. Day* Councellor at Law and Juſtice of the Peace, his Son and Heir, who married *Sarah* ſole Daughter and Heir of *William Melſop* of *Weſt-Dereham* Gent. who is now his Widow, and lives at *Scoulton*, being Lady of the Manor of *Newlands* as it is now called, which Name don't ſo much as occurr before 1540, the Cuſtom of which Manor is, that the eldeſt Son is Heir, the *Fine* being certain at 2 *s. per* Acre.

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[*e*] Holinſhed's Cron. Vol. 2. fo. 510.

# ASHILL.

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AYSELE, ASSCHELEE, the *Aſhy Leas*, or the *Hill* of *Aſhes*, in Latin *Fraxinorum Collis.*

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, and at the Time of *Norwich Domeſday*, here was both Rector and Vicar, the latter at the Preſentation of the former, whoſe Rectory was then a Sine-Cure, but before 1300, the Rector ceaſed preſenting, and took the whole Cure, and ſo made it an abſolute Rectory, and as ſuch it continues to this Day, tho' the old Valuations always valued them ſeparately long after the Union, *viz.* the Rectory at 20 Marks, and the Vicarage at 7 Marks, the Portion of the Prior of *Thetford*, 20*s.* Peter-Pence 22*d.* There is a Houſe and 40 Acres of Glebe, 'tis valued in the King's Books at 19*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* *ob:* and pays Firſt-Fruits and 1*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* *q.* Tenths.

In 1458, 17 *May*, *Jeffry Coo*, was buried before the Altar of St. *John Baptiſt*, and ordered his Executor to make a new Window by that Altar, in 1507, *Richard Coo* was buried by him, and had a black Marble laid over him. He gave Legacies to all the Gilds here, *viz.* St. *John Baptiſt*'s, St. *Nicholas*'s, and *Trinity* Gilds, to the Torches and Common Light, 6*s.* 8*d.* and 5*l.* Wax to our *Lady* of *Pite*'s Light, 20*d.* to the young Men's Light, to the Bleſſed Rood 3*l.* Wax, to St. *Nicholas*'s Light 2*l.* Wax, and made his Maſter Sir *Robert Lovell* Knt. Superviſor.

## RECTORS.

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| 7 *R.* I, | *Thomas de Watton.* | |
| 1301, 11 Kal: *Aug:* | *Thomas de Haverhill*, Clerk. Sir JOHN BEAUCHAMP, Knt. | |
| 1317, 4 Non: *March*, | *Alan de Rochale.* Sir JOHN DE HASTYNGS Knt. Lord of *Bergaveni.* | |
| 1335, 1 *Sept:* | *William de Horbury.* The King, as Guardian to the Heir of *John de Haſtyngs* Earl of *Pembrook.* | |
| 1386, 10 *July*, | *Roger de Ceſtrefeld.* *Ditto.* Exchange for *Ipelpen*, *Exeter* Dioc. | |
| 1391, 30 *April*, | *Simon Gaunſtede.* *Ditto.* | |
| 1391, 4 *Feb:* | *Nicholas Lod.* | Sir REGINALD DE GREY of *Ruthyn*, Knt. Lord of *Weysford.* |
| 1394, 26 *May*, | *Roger Grey.* | |
| 1394, 23 *Dec:* | *John de Thornburgh.* | |
| 1398, 20 *March*, | *Robert Parys.* | |
| 1401, 24 *Oct:* | *Thomas Goſten*, reſigned. | |
| 1439, 28 *Oct:* | *Gabriel Langford*, died. | |
| 1447, 15 *Feb:* | Brother *Tho. Joys*, a Frier Minor. Sir EDMUND DE GREY, Lord of *Haſtyngs*, *Weysford*, and *Ruthyn.* | |
| 1463, 20 *May*, | Brother *John Evesby*, Abbot of *Woburn*, of the *Ciſtercian* Order in *Lincoln* Dioc: who held it in *Commendam.* he reſigned. | |
| 1481, 3 *Oct:* | Mr. *Thomas Shenkwyn*, Licenc: in Legib. EDMUND GREY, Earl of *Kent.* he reſigned. | |
| 1494, 18 *April*, | Mr. *Robert Beckenſaw.* | GEORGE Earl of *Kent.* |
| 1495, 14 *May*, | Mr. *Whitamore*, LL. B. reſigned. | |
| 1496, 30 *Nov:* | *Walter Prior.* | |
| | Mr. *Humfry Gaſcoyne.* | |
| 1501, 4 *Feb:* | *Richard Ward.* | |
| 1524, 22 *June*, | *Roger Weld.* HENRY WYAT, Knt. on Account of the Manor of *Uphall* in *Aſhill*, by recovery againſt the Earl of *Kent.* | |
| 1530, 8 *Jan:* | *Will: Coven.* *Ditto.* | |
| | *Ralf Cook.* *Ditto.* | |
| 1534, 28 *March*, | *Robert Jeckler:* *Ditto.* He died Rector. | |
| 1560, 18 *Sep:* | *John Underwood.* JOHN JAMES, this Turn. | |
| 1583, 5 *May*, | *William Stone*, S. T. B. The Crown by Lapſe. | |

*George Gardiner*. He was Dean of *Norwich*.
1586, 13 *Oct*: *Edmund Suckling*. ROBERT SUCKLING.
1587, 10 *June*, *Robert Frances*. THOMAS FRANCES.
1602, 13 *Sept*: *Richard Betts*. The King, on Account of the Minority of *Henry Bedingfield*, Eſq.
1621, 6 *Sept*: Mr *Richard Huxley*, A. M. Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD, Knt.
1676, *Hillary Baily*.
1687, 26 *July*, *John Kidd*, A. M. on *Baily*'s Death. JOHN KIDD, Eſq; this Turn.
1729, 26 *Sep*: *Hugh Parnell*, on *Kidd*'s Death. HYDE PARNELL, Gent. his Father.
1737, 2 *July*, The Rev. Mr. *Robert Cremer*, A. M. on *Parnell*'s Reſignation. HIDE PARNELL, Gent. the preſent Patron. United to *Wymondham* Vicarage.

In 1513, *Thomas Inglis*, was buried in this Church, which conſiſts of a Nave and South Iſle, both leaded, a South Porch which is thatched, as is the Chancel, it hath a ſquare Tower and ſix Bells. In 1668, *Elizabeth Cotton* Widow, was buried in the Church, and in 1652, *Martha* Daughter of *Anthony Cotton* Eſq.

1688, 12 *Aug*: 2 Acres of Free-hold Land called the *Remnant*, were purchaſed by the Town, and ſetled on Truſtees for the Uſe of the Poor.

1644, 31 *March*, eighty nine of the Principal Inhabitants of this Town, according to the Order of the Lords and Commons, dated 2 *Feb*: 1643, all ſubſcribed the League and Covenant, under the Rector, who ſubſcribed in theſe Words.

*Juravit Richardus Huxley Rector, quatenus concordat cum Verbo Dei.*

*Anthony Cotton* Junior, *Anthony Cotton* Senior, &c.

*On a Black Marble at the Altar.*

Spe beatæ Reſurrectionis, hic depoſitæ ſunt Mortalitatis Reliquiæ, Reverendi JOHANNIS KIDD, (JOHANNIS KIDD nuper de LYN-REGIS in hoc Comitatu Armigeri, Filij unici, et) hujus Parochiæ per Annos 40$^{ta.}$ Paſtoris vigilantiſſimi, tandem poſt longum adverſæ Valetudinis Examen, invictæque Patientiæ Probationem, placide in Chriſto obdormivit 16° die Junij An: Dom: 1729, Ætatiſq; Suæ 75°. Apud Dextram jacet MARTHA, propter ſingulas tum Animi, tum Corporis Dotes, quibus prædita fuit, Uxor ejus dilecta, amatuq; digniſſima, quæ varijs Morbis cruciata, hanc Vitam pro meliore mutavit 30° die Auguſti 1719, Ætatiſq; ſuæ 66°. Apud Siniſtram, THOMAS, prædictorum Filius natû minimus, qui Febre percuſſus, expiravit, 12° die Auguſti 1727, Ætatiſq; ſuæ 34°. In Parentum chariſſimorum Memoriam, hoc Saxum mœſti poſuerunt Liberi.

The Arms are, a Feſs between 3 Lozenges, impaling 4 Ineſcutcheons.

*On a White Marble Monument againſt the North Chancel Wall.*

COTTON. *Az.* an Eagle diſplaied *Arg.* quartering 1 *A.* 3 Martlets *G.* 2 *B.* 2 Feſſes *A.* 3 *Arg.* a Feſs *G.* a Label of 3 *Az.* impaling WRIGHT.

Near this Place lies interr'd the Body of JOHN COTTON Eſq; (Son and Heir of ANTHONY, only Son of THOMAS COTTON, late of *Panfield-Hall* in Com: *Eſſex* Eſq; the Heir male in a lineal Deſcent of the COTTON's of *Hamſtall-Ridware*, originally of COTTON under *Nedwood* in *Staffordſhire*) who married ANNE Daughter of JERMYN WRIGHT, (late of *Kilverſton* in this County Eſq;) by whom he had Iſſue, Robert, John, Anthony, Thomas, George, (which two laſt died Infants) Jermyn, Charles, Anne, and Alice; he died 21ſt Dec. 1696, Ætat: 55°. ROBERT the eldeſt Son died un-married, 25 Aug: 1599, Ætat: 30, and lies alſo interr'd near this Place, at whoſe Deſire this Monument is erected, in Memory of his Father.

On a Beam of the Roof, *G. Cotton*, *R. Wiborow*, 1618, It being then roofed.
*Arg.* a Croſs in a Bordure *S.* on the Font.
*Beauchamp*'s Arms in a South Iſle Window.
A Braſs Shield of a Bend on a diſrobed Stone in the Church.

**In the Church-Yard on an Altar Tomb by the Porch, much defaced,**

**Here lieth the Body of Mrs. Margaret Jackler 39 Yeares the Wife of Thomas Jackler Clarke, by whom ſhe had 6 Sons and 4 Daughters, ſhe dyed 28 of Jan: 1626, in the 67th Yeare of her Age, and third of her Widowhood, unto whoſe Memory, her youngeſt Child John Jackler, erected and dedicated this Stone, the Monument of his Love and Duty, the 17th Day of April A°. Dni: 1632.**

## ASHILL *or* UPHALL MANOR,

In *Aſhill*, was the Capital Manor, to which the Advowſon always belonged, 'till 'twas ſold by Mr. *Eyre*, to *Hyde Parnell* Gent. the preſent patron.

In the Time of the Confeſſor, *Aluric* a Thain of *Harold*'s, was owner of it, when it contained two Carucates, one of which was in his own Hands, and the other in his Tenants, there was Wood with Maſt for 120 Swine, and the whole was worth 50*s.* he had alſo ſix Freemen that held half a Carucate worth 10*s.* and at the Conqueſt the whole came into the Conqueror's Hands, who gave it in exchange to *Ralf* Earl of *Norfolk*, upon whoſe Forfeiture it was given to *Berner the Archer*, who had it at the Survey.

Terre Berneri Arbalaſtarij. H. Wanelund. (Domſ. fo. 285.)

ASSCELEA tenuit ALURICUS Tegnus Heroldi T. R. E. ii Car: terre. tunc x Vill: poſt ⁊ m° vii. ſemper. xi bor: xiii Acr: prati. tunc i Car: in dnio: poſt ⁊ m° ii. tunc v Car. hominum poſt iii. m° ii. Silva cxx Porc, ⁊ i piſc. m° i Anim: tunc v Porc. m° viii. ⁊ xxiii Capr. ⁊ lx Oves, m° lxvii. ſemper val. l Sol. In eadem vi liberi homines dim: car: terre ⁊ vii Acr: terre, tunc iii Car. poſt ⁊ modo ii Acr: prati, ⁊ val: x Sol. hoc eſt pro Eſcangio ⁊ fuit de Maneriis Radi: Comitis.

WILLIAM DE HASTYNGS was Steward to King *Henry* I. by Vertue of the Serjeantry of his Manor of *Aſhele*, the Service being to take Charge of the *Nappery*, *viz.* the Table-Cloths and Linnen, at the Kings Coronations. Of this *William* and his Deſcent, you may ſee at fo. 111, it paſſing along with the Manor of *Giſſing*, called HASTYNGS's, 'till that went to a younger Son of *William de Haſtyng*'s, and this to *Henry* his eldeſt Son, who married *Ada* Daughter of *David* Earl of *Huntingdon*, which *Henry*, died in 1249.

In *Henry* II. Time, it is ſaid that *Henry de Haſtyngs* held this Manor by Serjeantry, namely, of being the King's *Steward*, and that it was worth 5*l. per Ann.* and in 1194, he being dead without Iſſue, *William de Haſtyngs* gave 100 Marks to King *Richard* I. to have his deceaſed Brother's Serjeantry.

In the Account of the Coronation of *Eleanor*, Wife of King *H.* III. who was crowned at *Weſtminſter*, on *Sunday* before the *Purification* of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, in the 20*th* Year of his Reign, it is ſaid that *Henry de Haſtyngs*, whoſe Office it was to ſerve the Linnen, from ancient Time, ſerved in the *Nappery* that Day, but *Thurſtan* the *Steward*, challenged that Office from him, affirming he had it of old, but the King adjudged it for *Henry*, who after Dinner, took the Table Cloths, Napkins, and other Linnen, as his Fee, belonging to his Office.

In 1249, [*g*] *Henry*, Son and Heir of *Henry* held it, as the King's *Paneter* or *Pantler*, and 'twas worth 10*l. per Ann.* he married *Joan* Daughter and Heir of *William de Cantilupe*, in whoſe Right he became Lord *Abergavenny*, and was one of the Competitors for the Crown of *Scotland*, in *E.* II. Time.

Sir JOHN DE HASTYNGS Knt. his Son and Heir, was born at this Town in 1262, and executed his Office at the Coronation of *Edward* II. he married, firſt, *Iſabell*, Daughter of *William*, Siſter and Co-heir of *Aymer de Valence*, Earl of *Pembrook*, by whom he had Iſſue, ſecondly, *Iſabell*, Daughter of *Hugh le Diſpencer*, Earl of *Wincheſter*, by whom he had Sir *Hugh Haſtyngs*, Knt. from whom the *Haſtyngs*'s of *Elſing* are deſcended.

In 1286, this JOHN. proſecuted *Will. de Blundevill* the *Subeſcheator* of *Norfolk*, for ſeizing this Manor at his Father's Death, into the Kings Hands, and cutting down 100 Aſhes then worth 3*l.* and for taking Fiſh out of his Pond to half a Mark Value, and he was forced to anſwer the Damage, and this Year he proſecuted *John le Waleys*, for 4 Meſſuages, and 40 Acres of Land, *&c.* in *Tibenham* and *Carleton*, and recovered them to this Manor, by

[g] See Holingſhed fo. 467. &c. 510

proving, that his Father had only leaſed them for a Term, which was now expired, *Thomas de Haſtyngs* Rector of *Quidenham*, and *Henry de Haſtyngs* Rector of *Oxburgh*, ſeem to be Brothers to this *John*, who died in 1313, leaving

JOHN DE HASTYNGS, his Son and Heir of full Age, then married to *Julian* Daughter and Heireſs of *Thomas de Leibourn*, who held it after her Husband's Death in 1315, to her Death in 1366, ſhe being re-married to *William de Clinton* Earl of *Huntingdon*, *Laurence Haſtyngs* Earl of *Pembrook* her Son, being dead, it deſcended to

JOHN HASTYNGS Earl of *Pembrook* her Grandſon, and from that Time paſſed with the Manor of *Winfarthing*, as you may ſee at fo. 123, 4, 5.

In 1399, REGINALD Lord GREY of *Ruthyn*, exerciſed the Office of the *Nappery*, and had all the Table Cloths allowed him for his Fees, as well in the Hall as elſewhere: In the great Cauſe in *H*. IV. Time, between *Grey* and *Haſtyngs*, in the Court of Chivalry, it appeared that *John Haſtyngs* Earl of *Pembrook*, Son of *Laurence*, ſetled moſt of his Manors and Lands on Feoffees, but excepted this, and *Totenham* in *Middleſex*, and by his Will in-rolled in Chancery, gave them to *William de Beauchamp* his Couſin, for want of Iſſue of his Body, being angry with his Heir at Law, *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, for hunting in his Chace of *Tertly* in *Northamptonſhire*. [b] In 8 *H*. V. *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, ſerved the *Nappery*, at the Coronation of *Catherine* Queen of *England*, Wife to *H*. V.

In 1512, RICHARD Earl of *Kent*, ſold this Manor to

Sir HENRY WYAT of *Kent*, who died ſeized in 1536, and

THOMAS his Son and Heir had Livery of it, he left it to

THOMAS WYAT of *Boxley-Abby* his Son, who forfeited it to the Crown,

And in the ſecond and third of *P*. and *M*. it was granted to

HENRY BEDINGFIELD Eſq; with the united Manors of *Gaynes*, *Collards*, and *Monnock's*, in exchange for the Manors of *Wold-Newton*, and *Baynton* in *Yorkſhire*, from which Time it continued in that Family, (of which I ſhall treat at large under *Oxburgh*) 'till

Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD Bart. ſold the Manor and Advowſon to

JOHN EYRE of *Holme-Hale* Eſq; who ſold the Manor to

Sir FRANCIS ANDREWS the preſent Lord, having ſeparated the Advowſon from it, as is aforeſaid.

At the Coronation of King *James* II. Sir *Henry Bedingfield* Knt. as Lord here, claimed to perform the Office of the *Nappery*, and to have all the Table Linnen when taken away, but it was not allowed, this Manor having no Pretence now to this Claim, becauſe when 'twas granted by the Crown to his Anceſtors, the Tenure was alter'd, it being held from that Time by *Knights Service*, and ſo the *Grand Serjeantry* extinguiſhed in the Crown.

## COLLARD'S, GAYNES, *and* MONOCK'S, *in* ASHILL.

In 1282, *William de Saham* bought of *Nicholas*, Son of *Nicholas de Stradſete*, Lands, Rents, *&c.* in *Aſhill*. In 1393, *John Braytoft* and *Margery* his Wife, ſold to *John Paynter* and others, *Collardy*'s Manor in *Aſhill*. In 1526, *William Coe* and *Etheldred* his Wife, ſold it to *Thomas Jermain*. In 1547, the Queen granted the united Manors of *Uphall*, *Collard's*, *Gaynes*, and *Monox*, which were forfeited by Sir *Henry Wyat* Knt. to *Henry Bedingfield* Eſq; to be held by Knights Service, by the third Part of a Fee, and they have been eſteemed as one Manor ever ſince.

## PANWORTH-HALL MANOR.

***Pennewrde*** or ***Panworth***, was a Town in the Confeſſor's Time, owned by *Harold*, afterwards King of *England*, it contained a Carucate and half, and was worth 40*s*. had Wood for a 100 Swine, *&c.* another Part of the Manor laid in *Aſhill*, and was in the *Soke* of the King's Manor of *Saham*, and that had Wood alſo for 100 Swine, and was worth 30*s*. *per Ann.* the whole was better then a Mile long, and as much broad, and paid 15*d*. *Gelt*, 'twas given by the Conqueror to *Rainald Fitz-Ivo*, who owned it at the Survey.

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[b] Fabians Cron. fo. 401.

Terre Rainaldi Filij Ivonis. (Domſ. fo. 223.)

H. Wanelund. PENNEWRDE ten: Heroldus T. R. E. i Car. & dim: m° tenet idem, tunc & poſt vi Vill: m° v. ſemper viii Bor: tunc et poſt iiii Ser: m° ii. x Acr: prati, ſemper ii Car: in dnio: & dim: Car: hominum. Silva c Porc. & i Runc. m° ii, ſemper vi Anim: tunc xxxv Porc: m° xxii. tunc xxvii Oves, m° lx. & iii vaſa apum, & vii ſoc: dim: Car. & xvi Acr. ſemper i Car: & dim: ſemper val: xl ſol.

In ESSAAIL ten: idem xv ſoc: Regis E. in Saham. i Car: terre & viii Acr. ſemper iii Vill: & iii vorn. tunc i ſerv: & vi Acr: prati, ſemper vi Car. & dim: ſilva c Porc. ſemper val: xxx ſol. Totum habet dim: Leug: in longo & dim: in lato & de Gelto xv d.

In *Richard* I. Time, *Jeffery Fitz Jeffery* held *Panworth* by the Service of 7 *d. per An.* to the *Ward* of *Norwich* Caſtle. In 1218, *Peter de Nerford* and *John* his Brother, held it at one Carucate, of the Honour of *Clare*, the Lords of which, were always Capital Lords of the Fee; it was held by *Petronill de Nerford* in 1315: in 1343, *Tho. de Nerford* and *Alice* his Wife, held it at two Fees, and *John* was their Son and Heir; this *Alice* after her Huſband's death had it, and in her Will dated at *London March* 21 1393, by the Name of *Dame de Nevile* of *Eſſex*, ſhe being Widow of Sir *John de Nevile* of *Eſſex*, ſhe gives to *Margery de Nerford* all her Goods in this Manor, with the Furniture of her Chapel here; in 1398, *Peter de Nerford* had it, and ſoon after it belonged to

[*i*] THOMAS BEAUCHAMP Earl of *Warwick*, whoſe Wife *Margaret* held it in 1406, and from this Time it paſſed in that Family.

In 1543, *Robert Hogan* of *Bodney* Eſq. held the Manor of *Panworth-Hall*, lately Sir *James Boleyn*'s, and in 1546, gave it by Will to *Francis* and *John*, his younger Sons, who in 1552, conveyed it to *Tho: Hogan*; in 1563, *Robert Hogan*, conveyed it to *Francis Hogan* and his Heirs, and in 1566, *Tho: Hogan* and *Suſanna* his Wife had it ſetled on them, when it contained 100 Acres of Land, 10 Acres of Meadow, 100 Acres of Paſture *&c.* and a Fold-courſe in *Aſhill*, *Holton*, *Pickenham* and *Hale*, and was held of the Queen in *Capite*.

About 1571, *Thomas Bradbury*, Eſq had a Manor here, and ſoon after

HENRY JARNEGAN, Eſq. which I take to be this.

It after came to the COKE's, and ſtill continues in that Family, Lord LOVELL being the preſent Owner.

The Religious concerned here, were

The Abbot of *Weſt-Derham*, with the Prior of St. *Wynwaloy*, whoſe Temporals were taxed at 17 *s.* 11 *d. ob.*

The Prior of *Norwich*'s Temporals at 3 *s.*

The Prior of the Monks of *Thetford*, was taxed for his Spirituals at 20 *s.* namely for the Tithes of the Lands of *Harlewin de Panewurda* or *Panworth*, which he gave to this Houſe, as you may ſee at fo. 445, and alſo 12 *d.* for Temporals, which was only a Rent of that value paid them, from Lands here, which was given with the Tithes.

The Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* alſo had Temporals taxed at 5 *s.* [*k*] of this I find, that *Richard* Son of *Drogo* of St. *Edmund*'s gave the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*, a Yearly Rent of 10 *s.* to be paid out of the Eſtate of *Robert de Horſe-Croft.* his Villain *&c.* and *Humphry* Son of the ſaid *Richard* confirmed it; after this, *Henry* Prior of *Caſtle-Acre* and the Convent, granted to *Simon de Saham*, all their Land here, with *Godiva* and her Children, with their Lands, Homages. *&c.* paying the yearly Rent of 5 *s.* Witneſs, *Henry*, the Dean of *Fakenham*, *Richard* the Prieſt of *Sneteſham*, *&c.*

The Family of the COTTON's have been of good Repute in this Place, where they have had an Eſtate *&c.* for about two Centuries.

This Town paid 5 *l.* 12 *s.* to the old Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 768 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Land Tax.

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[*i*] Atlas. page 343.

[*k*[ Regr. Caſtle-Acre. fo. 105. b.

# *TOTTINGTON*

CHURCH, [l] with the Conſent of *Robert de Mortimer*, was given by *John le Strange* to the Priory of St. *Mary* and the Nuns at *Campeſſe* in *Suffolk*, in 1196, and was appropriated to that Houſe in 1302, 'twas valued at 30 Marks, and the Vicarage at 6 Marks, the Prior of *Thetford* had a Pention of 40*s per An.* the Procurations were 7*s.* 7*d. ob.* Synodals 4*s.* 4*d.* and Peter-Pence 2*s.* There were two *Gilds*, one dedicated to the *Nativity* of our *Lady*, kept at her Altar in the Church, before whoſe Image there was a Light continually burning in Service Time. The Church it ſelf was dedicated to St. *Andrew*, who had alſo his *Gild* kept in it, and a Light before his Image in the Choir or Chancel, there was alſo a Light kept before the *Holy Croſs* on the Rood-Loft. There is a Houſe and half an Acre of Meadow only, belonging to the Miniſter: In 1404, there was great complaint made that the Profits of the Vicarage were much impaired by the number of Rabbits on the Warren of *John Fitz Rauf*, ſo that it was not able to pay the whole Tenth of 40*s.* The Vicarage is valued at 6*l.* 14*s.* 9*d. ob.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly value of 10*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* it is diſcharged of firſt Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation.

The Town paid 5*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 366*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

## VICARS.

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| 1306, 6 Non: *May*, | *Roger de Helmingham.* The Prioreſs and Convent of *Campeſſe* who preſented always to their Diſſolution. |
| 1354, 12 *June*, | *Richard Markant.* |
| 1361, 6 *Oct*, | *John Bruſt* of *Hokwold.* |
| 1361, 16 *Jan:* | *John de Hillington.* |
| 1404, 21 *June*, | *Tho: Buſchel*, reſigned. |
| 1416, 17 *Nov:* | *John Verjaunt.* reſigned. |
| 1419, 12 *June*, | *Tho, Wolde* of *Skulton.* |
| 1433, 6 *Oct:* | *Roger Full-of-Love*, of *Quydenham*, reſigned. |
| 1451, 19 *Oct:* | *John Goodwin.* |
| 1459, 9 *Aug:* | *John Boſton*, reſign'd |
| 1466, 13 *Aug:* | *John Knyght.* |
| 1469, 30 *Dec:* | *John Agges.* |
| 1473, 27 *Jan:* | *Rob: Bewafiz*, died Vicar. |
| 1502, 8 *Sept:* | *John Hey*, died Vicar, and was buried in the Chancel before the Image of St. *Andrew*, and gave Legacies to the Lights of St. *Peter*, *All Saints* and *Holy Croſs*, and to the repair of the new Sepulchre and St. *Peter*'s Tabernacle. |
| 1521, 6 *Oct:* | *Tho: Palmer* Lapſe, reſigned. |
| 1533, 19 *March*, | *Tho: Bele*, was the laſt preſented by the Prioreſs. |
| | *John Watſon*, died Vicar. |
| 1548, 14 *Oct:* | *Alex: Lee*, he was deprived. **RICHARD SOUTHWELL Knt.** |
| 1554, 21 *March*, | *George Prance*, Lapſe. |
| 1568, 11 *Febr:* | *Henry Goldeſton*, Lapſe, reſigned. |
| 1585, 22 *July*, | *Tho: Ireland*, reſigned. Sir ROBERT SOUTHWELL Knt, |
| 1587, 6 *May*, | *Rob: Gittinges. Ditto.* |
| 1611, 3 *Feb:* | *Tho: Lammas*, A. M. The King, as Guardian to *Tho: Southwell.* |
| 1613, 13 *Oct:* | *Henry Bury*, reſign'd |
| 1618, 10 *Dec:* | *Clement Nurſe.* |
| 1623, 8 *July*, | *Peter Cockerell*, A. M. THO: SOUTHWELL, Knt. |
| 1638, 22 *Febr:* | *Chericus Spackman.* SAMUEL UTY. *S.* T. P. Vicar of *Chigwell* in *Eſſex.* |

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[1] Fin. 7. R. 1. Norf. N. 35.

1639, 14 *Febr:* *Tho: Mould.* The King, by Lapſe.
1648, *Ric: Tuck*, Vicar; he was the laſt that ever was Inſtituted.
1662, The Vicarage was void.
1665, 26 *Febr:* *John Blome* Clerk, Sequeſtrator, from which Time it hath been held by Sequeſtration only, as it now is, by
The Rev. Mr. *John Verdon*, the preſent Sequeſtrator. *An.* 1738.

There were many Religious concerned here.
The Prioreſs of *Carrowe*'s Temporals were taxed at 2 *s.*
The Prior of *Bromhill*'s at 3 *s.* 4 *d.*
The Prioreſs of *Campeſſe*'s Temporals, *viz.* their Manor and Rents at 5 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and the Spirituals of the ſaid Prioreſs, *viz.* the Impropriation, at 20 *l.*
In 1480, *Gonvile-Hall* in *Cambridge*, was taxed for their Tenement here.
The Prior of the Monks of *Thetford*'s Temporals, *viz.* their Lands and Rents of Aſſize, were valued at 50 *s.* 10 *d.* and their Spirituals, *viz.* the Tithes of the Lands [m] of *Warner de Totintona*, and of their own Demeans, at 40 *s.* 4 *d.*
In 1342, *John Brond*, held Land in Soccage of the Abbot of *Bury*, by the Rent of 13 *d. per Annum.*
Mr. *Le Neve* in his Collections ſays, that this impropriate Rectory was ſold by Sir *Tho. Southwell* Knt. to *Tho. Hall*, and that *Francis Windham* Eſq. was late Farmer of it, at 1 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per An.* and that 'twas given by King *James* I. to the Divinity Profeſſor in *Cambridge*, it being ſetled on *Trinity College* in *Cambridge*, in truſt for him, it is ſaid to be in Truſtees Hands for the Uſe of *Chigwell* School, in *Eſſex*.
The CHURCH here, is large and a good Pile, having a Nave and two Iſles, well leaded, and is well ſeated throughout alike, and the Heads are all carved, on the Back of one of the Seats at the upper end of the *S.* Iſle is this.

**Orate pro Animabus, Walteri Salter, et Alicie Uxoris eius et pro quibus tenentur.**

This *Walter Salter*, lived in *Richard* III. Time, and *Will. Salter* in *Henry* VI. Time, the Family had a good Eſtate, and reſided here for above 200 Years, and were Lords of a ſmall Manor here, called *Bokenham*'s or *Macham*'s

*On Seats in the N. Iſle.*

SUMPTU EDMUNDI SALTER, ET BRIGITTÆ NUPER UXORIS EJUS A° D. 1631.
1636, *Thomas Salter* and his Wife *Jane*.

There is a black Marble, for ROBERT KNOPWOOD, who died 27 *May* 1723, Aged 65.
At the Eaſt end of the North Iſle lies a looſe Braſs, under the Effigies of a Woman and her Daughter, is this inſcribed,

> Here lyeth interred the Corpes of Margaret Porey, whoſe Soul the Father of Spirites received into eternal Reſt the 5th. of April A° Dom: 1598, in the 54th. Yere of her Age. This Monument was erected by Luke Unger her ſecond Husband in Token of a thankfull and loyal Mind.

On the Daughters Coat is, E. U. for *Elizabeth Unger*.

The Tower is ſquare, and hath a Spire and four Bells, the Chancel and South Porch are leaded, and the North Veſtry is down, great part of the Church Yard Wall is topped with large Coffin Stones, with Croſſes of various Forms on them, they were formerly laid over the Vicars or other religious Perſons, who were buried here, and have been ſince taken from their Graves and applied to the preſent uſe.

## TOTTINGTON, *or* MORTIMER'S MANOR.

**Terra** ROGERI BIGOTI, Wanelund **h.** (Domeſday. fo. 108.)
**In** Totintuna, **tenet** Radulfus **Filius** Herluini iiii **Car terre quam tenuit** ALWI **T. R. E. tunc et poſt** xv **Villi: m°** iiii. **tunc et poſt** x **bord. m°** xvii. **tunc et poſt** viii **Ser. m°** iiii. **xxiii Acr: Prati, ſemper** iii **Car in dnio: tunc & poſt** v **Car: hom: m°** iii. **Silva** xxx **Porc.**

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[m] See fo. 445.

modo i Mol: & ſemper iii Soc: lxxxxv. Acr: tunc et poſt ii Car. m°. Nichil. ſed poſſent eſſe. Semper i Runc.. tunc xvii. anim: m° xviiii. tunc xxxii. Porc. m° xii. tunc clx. Ov: m° cxl. iii Minus. xxiiii. Capras. tunc lxiii Eque m° xv. tunc & poſt val: lxxx Sol: & m° lv. Totum habet ii Leug in Lat: [long:] & i in Lat: quicumque ibi teneat. Et xv. den. de Gelto.

Alwi a Saxon, was Lord in the Confeſſor's Time, and the Conquerour, gave it to Roger Bigot, of whom *Ralf* Son of *Herlewin* held it at the Survey; it contained four Carucates, three of which were Demean, there was Wood for 30 Swine, a Walk for 137 Sheep, 24 Goats, and at the Confeſſors Survey 63 Mares, but now only 15; The Manor was worth 80*s.* afterwards it fell to 60*s.* The whole Town was better than four Miles in length and two in breadth, and paid 15 *d.* to the *Geld.*

It continued in the *Bygot*'s and in King *Stephen*'s Time, *Hugh Bigot* owned it, who divided it, and gave part to the Prior of *Thetford*, which conſtituted their Manor here, and the other part to *John le Strange*, who gave 20*s* Rent to the ſame Convent, out of his part, in *Richard* I. Time, in exchange for Lands in *Bernham* in *Suffolk.* [n] But in a Pleading in *Ric.* I. Time, it is ſaid, that *Bygot* was only the ſuperior Lord of the Fee, and that *Herlewyne* who had it at the Survey, left it to *Ralf* his Son, who married *Helwyſe* Daughter of *Hugh de Plais*, and left *Reginald*, ſirnamed *Le Brun*, who was Uncle to *John le Strange*, Son of *John le Strange*, Nephew and Heir of the ſaid *Reginald le Brun*, and it appears that part of it was conveyed to *Warner* or *Warin de Tottington*, who gave the Tithes of his Eſtate, which contained half a Knights Fee, to *Thetford* Priory; this *Warin* had it of *Roger de Reymes*, who had it of *Bigot.* [o] In 1195, there was a diſpute between *Robert Mortimer* of *Atilburgh*, and *John le Strange* of *Hunſtanton*, concerning five Fees in *Hunſtanton*, *Totington*, *Ringſtede*, *Snitterton*, &c. and at the laſt, *Robert*, releaſed the whole to *John*, and *John* gave back this Manor to *Robert* and his Heirs, to be held of *John* by one Knt's. Fee, ſave a 20*th.* part, excepting alſo the Church of *Totington*, and the Rents and Services, that he had given to the Nuns at *Campeſſe* in *Suff.* I have ſeen the Deeds by which he gave the Church to the Nuns, with a Meſſuage late *Simon le Brun*'s, with all the Lands belonging to it, with *Katherine* Daughter of the ſaid *Simon* and her Family, Sir *Roger Muſtrell*, *William* Son of *Richard de Hunſtanton* and others being Witneſſes; excepting alſo diverſe Rents and Services, which conſtituted the Manor, called,

## STRANGE's,

Which continued in that Family 'till [p] *John le Strange* of *Hunſtanton* Eſq. Son and Heir of Sir *John le Strange* Knt. by Deed dated 5*th. Henry* V. confirmed, to *Alice Corbet*, Prioreſs of *Campſey* and her Succeſſors, his Manor in *Totington* called STRANGES, with all thereto belonging, which *John le Strange* his Father, had given to *Mary Felton* late Prioreſs there; this Manor remained in the Convent to the Diſſolution, and was granted with the Advowſon &c. to Sir [q] *Richard Southwell* Knt. and ſo united to the Capital Manor.

In 1244, *William de Mortimer*, Lord of *Mortimer*'s Manor, had the Aſſiſe of Bread and Beer, Weyf, Trebuchet and Free-Warren here, and in *Scoulton*; and in 1286, it was returned upon a *Quo Warranto*, that the ſaid *William*, *Petronil de Tony*, (who was Lady of the Hundred) *Margaret de Ware*, and *Sara de Bray*, held in common among them, the *Lete* of this Town, as Partners with the ſaid *William*, and that they had a *Tumbrell* here.

*Conſtantine de Mortimer* of *Sculton* held this Manor of *Robert le Strange*, he of *Robert de Montealt*, he of the Earl of *Albermarle* and he of the King.

In 1339, he ſetled it on himſelf and *Sibil* his Wife with *Scoulton* and *Stanford*: In 1345, it was ſaid that *John de Thorp* had this Manor for ſome time: In 1378, *Mathew de Bolton*, Vicar of St. *Nicholas* at *Newcaſtle*, held five Fees in *Hunſtanton*, *Tottington*, *Ringſtead* and *Holm*, as Truſtee I ſuppoſe to *Le Strange*; in 1390, Sir *John le Strange*, of *Hunſtanton* Knt. gave his Eſtate here to Sir *Robert Ufford* Knt. in Truſt only, for in 1401, *John le Strange* is ſaid to hold it: This occaſioned the Account we have in the *Atlas*, Page 344, which erroneouſly tells us, that *Conſtantine* purchaſed it not long before, of the *Ufford*'s, when the *Mortimer*'s were the real Lords, and *Ufford* only Lord of the Fee as Truſtee to *Le Strange*; it went with *Atleburgh*, and on the diviſion of the *Mortimer*'s Eſtate paſſed with *Scoulton* to the *Fitz Ralfs*, and in 1402, Sir *John Fitz Ralf* Knt. held the Manor of *Tottington*, of *John Strange*, who held it of *Iſabell* late Queen of *England*, Wife of King *Richard* II. and he of the Earl of *Albermarle*, who held of the King, and at the ſame time the ſaid *John le Strange* held here the 20*th*. part of a Fee; and from this Time it paſſed with *Scoulton*; and in 1538, Sir *Edward Chamberlain* Knt. had a Moiety of it conveyed to him, by Sir *William Huſſey* Knt. and *Urſula* his Wife, and in 1544, *Ralf Chamberlain* and *Elizabeth* his Wife ſold it to

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[n] Plit: Term. Mich: 6. R, I· Rot· 3.

[o] See fo. 344.

[p] Atlas of Suff. p. 286.

[q] In 1572, Geo. Heneage had it but only in right of his Wife.

*Richard Southwell*, by the Name of *Mortimer*'s Manor in *Tottington*, *Stanford*, *Little-Creſſingham*, *Tomſon*, *Sturſton* and *Threxton*.

In 1558 the Manors were all joined, for Sir *Richard Southwell* Knt. ſuffered a Recovery of the Manors of *Tottington*, *Stanford*'s, and *Mortimer*'s, with the Impropriation and Advowſon of the Vicarage, to the Uſe of himſelf for life, remainder to *Elizabeth*, Wife of *George Heneage*, Daughter of Sir *Richard* for Life, Remainder to her Heirs, and for want of ſuch, to *Thomas* Son of Sir *Robert Southwell*, Brother of Sir *Richard* and his Heirs Male, Remainder to *Francis*, Brother of the ſaid *Thomas* and his Heirs, Remainder to *Robert*, and *Henry*, other Brothers of the ſaid *Thomas &c.* and in 1572, *George Heneage* and *Elizabeth* his Wife had them; it after came to Sir *Robert Southwell* who ſold it to

EDWARD COKE Eſq; and his Heirs.

In 1635, the Lady *Jane Harte*, paid 20*l. per An.* out of theſe Manors to *John Harte*, according to the Will of Sir *Euſtace Harte* Knt. deceaſed; it after belonged to

THOMAS GARRARD Eſq. and after to Sir *Nicholas Garrard* of *Langford* Bart. who died in 1727, leaving it to his Widow the preſent Lady GARRARD, who holds all the Manors at this Time.

## STANFORD'S MANOR.

Terre Rogeri de Ramis. H. Wanelund. (Domſday fo. 275.)

TOTINTUNA tenet WAREGIUS quam tenuit ALUUINUS Libeꝛ homo. T. R. E. iii Caꝛ: terre. tunc & poſt ix Uill: m° vii tunc i Boꝛ: tunc & poſt ii Seꝛv. modo Nullus. xii Acꝛ: prati, tunc & poſt i Caꝛ: in dnio: m° i & dim: tunc et poſt ii Caꝛ: Homin: m° dim: ſempeꝛ ii Runc: et xv Anim: tunc xx Poꝛc: m° v. tunc lxxx m° xiiii. vi Capꝛ: tunc et poſt val: xl s. m° xx.

ALWIN a Saxon owned this part at the Confeſſor's Survey, and *Roger de Ramis* had it allotted him by the Conquerour; he gave it to *Waregius* who held it at the Conqueror's Survey, when 'twas worth 20*s. per An.* it being fallen half it's value ſince *Alwin*'s Time; it contained three Carucates, one of them being Demean.

In 1275, MAUD DE EBROICIS granted to *Thomas de Solarijs*, for life, with Remainder to her ſelf and Heirs, this Manor, which then contained two Carucates.

About 1290, THOMAS DE WARE held it at half a Fee of *Petronil de Vaus*, and the ſaid *Thomas* divided it, by granting one quarter of the Fee to *Hugh de Bokenham*, who was to hold it of the ſaid *Petronil*, who held it of the Earl *Marſhal*, and the Earl of the King. This *Thomas de Ware* had it in 1285, of *Margaret* Widow of *Stephen de Ware*. In 1328, 'twas ſetled on *Stephen de Ware* and *Alice* his Wife, by *John Bardolf* of *Spixworth* and *Ricard de Holdich*, Feoffees of the *Ware* Family.

In 1344, OSBERT DE BOYTON died ſeized of this and *Langford* Manor; and in 1345, JOHN his Son and Heir, held it of *John de Narford*, at a quarter of a Fee, as of *Richmond* Honour, and ſo it continued in 1401.

In 1466, 'twas ſetled in marriage by *John Wyndham* Eſq. the Father, on *John Wyndham* Eſq. the Son, and *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *John Howard* Knt. after Duke of *Norfolk*, and their Heirs, Remainder to *Iſabell* and *Ela*, Daughters of *John Wyndham* the Father. In 1475 *John Wyndham* Senior deviſed it to *John Wyndham* of *Felbrigge* his Son and his Heirs, and afterwards 'twas purchaſed by

Sir RICHARD SOUTHWELL and joined to *Mortimer*'s Manor, with which it now continues.

## CAMPESSE MANOR.

At the Diſſolution of that Houſe devolved to the Crown, with the Impropriation and Patronage, and was given by King *Henry* VIII. in 1530, with all the Houſe, Lands *&c.* belonging to that Monaſtery to

RICHARD SOUTHWELL and his Heirs, who was to hold it of the Crown by the annual Fee Farm Rent of 3 *l.* which is now paid to *Horatio Walpole* Eſq. and was lately the Earl of *Tankervile*'s, it being granted from the Crown, with many other Fee Farm Rents in the County.

## THETFORD MONK'S MANOR.

At the Diſſolution was granted by *Henry* VIII. in the 32 *d.* Year of his Reign, to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*, to be held in Capite, who ſold it to the *Southwell*'s, and ſo it united to the other Manor.

## BOKENHAM'S, MARTHAM'S *or* MACHAM'S MANOR,

Had it's Riſe out of *Stanford*'s Manor as aforeſaid, when *Thomas de Ware* ſetled half of it on HUGH DE BOKENHAM, in 1345, and in 1401, *Hugh de Bokenham* and *Alice* his Mother held a quarter of a Fee of the *Nerford* Family; it ſeems to have been divided ſoon after, for [r] in 1402, *Tho. de Tottington* held a part of it of the Honour of *Richmond*, he had alſo a ſort of *Free-Tenement* or *Manor*, which had been in his Family, ever ſince *Warine de Tottington*'s Time, which now united to this, and was a part of the Land granted to *Warine*, as you may ſee under *Mortimer*'s Manor. Mr. *Neve* ſays, that it came to the SALTER's, and that *Edmund Salter* was Lord in 1629, and that about 1714, 'twas ſold by *Edmund* Son of *Robert*, along with their Eſtate, to Mr. *Everſdon*.

The Scite of the Rectory join'd to the Eaſt part of the Church Yard, where now is the Rectory Barn.

There is alſo another Barn about two Furlongs North Weſt of the Church, which is moated in, and had a good Fiſhery belonging to it; by this Place are ſeveral Ruins of Buildings, which I take to have been the old Manor-Houſe.

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[r] In 1286, John de Tottington releaſed a Meſſuage and nine Acres, to Vincent, Prior of Thetford.

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# *THREXTON.*

THE *CHURCH* was valued at nine Marks, beſides the Portion, and paid 5 *s.* Procurations, 20 *d.* Synodals, and 9 *d.* Peter-Pence. The Prior of the Monks of *Norwich* had a Pention of 10 *s. per An.* out of this Church, being a perpetual Compoſition made by *William de Ralegh* Biſhop of *Norwich*, in Lieu of two parts of the great Tithes of the Demeans formerly of *Wiganus Brito*, (*Wigan Briton*) in this Town, which Pention was after ſetled on the *Celerer* of that Monaſtery, [s] but the Prior and Monks of *Caſtle-Acre* held the Advowſon of the Church, of the Gift of *Hugh de Wauci* Son of *Ralf*, and had a Pention of a Mark a Year paid them by the Rectors. It continued in that Prior's Gift 'till about 1321, and was then ſold to *John Salmon* Biſhop of *Norwich*, who ſetled it on his Succeſſors, and it not being part of the Barony of the See, did not paſs with it to the Crown at the exchange, but remains in the Biſhop's Gift at this Time, who had a Pention of 13 *s.* 4 *d.* paid by the Rector, which was ſetled when the Patronage came to the See, in lieu of the [t] Pention due to *Caſtle-Acre*, which he had purchaſed with the Advowſon; there was a Gild dedicated to *All-Saints* here. The Rectory is valued at 7 *l.* 4 *s.* 9 *d. ob.* and being Sworn of the clear value of 34 *l.* 14 *s.* 4 *d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation.

## RECTORS.

1205, Mr. *Ralf de Harpele.* The Prior of *Caſtle-Acre.*
1242, Mr. *Paul*, Rector.
1283, *Simon*, Rector.

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[s] Reg. Caſtle-Acre.

[t] Pat. 14. E. 2. P. 2. M. 18.

1302, Non: *Oct:* *Oliver de Wyſete.* Prior of *Caſtle-Acre.*
1303, 11. Kal: *May,* *Adam de Dynieton.* Deacon. *Ditto.*
1308, 4 Id: *Sept:* *Robert* Son of *John Medmere* of *Frettenham,* a poor Clerk, had a Bull of Proviſion from the Pope, directed to the Biſhop, to provide for him, who aſſigned him this Rectory.
1330, 4 Id: *June,* *Ivo de Glynton,* Prieſt. The firſt preſented by the Biſhop.
1332, 4 Id: *Oct:* *John de Swathfield* of *Yarmouth.* Prieſt } Change with *Eaſt Bilney.*
1344, 11 *March.* *Robert Markaunt,* Prieſt. }
1354, 16 *May,* *Roger de Helmingham,* Prieſt, on *Merkaunt*'s reſignation. Change with *Bek Hoſpital* in *Billingford.*
1360, 23, *Nov:* *John de Ixworth.* Accolite.
1385, 22 *May,* *John de Barton.* The King, the See being void.
1396, 17 *March,* *Richard Turner,* of *Tanton.*
1399, 22 *Jan:* Mr. *Thomas Bradmore,* of *Hegham.*
1400, 6 *July,* The Right Rev. IOHN, by God's permiſſion, Archbiſhop of *Smyrna,* Suffragan to the Biſhop of *Norwich.*
1404, 26 *March* *Roger Turner,* of *Tanton.*
1452, 26 *April,* Sir *John Dunſton.* Prieſt.
1503, 18 *Dec:* Sir *John Sonkey,* Chaplain: united to *Creſſingham parva:* The Biſhop reſerved the Annual Pention paid to the See, on this Inſtitution, Sir *Thomas Bek,* Rector.
1546, 16 *Feb:* Sir *John Serle,* on *Bek*'s death. *Edmund* and *John Crofts* by grant of the Turn from the Biſhop.
1561, 13 *Aug:* *Thomas Palmer,* Prieſt.
1561, 22 *Nov:* *Edward Marſhe,* Prieſt. united to *Merton.*
1571, 9 *Jan:* *Hugh Turner,* Clerk, united to *Watton.*
1608, 28 *Febr:* *Thomas Croſſe,* A. M. united to *Merton* in 1620, *ob:* 1640.
1666, 3 *April,* *Henry Tooley,* A. M. united to *Watton.*
1681, 10 *May,* *Andrew Hatley,* A. M. on *Tooley*'s death, united to *Watton.*
1698, 4 *Aug:* *John Berry,* Clerk, A. M. on the laſt Incumbent's death, the Biſhop. united to *Watton.*
1730, 22 *Mar:* *Will: Petwin,* Clerk, collated by the Biſhop.
1735, *James Reynolds,* collated at *Bury* by *Petwin*'s ceſſion, the ſame Day united to *Lackford* in *Suffolk.*
The Rev. Mr. *John Soley,* Junior, on *Reynold's* reſignation; he is the preſent Rector, and holds it united to *Little-Creſſingham.* collated by the Biſhop.

The Church conſiſts of one Iſle only, which is tiled, the Chancel is thatched, the Steeple is low and Round, and in the South Window are the Arms of *Clare* Earl of *Glouceſter, Tony,* and *Beauchamp.*

*On a Braſs in the middle Iſle.*

**Oꝛate pꝛo anima Roberti More cuius anime propicietur Deus.**

The Temporals of the Prior of *Thetford* were valued at 4*s.*

[t] SIMON SENZ AVEYR, gave to the Church of the *Holy Trinity* of *Norwich,* a third part of his Tithes of *Trekeſtone,* namely of all his Land there, which Gift he confirmed upon the Altar of the *Holy Trinity* at *Norwich,* before the Monks of the Place, for the Soul of his Brother *Warine,* whom the Monks had taken into the Bedroll of their Brethren, when he died; the Witneſſes were *Ingulf* the Prior and his Monks, *Wickman* the Prieſt &c. and he gave Seizin by delivery of a Branch of Broom, he gave them alſo two parts of his Tithes of *Ranneſtune,* and *John de Grey* and *Thomas de Blunvyle* Biſhops of *Norwich,* confirmed it.

This Town paid 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 56*l.* to the Land Tax, the whole being joined, and reduced to one Houſe only, in which Mr. *Knopwood* now dwells, and occupies the whole Town, which he is ſaid to have lately purchaſed.

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[u] E. Regro: quinto. Ecce: Cath. Norwic: fo. 4.

Terre Willi: de Warrenna. Wanelund H. (Domſ. fo. 89.)

In TRESTUNAM Ten: HUGO i Car: terre & iiii Bord: & i Serv. & x Acr. prati. Semper i Car. & dim: in Dominio. & dim: Car: houm: & i liber homo xii Acr. & val. xxx Sol. & hoc pertinet ad LAUES. et habet x quar: in longo. & dim: Leug: in lato & xv den. de Gelto, quicunque ibi teneat.

In the *Confeſſor*'s and *Conqueror*'s Time, this Manor had one Carucate and half in Demean, and was held by *Hugh*, of *William de Warren*, who had it of the Conqueror's Gift, and granted it to be held of his Caſtle of *Lewes*; 'twas worth 30*s.* and the Town was then a Mile and half long and a Mile broad, and paid 15 *d. Geld.*

The Manor and Advowſon was in [u] *Philip le Vealtre*, who married *Eſmond* Siſter of *Ralf de Wauci* of *N. Barſham*, and had with her in marriage this Manor and Advowſon, which at her Death, ſhe gave with all her Goods to the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*, but *Hugh* Son of *Ralf de Waucy* enter'd after her death on the Lands *&c.* and the Monks coming to a Compoſition with him, he confirmed his Aunt's Will, and *William le Wealtre* or *Wewter*, *Eſmond*'s Grandſon, confirmed the Lands and Church to them, on condition that *Jeffry Fitz-Peter* of *Threkeſtone* and his Heirs ſhould hold the Manor and Lands of the Monks, paying 20*s. per An.* as the Rent of it to the Prior, who was always taxed for this Rent at 20*s.* and the ſaid *Peter* and his Heirs, held it at the third part of a Fee: After this, *Henry* Prior of *Acre*, ſurrender'd to *William le Vealtre* their Land in *Trikeſton* called *Morehall*, to be held of the Monks, but he put them in Poſſeſſion of the Advowſon, by the Texts of the Evangeliſt laid on the Altar; and they had it 'till 1321, when they conveyed it to the Biſhop.

Of the other part of *Threxton* we read thus in Domsday fo. 223.

Terre Rainaldi Filij Ivonis. H. Wanelund.

In TRECTUNA viii Libi: homines iii Car. terre & xxviii Acr. T. R. E. modo tenet Ranulfus & ii bor. xx Acr. prati. tunc vi Car. poſt iiii mº ii & dim: & iii Car. poſſent eſſe. hoc liberatum eſt pro una Carucata terre. tunc val. iiii l. & x Sol. mº val. lx Sol.

This came to *Wiganus Brito* (*Wigan Briton*) who ſetled two parts of his Tithes on *Threxton* Church, and one third on the Prior of *Norwich*: But in about 1246, there was a perpetual Compoſition made between the Prior of *Norwich* and the Rector, by which it was agreed that the Rector ſhould for ever receive all the Tithes, paying the Prior a Pention of 10*s.* a Year; this part was always held of the Honour of *Clare*, and was after divided into many ſmall Parcells, all which were ſmall Manors, as *Hemenhale*'s, *Farthing*'s, *Pencethorp*, *Curlewe*'s, *Mounteney*'s, *&c.* which took their Names from their ſeveral Owners, but have been all re-united, as they ſtill continue.

*Bartholomew de Stiveky*, held the third part of a Fee in *H.* II. Time.

*John de Boteler*, *Jeffry Boſoun*, *Edmund Southouſe*, *Iſabell de Mora* or *Moor*, and *Peter Ferthyng*, held another third part of a Fee.

In *Richard* I. Time, *Emma de Mora* paid 4*d. per An.* for *Ward* Money to *Norwich Caſtle.*

ROBERT CURLEW held another third part of a Fee in *Hen*: III. Time, of *Richard Fitz Simon*, and he of the Earl of *Glouceſter*. In 1256, *Richard Curlay* of *Triketon*, held a whole Fee and was not a Knight, but was ſummoned to be made one; this was *Caſtle-Acre* or *Fitz-Peter*'s Manor.

In 1288, *Walter de Winfarthing*, ſold his Eſtate to *William de Saham*.

In 1308, *John de Cove* of *Suffolk* and *Eve* his Wife, had a grant of Free-Warren here, in *Cove* and *Northales*.

In 1314, *Simon Fitz Richard* held of the Honour of *Clare*, 12 Fees, here and in *Cley*, *Penſthorp*, *&c.*

In 1315, *Alice Stormer*, *William Mounteyn* or *Mounteneye*, *Edward de Southouſe* and *Simon Fitz Richard*, were Lords of this Town.

In 1321, *Alice* Widow of *Richard Curlew*, *Richard Storm*, *Thomas Curlew*, and *Agnes* his Wife, ſold their Manor to *Nicholas Faſtolf* and *William Jordan* of *Letheringſet*, in Truſt.

In 1327, Theſe Manors, which were held of *Clare* Honour, were then held of *Robert Fitz Walter*.

In 1335, *Robert* Son of *Ralf de Hemenhale* Knt. and *Agnes* his Wife, ſold this capital Manor, which extended into *Little-Creſſingham*, *Merton*, *Stanford*, *Watton* and *Saham*, and the moiety of a Manor in *Weſt-Derham*, to *John de Limpenhowe* and *John* Parſon of the 4th part of *Dicleburgh*, and his Heirs.

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[u] Regr. Caſtle-Acre in Bib. Harleana, fo. 34.

In 1345, *Rich: Fitz-Simons*, *Rob: Curſon*, *William* his Son, *Tho: Howard*, *John Boſoun*, *John Southouſe*, *John atte Water*, *Rob: de Hemenhale*, *Lucy Farthyng*, and *Joan Welundaye*, held a third Part of a Fee of the Honour of *Clare*, which was formerly *Rich: Fitz-Simons*'s, and *Rich: Stormer* held another third Part of *Rich. Fitz-Simons*, he of the Counteſs of *Clare*, and ſhe of the King, which was formerly *Rich: Curlew*'s; which ſhews into what ſmall Parcels it was divided.

In 1398, *Simon Fitz-Richard* held 12 Fees here, and in *Cley*, *Penſthorp*, *&c.* of *Clare* Honour.

In 1401, *Henry Pakenham* held the third Part of a Fee of *Richard Fitz-Simon*.

In 1453, *Tho: Gernon* of *Threxton*, Couſin and Heir of *John Gernon* of *Merton*, infeoffed *Henry Pakenham*, *&c.* in Lands in *Merton*, *Threxton*, *&c.*

In 1546, Sir *Richard Southwell* Knt. was poſſeſſed of an Eſtate here, but 'twas only Part of *Saham* Manor.

In 1550, *Chriſt: Mounteney* of *Threxton* Gent. was buried in this Church, leaving *Urſula*, *Margaret*, *Elizabeth*, and *Anne*; he died ſeized of *Hemenhales* Manor here, which was formerly *Rich: Curlew*'s, and was held in 1562, by *Rich: Mounteney* his Son and Heir, of Sir *Chriſt: Heydon* Knt. to whom it was ſold before 1570, for in 1572, he was Lord; after him, Sir *William Heydon* Knt. had the united Manors of *Threxton*, *Hemenhale*'s, *Curle*'s, *Ferthings*, and *Penſthorp*, all which were held of the Honour of *Clare*, and afterwards came to the *Houghton*'s.

Sir ROBERT HOUGHTON Knt. had them, [y] *Francis Houghton* Eſq; his Son and Heir, died *April* 13 1629, leaving *Robert* his Son and Heir, then three Years old only; it continued in this Family 'till it was mortgaged to Sir *John Prettyman*, and his Lady, and was after aſſigned as Mr. *Neve* ſays, to Sir *John Holland* of *Quidenham*, and after that to Sir *Edmund Bacon* of *Garboldiſham*, who purchaſed the *Houghton*'s Eſtate, [and ſold this again to Mr. *Rob Knopwood* the preſent Owner.

[y] Cole's Inquis. Vol. 1. P. 323.

# *THOMPSON.*

THIS *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Martin*, and when *Norwich Domeſday* was made, was valued at 20 Marks, and the Portion of the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre*, at 20*s.* it paid 7*s.* 7*d* Procurations, 6*s.* 6*d.* Synodals, and 11*d.* *ob*: Peter-Pence.

At this Time there was a College of Secular *Canons* or *Chaplains*, that eat together, and lived in a Collegiate Manner.

SIMON DE WANTON, OR WALTON, Biſhop of *Norwich*, confirmed to the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*, two Parts of the Tithes of all the Demeans of the Monks of *Norwich*, lying in *Tomſon*, and *Toftes*, in 1265, and in 1316, there was a perpetual Compoſition made between the Prior of *Caſtle-Acre*, and the Rector of *Thompſon*, for the ſaid Tithes, which were given them by *William de Raleigh* Biſhop of *Norwich*, out of nine Score and 10 Acres of the Monk's Lands lying in *Thompſon*, late *Will: atte Churche*'s of *Thompſon*, for two Marks a Year.

There was a Gild dedicated to the *Trinity*, and a Light kept burning before the Image of St. *Mary*, where her Gild was held, and there was another Gild dedicated to St. *Martin*.

## RECTORS.

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| 1303, | *Brian de Saham.* | |
| 1308, 17 Kal: *Sept:* | Maſter *Ralf Buttetourt.* | [x] Sir GUY DE BUTETOURT Knt. and ADA his Wife. |
| 1318, Prid: Kal: *Aug:* | *Rob: de Harbling.* | ROB: DE AULA, (or HALL) of *Thomeſton.* |
| 1349, 5 *Dec:* | *Will: de la Chambre.* | Sir THOMAS DE LA SHARDELOWE, and JOHN his Brother. |

[x] In 1307, there was a long Suit for this Advowſon, but Guy de Buttetourte and Ada his Wife, Robert Son of Philip Crowe, Ralf de Butteturte, John Crowe and Agnes his Wife, recovered it againſt Thomas de Reppes.

1349, 11 *Feb:* *John Spore*, of *Berton*. The Maſter and Bretheren of the Chantry at *Berton* by *Mildenhale*.

So that it appears, that the College of *Thompſon*, had it's firſt Riſe in *Edward* I. Time, from the *Boutetourts* Lords of *Thompſon*, and were ſupported by them without any Endowment; afterwards ſome of the Chaplains were ſent to *Berton* Chantry, and ſoon after were removed hither, for in

1349, 10 *March*, *Will: de la Chambre* of *Ereſwell*, was preſented to this Rectory by the MASTER and CHAPLAINS of *Thompſon* College, which Advowſon their Founder had given them.

1350, 7 *April*, *William Bateman*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, and *Simon Bozoun* Prior there, at the Requeſt of Sir THOMAS DE SHARDELOWE, Knt. and JOHN his Brother, who had founded a perpetual Chantry of ſix Chaplains in the Church of *Tompſon*, at the Altar of St. *Martin*, in Honour of St. *Martin*, the *Holy Virgin*, and *All the Saints*, for the Souls of Sir *John de Shardelowe*, his Father, and *Agnes* his Wife, Mother of the ſaid Sir *Thomas*, and for their own Souls, and thoſe of all the faithfull deceaſed, appropriated the Church to the ſaid College or Chantry, to the Uſe of the *Maſter* or *Cuſtos* and his Bretheren, [a] there being no Vicarage reſerved, but the Church was to be ſerved by one of the Chaplains, and the Maſter was to pay an annual Pention of four Marks, and due Obedience to the Biſhop, who if the Chaplains did not chooſe a Maſter in a ſet Time, was to collate to the Maſterſhip by Lapſe, and if they elected him, he was ſtill to be confirmed by the Biſhop, who reſerved to himſelf and Succeſſors, all Epiſcopal Juriſdiction in the ſaid Church.

[b] In 1369, *April* 28, JOAN Widow of Sir *John de Shardelowe* Knt. one of the Founders, took upon her the Vow of Chaſtity, and became a Religious Votary, in this College of *Tompſon*, where ſhe died, the Manner of this ſolemn Vow was thus, ſhe appeared before *Thomas Percy* Biſhop of *Norwich*, in the private Chapel of his Manor-Houſe at *Thornage*, where he then reſided, and at Maſs ſhe kneeled down before the Biſhop, (Maſter *Will: Blithe* Archdeacon of *Norfolk*, Sir *Simon de Babingle*, and *Will: le Swineflete*, and others, being preſent as the Biſhop's Witneſſes) and joining her Hands, he took them into his Hands, and then ſhe vowed in theſe Words.

"Jeo *Johanne* qui fuy la femme *Johan de Shardelowe*, avowe et promette a DIEUX et a noſtre Dame Seinte *Marie*, et a Seint *Martin*, et as toutz Seintz, de vivere en perpetuele Chaſtete a Terme de ma Vie, a Vous Reverent Pere en Dieux Sire *Thomas* par la Grace de Dieux Eveſque de *Norwiz*, et en voſtre Preſence, et en la Preſence de Sire *Thomas de Shardelowe* Chevaler, Sire *Johan Grene* Meſtre de la Chauntrie de *Thomeſtone*, *John Clovylle* et autrez."

## MASTERS of the *College*.

1353, 17 *May*, *John Grene* of *Thompſon*. Elected unanimouſly by the Bretheren, and confirmed by the Biſhop.

1378, *Alex. de Horſted*. He reſigned.

1356, 15 *Oct:* Sir *Stephen Feltham*.

1368, *John Grene* was re-choſen Maſter.

1419, 14 *Sept:* Maſter *Thomas Buſſhell*. He reſigned.

1425, 6 *Jan:* *John Mayſter*, reſigned. He died Chaplain here in 1451, and was buried in the Church-Yard.

*Rob: Swetenham*, died Maſter.

1432, 17 *March*, *Roger Philpot*, collated by the Biſhop, in

1435, 11 *June*, He was re-choſen by the Fellows, and died Maſter.

1439, 18 *March*, *Will: Bettys*, Lapſe. reſigned.

1464, 27 *Oct:* *Peter Lock*, Lapſe. He was Rector of *Merton*.

1487, 22 *Sept:* Mr. *John Whittert*, in Dec. Bac. reſigned.

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[a] Nolumus quod ibidem vicarius deputetur, Quia Magiſter et Capellani habent ex eorum Fundatione, in Eccleſia Predicta Cotidie celebrare, ac in ceteris divinis Officijs Perſonaliter, miniſtrare."

[b] Lib. 5 Inſt.

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| 1490, 28 *Aug.* | Mr. *Ambroſe Ede*, Decret: Dr. died Maſter; he was Chancellor Rector of *Oxburgh*, *Caſton &c.* |
| 1503, 16 *July*, | *John Wyatt*, he was Rector of *Feltwell*, Lapſe. reſigned. |
| 1518, 21 *May*, | Mr. *Rich. Aldy* alias *Hoke*. died Maſter, and Rector of *Northwold*. |
| 1519, 19 *March*, | Mr. *Rob. Dikar*, Lapſe. reſigned. |
| 1524, 12 *July*, | Maſter *Roger Rawlins*. |
| 1534, | Maſter *Robert Audeley*, Archdeacon of *Berkſhire*, who reſigned his College, with all it's Revenues to the King, [c] it being then valued at 52 *l.* 15 *s.* 7 *d. ob. Nicholas Marwell* and others were Fellows, and ſigned the Supremacy. |

The Impropriator is to find a Curate to ſerve the Church, he being in the Place of the *College*, who were obliged to ſerve it by the Terms of the Impropriation Deed, and did ſo to the Diſſolution, and it hath been ſerved by Curates ever ſince.

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| 1738, | The Rev. Mr. *James Smith*, Curate. named by the Impropriator. |

## Benefactors to this *College* and *Town*.

1391, [d] *John Methelwold* and others, ſetled Lands in *Langford*, *Weſt-Tofts* and *Skropham*, on this College, *viz.* a Meſſuage and 13 Acres in *Shropham*, with that Church and St. *Andrew*'s Chapel annex'd.

*John Jeſſe* Clerk gave three Roods in *Tomſon*, held of *Hockham-Magna* Manor at 18 *d. per Annum.*

The Church Wardens in 1541, held an Alms-Houſe by the Church, abutting South on Church Lane, by the free Rent of 2 *d. per An.* to great *Hockham* Manor.

1383, Sir *Roger de Wylacham* Knt. was buried in the Church, under an Arch between the Church and Chapel of St. *James*, *Katherine* his Wife Executrix.

1435, *John* Son of *Simon Chapman*, gave to St. *Martin*'s Chantry here, two Manors called *Warner*'s and *Redham*'s, with their Courts Rents, Fald-courſe and Services, which they had of the Feofment of *John Grene* Clerk, *Ric: Crowe*, *John Bokenham* Jun: *John Berton* Clerk, *Rob: Mowe* and *Will: Herberd*.

1467, *William Warner* of *Thompſon* Eſq. buried in the Church here, was a Benefactor to all the Gilds, and gave the College 20 *l.* to keep his *Obijt*.

1541, *John Flowerdew* of *Hetherſet* Gent. had *Bradker Hall*, in *Shropham*, which belonged to this College, and was held of *Great-Hockham* Manor, by one Fee and Suit of Court, and 8 *s.* 1 *d. per An.* and *Roger Fylpot* Maſter of the College, did Homage to *Edward* Lord *Bergavenny* for it, *Nov.* 15 1436.

1599, *William Furmage* of *Barnham* in *Suffolk*, gave 10 *l.* to the Poor, and Sir *John Crofts* ſetled an Acre of Land in *Ratleſden* in *Suffolk*, on *Rob: Futter*, of *Iſlington*, *Rob: Futter* of *Thompſon* Gent. *Tho: Dey* of *Scoulton &c.* to the Towns uſe.

I ſaw Sir *Thomas Shardelowe*'s Will in the Commons, by which it appears that he himſelf, Father and Mother, Wife and all his Anceſtors, were buried in this Church, 'tho there are no Memorials remaining over any of them, ſave his own Stone, which lies in the South Chapel of St. *James*, before the Altar of St. *Martin*, which Chapel he founded for his Colege, but the Inſcription is imperfect, he ſeems to be in a Habit much like a Prieſt, only theſe Words are legible.

**Orate ...... Salvetur, qui fuit ...... cuius anime propicietur Deus. Amen.**

This Sir *Thomas de Shardelowe*, was ſecond Son to *John de Shardelowe*, Juſtice of the Common Pleas in 1333, and he and Sir *John* his elder Brother to whom he was Heir, granted the Advowſon of *Couling* in *Suffolk* to the *Cuſtos* and Scholars of *Trinity-Hall* in *Cambridge*, to be appropriated to their uſe.

The Rules of the *College* were, that the *Fellows* or *Chaplains*, ſhould be all obedient to their *Maſter*, ſhould live and lye in one Houſe, and eat and drink in *Commons* together, and none of them to victual or lodge out of the *College*, all to meet every Morning in the Church at *Matins*, and every Evening at *Veſpers*, and one to ſay daily *Maſs* according to their Foundation.

They were endowed, with the Manors of *Thompſon*, *Bradker* in *Shropham*, *Citty* or *Shudy-*

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[c] Weever fo. 865.

[d] See fo. 306, 310.

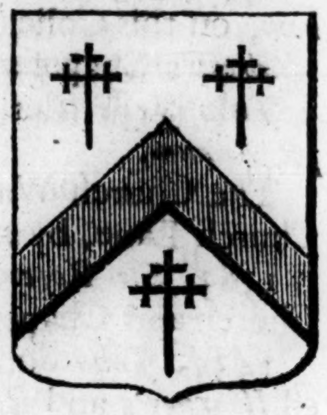
*Campes*, in *Cambridgeſhire*, the Impropriations of *Thompſon* and *Shropham*, and the Advowſon of that Vicarage and Lands in *Saham* and *Bradenham*; all which, at the Diſſolution were given to Sir *Edmund Knevet* Knt. in the 34 *H.* VIII. in as ample a manner as *Rob: Awdelye* laſt Maſter there reſigned it on *July* 3d. laſt paſt; and two Years after, Sir *Edmund* and *Anne* his Wife, ſold it to *John Maynard* Mercer of *London*, who two Years after, ſold it to *Anne Paine* Widow, and A° 2 *Eliz. Walter Paine* and *Elizabeth* his Wife aliened it to *Alexander Reye* Gent. *Thomas Payne* Gent. and *Anthony Gamage* Citizen of *London*, who in 1561, conveyed it to *Rob: Futter*, who A° 31 *Elizabeth* conveyed, the *College* Manor and Rectory to *Henry* his Brother, and in 1622, *Rob: Futter* Junior, recovered it againſt *Fran: Bedingfield* Eſqr. and *Edw: Bedingfield* Gent. and in 1653, the ſaid *Robert* had the Manor of *Thompſon*, the Scite of the *College*, four Meſſuages, one Dove-Houſe, *&c.* 40*s.* Rent of Aſſize, and a Fald-Courſe and the impropriate Rectory of *Thompſon*.

ROBERT FUTTER ſold the Rectory, to *Colman*, which the Rev. Mr. *Roger Colman* at his death, left deeply mortgaged, *Barber Colman* his Son and Heir, having the Equity of Redemption, but the Mortgage is in poſſeſſion. (See fo. 148.)

And the Scite of the *College*, and the *College Mauor*, to Mr. *Rich. Cater*, Father of the Rev. Mr JOHN CATER Rector of *Elingham*, the preſent Owner, to whom I acknowledge my ſelf obliged, as well for his Encouragement of this Work, as alſo for the ſight of his *Evidences*, which he favoured me with.

The CHURCH is leaded, the Tower ſquare, the Chancel tiled; there is a South Chapel and South Porch, the Veſtry is down, the old Stalls, in which the Maſter and Fellows uſed to ſit are ſtill remaining with the Arms, of SHARDELOWE on them, with the differences of Mullets, Cinquefoils *&c.*

SHARDELOWE.



In the Windows, *Az.* a Crown *Or.*

*Or.* 3 Chev. *Gul.* on each 3 Delis's *Arg.*

FUTTER, *Sab.* a Swan *Arg.* between 2 Flanches *Or.*

*On Marbles.*

Hic jacet Corpus Richardi Cater Generoſi qui obijt Anno Domini MDCCXXVII. et Ætatis ſuæ ſeptuageſſimo quarto.

Robert Futter of Thompſon College Gent. died May 12. 1652, Jane his Wife died March 25 1643; Henry their Son died 18 March 1648, in the 18 Year of his Age. Ex dono Edmundi Bedingfield Eſq.

Rob. Futter died 21 Nov. 1603. Mary his Wife, May 22 1588.

ROWLAND THOMPSON of *Thorpmarket* in *Norfolk*, Son of *Matthew Thompſon*, of the antient Family of *Thompſon* of *Tinmouth Caſtle* in *Northumberland*, deſcended from the *Thompſons* ſirnamed of this Town, had this Coat confirmed by *Camden Claren*, 12 *Jan.* 1602.

*Az.* a Lyon paſſant Gardant *Or.* in a bordure *Arg.*

*Creſt* an armed Arm *Az.* holding a broken Spear in the Gantlet.

SMITH of *Thompſon* bears, *Arg.* a Chev. *Or.* between 3 croſs Croſlets. *Sab.*

The Prior of *Caſtle-Acre*'s Temporals were taxed at 18*s.*

The Prior of *Thetford*'s at 2*s.* 7*d.*

The Town paid 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Tenths, and is now aſſeſſed at 432*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the Land Tax.

The Church is exempt from the Archdeacon's Juriſdiction, but ſubject to that of the Biſhop and Archbiſhop, being in *Breccles* Deanry, and *Norwich* Archdeaconry, but it is not mentioned in the King's Books, it having been diſcharged ever ſince it's appropriation.

This Town now is, and always was, in ſeveral parts, there being no leſs than five parcels or Lordſhips, at the Conqueror's Survey.

1. *William* Earl *Warren* had one Carucate, ſix Freemen, 12 Acres of Meadow *&c.* the whole was worth 49*s.* and had it in exchange.

Terre Willi: de Warrenna. ( Domſ. fo. 90) H. Wanelund.

In TOMESTUNA vi liberi homines i Car. terre, tunc & poſt i bord. m° iii. xii. Acr. prati.

**pratt. tunc & poſt ii Car. & dim: totum val: xlix Sol. hoc eſt pro eſcangio.**

2. *Roger Bigot* had 40 Acres Land &c. worth 3 *s.*

**Terra** Rogeri Bigoti, **H.** Wanelunt. (Domſ. fo. 127.)

**In** TOMESTUNA xl **Acr. terre & dim. Car. & val. iii Sol.**

3. Isaac had a Carucate of Land worth 20 *s.* of the Fee of Earl *Ralf*, as part of his Manor of *Stow*.

(Domſ. fo. 277) **Terre** ISAC. **H.** Wanelund.

**In** TOMESTUNA, **i Liber homo i Car. terre, ſemper i Car. & val.** xx **Sol. hoc eſt de feudo** Radulfi **comitis, de** Stou. Radulfus Blundus **liberavit.**

4. *Berner the Archer* had another Carucate, worth 16 *s.* which belonged alſo to Earl *Ralf.*

(Domſ. fo. 284) **H.** Wanelund. **Terre** Berneri Arbaliſtarij.

**In** TOMESTUNA **i Car. terre ten: T. R. E. [Sc.** Aluricus Tegnus Heroldi] **tunc i Car. poſt & mº dim: i Bor. & val:** xvi **Sol. hoc etiam de feudo** Radulfi.

5. *Roger Bigot* had one Freeman and 15 Acres &c. and the King and the Earl had the *Soc* of the whole Town, which lying in ſo many Parcels, was valued in *Stow*, and the other Manors of the ſeperate Owners, ſo that we meet not with the meaſure, nor *Geld* paid for the Town.

(Domſ. fo. 301) **H.** Wanelunt. Roger Bigot **tenet**

**In** TUMESTEDA **i lib. homo** xv **Acr. & i Acr. prati. tunc dim: Car. mº ii Bov. val: ii Sol. idem** Rog. **tenet.** Rex & Comes Socam.

The Confuſion of the Manors are ſo great, that I can't pretend to trace their Diviſions and Sub-diviſions exactly.

The Record called *Teſta de Nevile* tells us, that *Maud de Rochford* held half a Fee here, of the Fees belonging to the *Bydun*'s, ſo that this was that part that was *Iſaac*'s.

In 1218, *Martin de Bodekeſham* and *Agatha* his Wife, *Roger de Rude* and *Margaret* his Wife, and *Rob. de Caſton*, had 10 *s.* Rent of Aſſize here.

This was afterwards *Barrie*'s Manor.

In 1247, *Will. de Monaſterijs* conveyed a part of this Town to *Jeffry Crowe*.

In 1274, *John Methelwold* Lord of *Langford*, claimed Free-Warren here, but could produce no evidence, and therefore *John Buck* and *Theobald* his Son, whom he had proſecuted for hunting, were diſcharged.

In 1275, *Peter de Breccles* and *Agnes* his Wife, conveyed a part, to *Roger Crowe* and *Margaret* his Wife.

In 1281, *Tho. Fitz-Roberts*, held a Fee in this Town, *Kirby*, *Stowe* and *Shipden*, of *Baldwin Wake*.

[e] In 1282, *Robt. de Thomeſton* was Lord of the Capital Manor, and Patron of the Church, and left three Daughters his Heireſſes, *Katerine* married to *De la Sale*, and had Iſſue, *Philip de la Sale*, *Margaret* to *Roger Crowe*, and *Agnes*, to *Peter Copſey*, and they all held the Manor and Advowſon in common, there being no partition made; *Philip de la Sale* conveyed to *Henry de Barſham*, two Acres of Land here, and the Advowſon, for 15 Years, but the other Heirs brought their Action againſt him, and pleaded that the Advowſon belonged to *Stow-Bydun* Manor, which was lett to the ſaid *Robert* for term of Years, and the ſaid *Robert* preſented laſt, as to an Advowſon that he held by Leaſe, but *Philip* and *Henry* ſaid that *Robert* preſented to it, as belonging to his Manor of *Thompſon*, and in his own Right, and it being proved to be ſo, and no diviſion made of the Manor or Advowſon, the Heirs recovered, and 'twas adjudged that they had all an equal Right, and ſo could not preſent ſingle.

In 1286, the Jury for the Hundred found, that *William de Thomeſton*, Lord here, who was Father of *Robert*, uſed to come twice a Year, with his Steward and four Men to the *Sheriffs Turn*, 'till within 30 Years laſt paſt, and that *Warine de Muntchenſi* withdrew one Man from coming, to the King's damage of 2 *s. per An.* and that *Dioniſe de Molekan* now is in poſſeſſion of the withdrawn Man, and is in Court, and ſays, that ſhe holds the Manor in dower of the Inheritance of *William Mouncekan* her Son, who ſays, that *Warine de Muntchenſy*, *Moncekan* or *Molekan* his Father died ſeized of the Man, ſo withdrawn, and upon proving it, he was diſcharged.

In 1304, *John Crowe* of *Thompſon* purchaſed much here of *John de Geyton*.

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[e] Plita: Term: Paſch. 11. E. I. Rot. 1.

In 1308, part of the Town was held by *Fulk Baynard* of *Rob. Fitz-Walter*, and *Sculton* Manor extended into this Town, and had 20*s.* Rent here; this after was called *Burdeloſs*'s Manor.

In 1325, *Stephen le Briton* of *Shropham*, ſold Lands here, to *John Herring* of *Tompſon* and *Lettice* his Wife.

In 1307, *Guy de Butetort* and *Ada* his Wife had purchaſed the *Crow*'s part, and ſo became Owners of the Capital Manor and Advowſon, in which *Tho. de Reppes* pretended ſome claim, and after that, it came into the Hands of Sir *John Shardelowe* Knt. Juſtice of the Common Pleas, and he ſetled it on Sir *John* his eldeſt Son, and *Thomas* his Brother, who founded the *College*, and gave the Advowſon and part of the Manor to it, 'tho part of it continued a Manor which was not ſetled, and was called,

## BUTTORT *or* BUTTERS *Hall* in *Thompſon*,

Which in 1429, *William Phelip* Knt. *John Edmund* of *Cranworth* Eſq. and *Margaret* his Wife, conveyed to *Richard* - - - - in Truſt, and in 1468, *John Edmundys* died ſeized; in 1523, *Tho. Spring* was Lord; in 1547, Sir *John Spring* died Lord, and *William* his Son ſucceeded; In 1571, *Ambroſe Jermyn* ſold it to *Lionel Talmach*; in 1586, *Tho. Bright* Senior, ſetled it on *Robert* and *Henry* his Sons, after his death, and *Will. le Hunt* Eſq. was Lord in 1660; in 1672, *John Gage* of *Camberwell* in *Surrey*, conveyed it to *Tho. Grundy* of *Weſtminſter*, who left it to *John* his Brother, and it now belongs to Mr. *Underwood* of *London*.

The part conveyed to the *College* was called THOMPSON Manor.

In *H.* 5. Time *John Herring* of *Thompſon* Clerk, died ſeized of Lands &c.

In 1315, *Aymer de Valence*, *Maud de Tony*, *John de Thorp*, *Jeffry Burdeleys*, *Agnes de Caſton*, *Rob. Hall*, *Guy Butetort*, Maſter *Roger Buttetorte*, and *Ralf Camoys*, were Lords and owners of Manors that extended hither.

In 1353, *John* and *Tho. Shardelowe* his Brother, ſetled a Meſſuage and 40 Acres Land in *Thompſon*, on the College there, which was held of the Prior of *Hautenpriſſe*.

In 1401, *Ric. de Aula* or *Hall*, and his Parceners, held ſix parts of half a Fee of *Thomas Camois*.

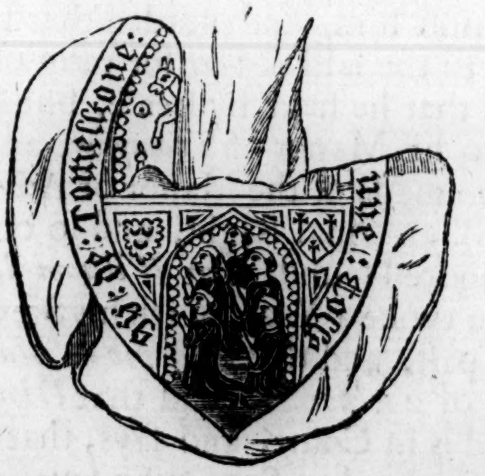
In 1512, *Tho. Blakeney* Gent. died ſeized of WATERHOUSE Manor here. In 1535, *Rob. Griggs* of *Sparham* Gent. died ſeized of it, and Mr. *Futter* of *Shelton*, deſcended from the ancient Family of that Name in this Town, is the preſent Lord.

In 1570, The Queen, *John Spelman*, *Rob. Grey*, *Philip Audeley*, and *Rob. Futter*, had Manors here.

In 1605, *Burdelos* Manor, which was the part that formerly belonged to *Scoulton* Manor, *Baynard*'s, *Warner*'s, and *Redham*'s, which were all in the College, and included in their Manor of *Thompſon*, belonged now to *John Futter*, and paſſed in that Family as aforeſaid.

BARRIE's Manor in *Thompſon*, hath been many Ages, united to *Caſton-Hall*, in *Caſton*, and ſo continues at this Day, as you may ſee at fo. 567.

I am lately informed, that Mr. *Futter* at his Death, left the College, College Manor, and Impropriate Rectory, to Mr. *Ware* his Siſters Son, who ſold the Rectory to Mr. *Colman*, the College and Manor to Mr. *Cater*, Father of the Rev. Mr. *Cater*, the preſent Lord, and Part of the College Lands, to Mr. *Tho. Barker*, whoſe Sons now enjoy them; the *Barkere*'s or *Barker*'s, are an ancient Family here.



**And thus having gone through this Hundred, which is chiefly incloſed, the greateſt part of it being a ſtrong Soil and pretty well wooded, I ſhall proceed in the next place, to the Hundred of *Fourhou* or *Forehoe*.**

# THE HUNDRED OF FOREHOE,

OR *FEORHOU*, takes it's Name from the *Four Hills*, where the *Hundred Court* uſed to be kept, they lie between *Barford* and *Kimberley*, in the Field belonging to the Pariſh of *Carleton*, from them called *Carleton Fourhoe*, on the South Side of the great Road, leading from *Norwich* to *Hingham*; upon what Account theſe Hills were firſt made, whither on ſome Engagement between the *Saxons* and *Danes*, I can't preſume to determine, but am apt to imagine them to have been raiſed upon ſome ſuch Account.

The HUNDRED is bounded on the Weſt, by *Wayland*, on the South, by *Shropham* and *Depwade*, on the North, by *Mitford* and *Taverham*, and on the Eaſt, by *Humbleyard*, and the *County* of the City of *Norwich*.

It belonged to the Crown, and was called, *The Hundred and half of Fourheu*, and was given by King *Stephen* to *William de Cheyney* in exchange, but that being revoked, it came to the King again, and the half Hundred, which contained only *Wymondham*, and the Lands of the Fee of the Earl of *Arundel*, was given to that Earl, and attended the Caſtle of *Bukenham*, as you may ſee at fo. 252, *&c.* and went with the Manor of *Wimondham*, in which it now reſts, that Town not being under the Juriſdiction of the whole Hundred, which King *John* in the Year 1215, gave to *John le Mareſchal*, Lord of *Hengham*, and his Heirs, with which Manor it hath paſſed ever ſince, and ſtill remains;

Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE of *Kimberley* Bart. being Lord thereof.

When the Grant paſſed it was valued at 8*l. per Ann.* and in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, it raiſed 67*l.* 18*s.* to every Tenth granted to the Crown.

It appears by a Record made ſoon after 1242, when [*f*] *Iſabell* Counteſs of *Arundell*, held *Wymondham* in Dower, that ſhe was exempt from the Hundred, and had a Lete, Gallows, Pillory, Duckingſtool, and Aſſize of Bread and Ale in her Manor and Lands, as the half Hundred, by Grant of *H.* II. It was found that the Manor of *Coſſey* then in Queen *Eleanor*, Mother to the King, had the ſame Liberties and Exemption as *Wimondham*, and that *Walter Geneys*, *Rob. de Mortimer* for *Barnham*, *Rich. Goley* for *Wiclewood*, and ſeveral other Lords, did their Suit to *Coſſey*, and not to the Hundred. The Heirs of *Giles de Wachesham*, had all the Liberties as *Windham*, except the *Lete*. The Prior of *Canterbury* had his Lete and Privileges as in *Windham*, to his Manor of *Deepham*, and *John de Stutvile* had the Lete to his Manor of *Kimberley*, *Will: de Carleton* had the Lete of *Carleton* to his Manor there, and the Prior of *Windham* had the Veiw of Frankpledge and Sole Juriſdiction over his Men and Lands, not only in *Wymondham*, but in *Wiclewood*, *Morley*, and *Carleton*.

*Thomas de Helwetune* had the Lete of *Wramplingham*, ſo far independent of the Hundred, that the Bailiff thereof was not permitted to attend at it, as he generally did at others.

*Will: Goſtleyne* of *Kimburle*, and *Tho. Goſtleyne*, had a Lete to their Manor at *Kimburle*.

*Jeffry Fitz-Walter* of *Hingham*, *Alan* Son of *Nigell de Kimburle*, *Thomas de Kimburle*, and

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[f] See fo. 253.

*Richard Muriel*, had the view of *Frankpledge* of their Men, and all theſe were exempt from the Hundred's Juriſdiction.

In 1413, *Thomas* Lord *Morle* Lord Marſhal of *Ireland*, as Lord of the Hundred, proſecuted *Thomas* and *John Fouldon*, for incloſing without his leave, a ſmall parcel of Waſte in *Welbourn*, and it appeared, that he was Lord *Paramount* of all the Hundred except hoſe Towns which were exempt and held a *Lete* of their own: In 1476, the Fiſhery called *Semere* in *Hingham*, belonged to the Hundred, as it now does. We have an Account of this Hundred and ſome of the Villages in it, at P. 303, of the *Atlas*, but it abounds with Errors, many Things and Places, being quite confounded one with another, as the Account of Sir *Oliver Hingham*, as he is called, which ſhould be Sir *Oliver Ingham*, of *Ingham* in *Happing* Hundred; *Carleton Rode*, inſtead of *Carleton Forehoe* &c.

This whole Hundred is in the Deanry of *Hingham* and Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*.

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## *BIXTON*,

OR *BIKERESTON*, was dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and was a Parochial Church, and had two Rectors, Sir *Will. de Mortimer* was Patron of one Mediety, and *Warine de Herford* of the other; each Rector had eleven Acres Glebe, the whole was valued at five Marks, but not taxed, it paid Procurations 3 *s.* Sinodals 6 *s.* Peter-Pence, 8 *d.* at the Reviſion, in 1633, it is ſaid to be a Rectory or Free Chapel, but the Chapel is prophaned, the Pariſhioners goe to *Barnham-Broom*, to which Rectory this was conſolidated, *Febr.* 11 1680. it was valued in the King's Books at 2 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and pays 4 *s.* 8 *d.* Tenths, and being valued with *Barnham-Broom* it is undiſcharged.

### RECTORS of *Herford*'s Mediety.

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| 1307, 3 Non. *Maij*, | *Adam de Herford*, to *Herford*'s Mediety. | JOHN DE HERFORD. |
| 1313, 12 Cal. *Oct.* | *Nic. de Blonorton* of *Swanton*. | |
| 1330, *Prid.* Non. *Nov.* | *Roger de Dingeley*. | THOMAS DE HEREFORD. |
| 1335, 6 Kal. *Nov.* | *John* Son of *Will. Payn* of *Swanton*. | |
| 1347, 15 *April*, | *William* Biſhop of *Norwich*, conſolidated the two Medieties. | |

### RECTORS, of *Mortimer*'s Mediety.

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| 1295, | *Richard de Helmingham*. | *Will. de Mortimer*. |
| 1314, 3 Kal. *July*, | *John de Bernham*. | Sir CONST. DE MORTIMER Knt. |
| 1334, Id. *Oct.* | *Rob.* *Parker* of *Atleburgh*. | |
| 1361, 11 *Sept.* | *John Vincent*. | *Will. de Bergh* &c. |
| 1392, 12 *March*, | *John Kemp* of *Hingham*, | Lady *Margery de Mortimer*. |
| 1399, 11 *Dec.* | *Ric. Atker*, of *Depeham*. | *Conſtantine Mortimer*. Eſq. |
| 1405, 9 *March*, | *John Schepy*, Lapſe. | |
| 1411, 11 *July*, | *Hugh Leſſey*, Lapſe. | |
| 1414, 2 *Oct*: | *Will*: *Evenwode*. | CONSTANTINE MORTIMER Eſq. |
| 1424, 30 *May*, | *Will*: *Hall*, Lapſe. | Change with *Hattleport Linc.* Dioc: ROBERT MORTIMER Eſq. |
| 1424, 6 *July*, | *Will*: *Hampton*. | |
| 1429, 30 *April*, | *Tho*: *Smith*. O. | ROB. MORTIMER Eſq; and SIBILL his Wife. |
| 1435, 30 *May*, | *John Meſſenger*. R. | |
| 1438, 8 *Jan*: | *John Dalton*. O. | |
| 1439, 23 *Oct*: | *Will*: *Hardgrey*. O. | |
| 1447, 1 *Aug*: | *Tho. Lynes*. | |
| 1468, 11 *Jan*: | *John Meſand*. | Sir ROB: WINGFIELD Knt. & ANNE his Wife. |
| 1472, 29 *Jan*: | Mr. *Hen. Coſteſſy*. O. | |
| 1483, 13 *Aug*: | Mr. *John Bendys*. O. | ANNE Relict of Sir *Rob*: *Wingfield*, Knt. |

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| 1509, 10 *May*, | Mr. *Tho. Fincham*, O. Lapſe. |
| 1518, 9 *July*, | *John Purpet* Maſter of *Ruſhworth* College. *David Selly*. |
| 1538, 20 *Nov*: | *Will. Lupton*. O. Sir *Rob. Wingfield*'s Aſſignee. |
| 1545, 27 *June*, | *Will. Moriſon*, O. Sir *Edw: Chamberlain* Knt. |
| 1550, 17 *Sept*: | *Nic. Corker*. *Geo. Chamberlain* Eſq. deprived. |
| 1554, 2 *March*, | *Andrew Deane*. Ditto. |
| | *John Corker*. O. |
| 1585, 10 *Nov*. | *Will. Thorowgood*, O. *Edw. Chamberlain* Gent. He had *Grimſton*; the Church had been down many Ages. |
| 1625, 11 *Oct*, | *Peter Weemyſe*. *John Thorowgood* Gent. |
| 1626, 28 *Aug*: | *Edw. Weld*. *Tho: Weld* Gent. |
| 1645, 4 *March*, | *James Duport*. *Edw. Chamberlain* Eſq. |
| | *Nic: Ganning*, O. He had *Bernham-Broome*. |
| 1680, 11 *Febr*. | *Sam: Ganning*. *Tho:* Lord *Crew*. O. conſolidated to *Bernham-Broome*. |
| 1708, 22 *July*, | *Herbert Davies*. *Arthur* Earl of *Torrington*. He was admitted to it as conſolidated or annexed to *Barnham-Broom*. |
| 1729, 31 *March*, | *James Champion*, A. M. was inſtituted to it ſingle, at Sir *John Woodhouſe*'s Preſentation, and held it by Union only, with *Barnham-Broome*. O. |
| 1731, 27 *March*, | The Rev. Mr. *John Breeſe*, A. M. at *Champion*'s death; He is now Rector, and holds it united to *Hingham*. Sir. *John Woodhouſe* Bart. is the preſent Patron. |

The Church is ruinated and it hath been a Sine-Cure for ſome Time; it is now eſteemed as an Hamlet to *Bernham-Broome*. It uſed to pay 9 *s*. 10 *d*. to the Tenths; it ſtood by the Rivers ſide and was very ſmall, it payed 1 *s*. Synodals, but no Procurations. The Prior of *Wymondham*'s Temporals were taxed at 1 *s*. 3 *d*.

This Town takes it's Name from it's ſituation, it ſignifying the Town by the *Ker* or *Carr*, and had it's Original ſince the Conqueror's Survey, it being then included in *Bernham*, and was owned by the Earl *Warren*, who granted a Moiety of it to the Family of the *Hoo*'s to be held at a quarter of a Fee, *John de Hoo* was Lord, and after him *Samſon de Hoo*, who conveyed it to the *Mortimer*'s, the other Moiety was in the *Herford*'s, *John de Herford* was Lord in 1307, and *Tho. de Hereford* or *Herford* in 1335, and each had a Moiety of the Advowſon, 'till the Moieties were joined about 1346, in the *Mortimer*'s, and then they were conſolidated, and the Manors united, and from this Time it paſſed with *Atleburgh*, and was after enjoyed by *John de Herlyng* and *Cecily* his Wife, the Daughter and Coheir, and continued 'till the extinction of that Family in *Anne* Daughter of Sir *Rob. Herling*, whoſe Huſbands were Lords here in her Right, and held it of *Caſtle-Acre* Caſtle, and afterwards it went to the *Chamberlains*, and paſſed with *Bernham-Broome*, with which it is ſtill joined, Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE Bart. being now Lord and Patron.

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# *BERNHAM-BROOM.*

IT's two Churches, are conſolidated, and the Church of *Bickerſton*, or *Bixton*, which was dedicated to St. *Andrew*, was conſolidated to them, A°. 1680.

## The *Church* of St. PETER and PAUL,

Belonged to *Will: de Mortimer*; the Rector had a Houſe and 30 Acres of Land, both the Churches together were taxed at 20 Marks, paid Sinodals and Procurations 13 *d*. Peter-Peace 13 *d*. the Carvage with the Chapel of *Ryskes*, 4 *d*. *ob*.

## The *Church* of St. MICHAEL,

Stood in the ſame Yard, it's Foundation may be ſeen on the N. Side of the preſent Church, at Domeſday making, 'twas in *William de Mortimer*'s Patronage, the Rector had a Houſe and 30 Acres of Ground, paid 3*s.* Proc. 2*s.* Sinodals, and Carvage with *Bernham* St. *Peter* as above, ſo that I am apt to think that this was *Rysk*'s Parochial Chapel, and being in one Patron, was now conſolidated, and became a Chapel only to St. *Peter*, it paid 13*d.* Peter-Pence.

There were the Gilds of our *Lady* and St. *Peter* here, and in 1440, a new Bell was added.

## RECTORS.

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| 1329, 23 *May*, | *Ralf Bacon*. Change with *Thurſton*. | Sir CONSTANTINE MORTIMER. |
| 1333, 10 Kal: *Nov*: | *William de Wycklewood*. to *Bernham* with *Ryske*'s Chapel. | |
| 1347, 30 *April*, | *George Bacoun*. | |
| 1349, 16 *Aug*: | *Tho: Strange*. | |
| 1352, 11 *Nov*: | *Walter de Baketon*. Change with *Bunwell*. | |
| 1355, 26 *Nov*: | *Hugh Bandon*. 1376, buried in St. *Mary*'s Chapel. | |
| 1376, 15 *Feb*: | *Stephen Gilbert* of *Holt*. | Sir ROB. DE MORTIMER, Knt. |
| 1386, 27 *March*, | *Tho. Selde*. | |
| 1393, 30 *Jan*: | *John Warbold*. MARGERY, Relict of Sir ROB. DE MORTIMER. | |
| 1429, 14 *Oct*: | *John Hecham*. ROB. MORTIMER Eſq; and SIBILL his Wife. (Epiſcopus Gradenſis.) | |
| 1441, 14 *Oct*: | Mr. *Rob. Popy*, in Dec. Bac. He was buried in the Quire of the Friers Minors at *Norwich*, in 1453. He changed this for *Belagh*. *Ditto*. | |
| 1449, 6 *May*, | *Rob: Ryngman*. reſigned *Belagh*. *Ditto*. | |
| 1453, 2 *April*, | *Nicholas Medewe*. *Ditto*. | |
| 1467, 12 *Aug*: | *Rich: Toke*. Sir ROB. WINGFIELD Knt. in Right of ANNE MORTIMER, his Wife. O. | |
| 1493, 9 *May*, | *John Hamelyn*. JOHN Lord SCROOP, and ANNE WINGFIELD alias MORTIMER his Wife. He was buried in the Chancel in 1516, and gave 40 Marks to lead it. | |
| 1516, 12 *July*, | *Rob: Hubbard*. EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN Eſq. O. | |
| 1560, 17 *Aug*: | *Rich: Chamberlain*. GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN Gent. O. | |
| 1567, 5 *Oct*: | *Edw: Pagrave*. EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN Gent. 143 Communicants here. | |
| 1623, 13 *Jan*: | *John Legat*. HENRY LAMBE Eſq. | |
| | *Nicholas Ganning*. O. | |
| 1647, | *John Carter*. | |
| 1680, 11 *Febr*: | *Samuel Ganning*, to *Bernham-Broom* and *Bixton* annexed. THOMAS Lord CREW. O. | |
| 1708, 22 *July*, | *Herbert Davies*. ARTHUR Earl of *Torrington*. | |
| 1729, 31 *March*, | *James Champion*, A. M. on *Davies*'s Death. Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE, Bart. inſtituted to *Bixton* the ſame Time, and held them by Union. O. | |
| 1730, | The Rev. Mr. *Will: Gordon* Clerk, the preſent Rector. Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE, Bart. the preſent Patron. | |

This Rectory ſtands thus in the King's Books.

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| 12 *l.* 08 *s.* 1 *d.* *ob*: | *Bernham-Broom* Rectory *cum*. | 1 *l.* 4 *s.* 9 *d.* *ob*: *q*. Tenths. |
| 02 *l.* 06 *s.* 08 *d.* | *Bixton* R. | 0 *l.* 4 *s.* 8 *d.* Tenths. |

It pays 3 *s.* Synodals, the Temporals of the Prior of *Wymondham*, were taxed at 3 *s.* and thoſe of the Prior of St. *Faith*'s at 12 *d.* and it paid 2 *l.* to the Tenths.

In 1467, *Edm*: *Brightyeve* (or *Britiff*) of *Bernham-Broom*, was buried in St. *Peter*'s there, in the Chancel. *John* was his Son and Heir.

**Orate pro Anima Edmundi Breghteve Generosi qui obiit xiv° die Januarii Mcccclxvii, cuius anime propicietur Deus.**

**Orate pro Anima Margarete Breghtyeve, que obiit iiii° Maii A° M°cccc°lxxxiii°.**
It is now loſt.

In 1497, *John Brightyeve* his Son, was buried in this Church, *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Robert* his Son; *Agnes* and *Alice* his Daughters ſurvived him; he gave *Hawteynes* Manor here to his Wiſe, and *Sotherton* Manor in *Suffolk*, to his Daughter *Agnes*, and Sir *Henry Heydon* was his Superviſor.

In 1503, *John Dorant* of *Bernham-Broom* Gent. whoſe Wiſe *Elyn* ſurvived him, was buried in the Church. *Elyn Dorant* Widow, was buried by her Husband in 1514, and ſetled all her Lands and Tenements in *Barnham-Broom*, and *Bixton*, on the Gilds of our *Lady* and St. *Peter* in *Barnham-Broom*, on Condition the Brothers and Siſters, keep a Solemn *Dirige* and Maſs of *Requiem* every *Lady Day* in *Barnham* Church, for her, and her Husband's Souls, and lay a Graveſtone of 26 *s.* 8 *d.* with an Image and her Arms thereon.

*On a Braſs.*

**Orate pro Anima Johis: Durant et Alicie Uxoris ſue que quidem Alicia obiit ii$^{do}$ die Menſis Decembris Anno Dni: Mcccccxiv cuius anime propicietur Deus.**
the Arms are imperfect.

**Hic iacet dominus Johannes Hamelyne Rector dum vixit iſtius Eccleſie, qui obiit ... die Maii Anno Dni: Mcccccxvi.**

On the North Side of the Chancel under the Wall, is a very large Marble, but no Inſcription.

*In the Chancel.*

ELIZABETH late Wife of NICHOLAS CARR, of St. Gregory's Pariſh in Norwich Eſq; buried 31 Oct: 1666.
NICHOLAS CARR Eſq; buried 12 April 1675, A° Ætatis 81.
CARR. *Arg.* on a Chev'ron *Sab.* 3 Eſtoils *Gul.* between 3 Griffins Heads eraſed *Or.*

The Church ſtands on a Hill, it hath only one Iſle and Chancel, both which, are leaded, and there are five Bells.

Feorhou **H. et dim: Terre** Willi de Warenna. (Domſday fo. 94.)
**In** BERNHAM ii **Car: terre ⁊** vi **Acr. tenebant** xlvii **Liberi homines, quando recepit, et modo** lvii. **ſemper** vii **Bord. ⁊** viii **Car. ⁊** x **Acr: prati, ſemper i Moln: ⁊ dim: tunc val: cs. modo ix Lib:** Soca **in** Wimundham Regis. **Totum habet vi quar. in longo ⁊ iiii in lato. ⁊ de** Gelto Regis. viii **s. ⁊** v **d. quicunque ibi teneat.**

When the Conqueror firſt gave this Town to the Earl *Warren*, there were two Carucates of Land held by 47 Freemen, and 'twas worth 5 *l.* *per An.* but at the Survey, they were increaſed to 57 Men, and their Rents and Services to nine Pounds.

The *Soke* belonged to the King's Manor of *Wymondham*, and the Town was three quarters of a Mile long, and half a Mile broad, and paid 8 *s.* 5 *d.* to the King's Tax.

The Manor was held of *Caſtle-Acre* Caſtle and came to the *Mortimer*'s, and paſſed with their Manor of *Atleburgh*, as you may ſee at fo. 343, 'till Sir *Rob. Mortimer* of *Atleburgh*, gave it to his ſecond Son, *Conſt. Mortimer*, as you may ſee at fo. 346, and it came after to *Margery* Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Tho. Mortimer* eldeſt Brother to *Conſtantine*, who carried it to Sir *John Fitz-Ralf* her Husband, after the Death of *Anne* Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Rob: Herling*, who had her Life in it, and her Husbands were Lords in her Right, and ſo it parted from *Atleburgh*, and paſſed in the *Fitz-Ralfs* with *Little-Elingham*, as you may ſee at fo. 568, 'till *Elizabeth*, one of the Coheirs of that Family, married to Sir *Rob. Chamberlain* of *Gedding* in *Suffolk*, and then it went in that Family with *Elingham* aforeſaid 'till that went to Sir *Edward Chamberlain*'s third Son *Leonard*, and this to his ſecond Son *George Chamberlain* of *Bernham Broom*, who was Lord in 1560, *Edward* his Son in 1567, and *Edward* his Grandſon in 1612, who married *Anne* Daughter of *Henry Lamb* of *Toſtock* in *Suffolk*, who left it to his Son *Edward*, firſt married to *Mary* Daughter of *Tho: Weld* of *Wimondham*, and after to *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Henry Clifton* of *Toftres*, who was ſucceeded by *Edw: Chamberlain* his Son, of *Lincoln*'s-*Inn*, who married a *Sidley*, and was 22 Years old in 1651. He left *Edw: Chamberlain* of *Yarmouth*, who had a Place in the Cuſtom Houſe there, but was never Lord here, the Eſtate being ſold by his Father to Sir *Tho: Woodhouſe* of *Kimberley*, and Sir *John Woodhouſe* Bart. is now Lord and Patron.

## HAUTEYN's, *now called* HAWKINS's MANOR.

H. Feorhou. (Domſd. fo. 290.) Terre Goduini Haldeni.

BERNHAM, ten: i lib: homo T. R. E. i Car. terre. ſemper ii Vill. & iii Bord. ſemper i Car. & iii Acr. prati ſemper i Mol. & val: xx Sol. Terre Starcolfi. H. Feorhou. BERNHAM tenuit idem T. R. E. lx Acr. terre et iii Bord. & i Car. & ii Acr: prati & val: x Sol.

This Manor was in two parts, *Godwin Halden* had one, which was worth 20 *s.* and *Starcolf* another, worth 10 *s.* they were ſoon joined, and came to the Family ſirnamed *De Bernham*, and was always held of the Earl of *Glouceſter* and *Hereford.*

*Will: de Bernham* had it about *Richard* I Time, and after him *Walter de Bernham*, who held the ſame two Fees of the Honour of *Glouceſter*, in *Oxnedes*, *Heyleſden*, *Bernham*, *Skeyton*, and *Sunderland* in *Haringby*, that *William* his Predeceſſor formerly held, they being then valued at 10 *l. per An.* In 1250, *Emma* Wife of *David de Bernham*, had Lands here, and in 1264, *Will. de Bernham* had a Charter for Free-Warren here, and in *Skeyton* and *Antingham*, and the latter end of *H.* III. Reign, *Margaret Hauteyn* held part of it for life, of *Walter de Bernham*, who was Lord in 1316, and in 1345, *Hamon de Mikelefeld* and his Partners, held that part which *Margaret Hauteyn* formerly had.

In 1372, *Alex. Straunge* of *Bernham Ryſkes*, granted to Mr. *Will. de Blithe* Archdeacon of *Norfolk*, *Thomas* Parſon of *Hardyngham*, *Hugh* Parſon of *Bernham* with *Riſkys*, Mr. *Will: de Swynflet* Archdeacon of *Norwich*, his Manor called HAUTEYN's-HALL in *Bernham* and *Ryſks*, Sir *Rob. Mortimer*, Sir *Roger de Wylaſham* Knights and others, being Witneſſes; the Original remains among the Evidences of the City of *Norwich*, and hath a Seal appendant thereto, which is a Sheild parted per pale indented, on the dexter ſide three Martlets and this Circumſcription. SIGIL: ALEXANDRI: LE STRANGE. they ſeem to be Truſtees to *Will. Hauteyn*, for this Year it is ſaie theManor was in two parts, and was lately held of *Humphry de Bohun*, Earl of *Hereford* and *Eſſex*, by *Walter de Bernham* and *Will. Hauteyn.*

In 1394, *Will. Gambon*, and *Cecily* his Wife held 40 Acres of Land and 30 *s.* Rent in *Bernhaw*, *Brandon*, and *Runhale* and *Richard* was their Son and Heir.

In 1401, *John Walkeden* and his Tenants held it of the Counteſs of *Herford*, and not long after it belonged to the,

BRYGHTYEVE's or BRITIFF's, an ancient Family in this Town; in 1467, *Edm. Bryghteve* was Lord and was buried here, as was *John* his Son in 1497, who left the Manor to *Elizabeth* his Wife, after the deceaſe of *Agnes Bryghteve* his Mother, and after his Wife's death, to *Robert* his Son and Heir, and it was found that this *John Britiffe* held it of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, as of the Honour of *Herford*, by Knights Service; how long it continued in this Family I don't find, but in 1597,

The whole Scite of the Manor of *Hawkins* alias *Britives* in *Barnham-Broome*, was leaſed to *Edw: Pye* by the Corporation of the City of NORWICH, who are the preſent Lords.

This Town is diſtinguiſhed from *Bernham* in *Suffolk &c.* in all old Evidences, by the Name of *Bernham-Ryſkys*, that Hamlet and Church thereto belonging, being united to it; it hath lately been always called BARNHAM-BROOM, but on what Account I know not, for I don't find any of the Family of that Name ever concerned here.

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# *BOWTHORP.*

THIS *CHURCH* was dedicated to St. *Michael*, and was firſt valued at five, afterwards at ſix Marks; the Procurations were 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Sinodals 1 *s.* 11 *d.* Peter-Pence 4 *d.* Caruage 6 *s. ob.* the Rector had a Houſe and 40 Acres of Land, and *Rob: de Leyham* was Patron; it was afterwards annexed by *Richard* Biſhop of *Norwich*, to the College of St. *Mary* in the Fields in *Norwich*.

## RECTORS.

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1304, *Gilbert de Wendene.* Sir RICHARD DE BRAMPTON, Knt.
1335, *John Boteler* of *Bulmere.* R.
13 8, *John de Taleworth.*
1349, *Hugh Skoner.* } Change with the
1352, *John Douchirch.* } Vic. of *Neketon.* R.
1354, *Thomas de Penreth.* } Lady *Hawiſe de Wyſham.*
1364, *John Mey. Rob: de Bumpſtede,* of *Norwich.* } Change with *Brynton.*
1365, *Richard,* Son of *John de Kimburle. Ditto.* } Change with *Colton.*
1366, *Stephen Gilbert* of *Holt. Ditto.* Change with *Howe.*
1376, *Hugh Thede* of *Wortham.* JOHN DE CORPESTY, Citizen of *Norwich.*
1378, *Rob: Notykyn,* of *Stodey.* O. 1388.
1388, *John Elys* of *Tivetſhall.* Sir WILLIAM ELMHAM, Knt.
1403, *John Maymond,* of *Hepworth.* Sir JOHN DE INGOLDESTHORP, Knt.
1408, *Will. Browne.* ELIZABETH, Relict of Sir *Will. Elmham,* Knt.
1413, *Will: Noot.* Change with *Leyſton, London* Dioc: WILLIAM SEDMAN Citizen of *Norwich.*
1420, *John Bennes,* of *Ipſwich.* The DEAN, and Canons of St. *Mary,* in the Field at *Norwich,* Patrons to their Diſſolution.
1427, *Nicholas Wolmer.* deprived.
1431, *Rob: Downe.* R.
1436, *John atte Herne.* R.
1437, *Nicholas Heylet.* O.
1460, *John Smith.* O.
1462, *John Wilton.* O. united for Life to a Chantry in St. *Mary*'s College.
1464, *Nicholas Riley,* buried in the Middle of the Church, in 1470, before St. *Michael*'s Image, and founded a Lamp to burn ſix Years before that Image, and was a Benefactor to St. *Andrew*'s Gild at *Colney.*
1471, *John Neel.*
*Henry Gawell.* R.
1505, *Henry Shelton.* R.
1508, *Will: Richers,* Vicar alſo of *Bawburgh,* where he is buried.
1520, Sir *Anthony Hogeſon,* the laſt preſented by the Convent. NICHOLAS CARR, LL. D. being Dean.
1588, *Tho. Igmethorp.* The QUEEN by Lapſe.
1597, *John Sadlow,* licenced Preacher. The QUEEN.
1605, *Andrew Clark.* The KING by Lapſe.
1612, *Will: Rawley.* The CHANCELLOR, and Scholars of the Univerſity of *Cambridge,* by Act of Parliament, (*Yaxley* the Patron, I ſuppoſe, being a Papiſt.) He was S. T. P. and Rector in 1636.

The Rev. M. *Lynne Smear,* is now Curate, at the Nomination of the YALLOP's, who had it of the *Yaxley*'s.

This Church is not mentioned in the King's Books, it was a Rectory in the DEAN and CANONS of the College of St. *Mary in the Fields* in *Norwich,* who preſented to it 'till 1522, and then the College petitioned [*b*] *Richard* Biſhop of *Norwich,* ſetting forth, that the Church was of their Patronage, and that it was deſtitute of Pariſhioners, and therefore might more properly be made a Chapel rather than remain a Rectory with Cure of Souls, there being no Inhabitants in the Town, but the College Servants, who tilled their Lands, and the Profits being ſo ſmall that they would not maintain a Rector, they hoped that the Biſhop would conſolidate it to the College, the Revenues of which were ſo much decreaſed, that they would ſcarce maintain the *Dean* and *Canons* there; upon which the Biſhop conſidering the College was of his Patronage, did conſolidate to the ſaid College for ever, the Rectory with all it's Profits &c. on Condition they kept up the Church, and performed Service there on Sundays and Saints Days, by a Chaplain to be paid by them for ſo doing, and that henceforth it ſhould be reputed a Church or Chapel, and ſhould be kept in decent repair, at their Expence: The Biſhop reſerved all Epiſcopal Juriſdiction over it, and peculiar Power to ſequeſter all the Profits, if they ſhould neglect to repair the Church at any time, or find a ſerving Chaplain there, and alſo at the removal of every Dean of the College, the ſucceeding *Dean* was to pay 4 *l.* to the Biſhop for the time being, in Lieu of the Tenths and Firſt Fruits of this Church; (which is the Reaſon 'tis not in the King's Books) the Conſolidation bears Date at the Biſhops Manor of *Hoxne*, *Jan.* 8 1522, but the College never enjoyed it, for Sir *Anth. Hogeſon*, who was Rector at the Conſolidation ſurvived the College's Diſſolution, and therefore the Crown preſented to it as a lapſed Rectory, and the Univerſity as a Rectory in the Hands of a Papiſt, but after the Death of *Rawley*, *Henry Yaxley* Lord here, made it appear 'twas conſolidated as aforeſaid to the College, and came with that at the Diſſolution to the King, who granted the Manor and Rectory, as an Impropriation to *Miles Spencer*, laſt Dean of the College and Chancellor of the Dioceſs, [i] he died ſingle, and it came to the *Yaxley*'s; in 1605, it was returned to be a Free-Chapel, that paid no Sinodals nor Procurations, and therefore is exempt from Archidiaconal Juriſdiction, but the King lately preſented to it as a Rectory, valued at 6 Marks, in the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk* and Deanry of *Hingham*; during this Time, the Church was neglected and laid in decay, without any Service, it being eſteemed as a Sine-Cure, 'till *Matthew* Biſhop of *Norwich* obtained a Decree in Chancery, dated 23 *Feb.* 1635, againſt *Henry Yaxley* Eſq. Lord here, by vertue of which the Church was purged of all Things in it, (it having been uſed as a ſort of Store-Houſe) the Church Yard was fenced in (being 28 Rods round) four Windows were put into the Church, and one into the Steeple, a Porch built, new Doors made, the Church paved, ceiled, whited, and reeded, a Font erected, and the Pulpit and Deſk finiſhed, at about 140 *l.* Charge; the Profits of the whole Living were ſequeſter'd to repair the Church, and 'twas finiſhed at *Michaelmas* 1639; the Prieſt's or Chaplain's Salary, to be paid by the ſaid *Yaxley*, and all others after him, that ſhall poſſeſs the Tithes and Glebes; all which was performed accordingly, and ever ſince, it hath been ſerved by a *Chaplain* or *Pariſh-Prieſt*, as it is at this Day, it being a *Donative* in the Lord of the Manor.

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[*b*] MSS. Dunelm. R. 267.

The Church is very ſmall, being only 15 Yards long and 7 broad, it hath no Iſles nor Steeple, ſave a ſmall Turret, in which hangs one Bell: The Altar is rail'd in, and in the Eaſt Window are the Arms of *Yallop*, *Giles*, and *Spelman*.

*On a Black Marble in the Chancel.*

Yallop, *Gul.* an Orle between 8 Billets *Or.* quartering
Giles, per Feſs *Gul.* & *Az.* on a Bend *Arg:* between two Lyons Heads eraſed, and as many Croſlets Fitchee *Or.* 3 Roſes *Gul.* impaling *Spelman.*
Yallop's Creſt is a Pheon *Or.* between 2 Wings *Arg.*

Here lyeth the Bodyes of Robert, Henry, and Dorothy Yallop, Children of Sir Robert Yallop of Bowthorp Knight, and Dorothy his Wife, which Children were born, and died in their Infancy, between the Years of our Lord 1660, and 1670.

*On another Stone,* Yallop *impales* Spelman *in a Lozenge.*

Here lyeth the Body of Dame Dorothy, the Widow of Sir Robert Yallop of Bowthorp in the County of Norfolk Knt. to whom ſhe bore 4 Sons and one Daughter, ſhe was the eldeſt Daughter of Clement Spelman of the County of Middleſex Eſq; and one of the Barons of the Exchequer, a Lady no leſs adorned with the Endowments of Virtue, than of Nature, and as the Former gave her the Eſteem of Men, ſo the Latter qualified her for Heaven, for if the Mercifull ſhall obtain Mercy, ſhe in whom Compaſſion, and Charity to the diſtreſſed, ſhined ſo bright, may juſtly be preſumed to have met with a like Return from the Father of Mercies, in Hopes whereof ſhe departed this Life the 15th Day of January, in the Year of our Lord 1719, 20, and of her Age 84.

*On another Stone,* Yallop, *and* Giles *per Feſs, impaling a Feſs between 9 Roundels.*

Edward Yallop Gent. of the Society and Company of Merchant-Taylors in the City of London, and next Brother to Sir Robert Yallop of Bowthorp Knt. dyed at Bowthorpe aforeſaid, the 29th Day of July 1679, leaving 2 Daughters, Mary, and Elizabeth, and was here buried.

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[i] Mr. Neve ſays his Picture is at Bowthorp.

### *On an Altar Tomb in the Church-Yard.*

Reliquiæ Roberti Yallop Militis, Loco, Juſſu dum viveret ſuo, coram effoſſo, depoſitæ;
Obijt VII° Die Menſis Maij A° Domini. M. DCCV. Ætat LXVIII. Requieſcat in Pace.

This Town paid 36 *s.* 8 *d.* to the Tenths, The Temporals of the Abbot of *Langele* were taxed at 33 *s.* 4 *d.* *ob.* thoſe of the Prior of St. *Faiths* at 3 *s.*

In 1310, *Thomas de Cokesfield* gave ſix Acres of Land in *Bowthorp*, to the Abbot of *Langley*, in exchange for ſix Acres in *Erlam.*

In 1324, *William Bateman* of *Norwich* and *Margaret* his Wife, ſetled on *Will. Bateman*, their Son, a Meſſuage and Lands here.

The learned Sir *Henry Spelman* in his *Icenia*, (fo. 157.) would have it take it's Name from *Bout.* i. e. *Ambitus*, and *Thorp*, *Villula*, but it ſeems rather to be *Beau-Thorp*, that is the fine or pleaſant Village, it's Situation no ways anſwering the Knight's Deſcription.

It belonged to HAKENE a Saxon in the Confeſſor's Time, and was worth 40 *s.* and at the Conqueror's Survey it belonged to that Monarch, who committed it to the Cuſtody of *Godric*, who paid 6 *l.* *per An.* for it, it was only three Furlongs long, and as much broad, and paid 6 *d.* *ob.* *Gelt*.

Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat. H. Feorhou. (Doms. fo.° 23.)

BOETHORP tenuit HAKENE T. R. E. ii Car: terre, tunc x Villani mº xiiii. ſemper iii Serv. ⁊ ii Car. in dnio: ⁊ ii Car: homin: Silva xvi Porc. ⁊ x Acr: prati, ſemper i Mol: ⁊ vii Porc. ⁊ xvi Ov: Huic Manerio iacent ii Soc. iiii Acr. terre. Totum val: xl Sol. mº vi Lib: Albas. et habet iii quar: in lato, ⁊ iiii in longo, ⁊ vi d. ⁊ i. obolum de Gelto.

This Town was granted to the PEVERELLS (who enfeoffed the LEYHAM's) except the ſuperiority of the whole Town, and all that part which belonged to the Manor of *Coſſe* , and was held of the Honour of *Richmond*, which having always paſſed with the Manor of *Coſſey*, and ſtill continuing with it, I need only refer you thither, the Lord of *Coſſey* Manor being ſuperior Lord, great part being held of him; for in the Year [*k*] 1480, this Town was found to be antient Demean, and being part of *Coſſey*, the Tenants and Inhabitants were to enjoy the like Privileges, and were not to be impanelled upon Juries *&c.*

In 1206, Sir *Peter de Leyham* was Lord and Patron, this Family reſided at *Leyham* in *Suffolk*, and had very conſiderable Eſtates in both Counties, he gave many Lands here to the Abbot of *Langele*, who jointly with *Ric: Keyſer*, *Laurence de Brakene* and others, paid 12 *s.* 5 *d.* as their part for two Fees, towards the *Aid* for marrying King *H.* III. Daughter.

*Robert de Leyham* ſucceeded *Peter*, and was followed by,

*Reginald* his Son and Heir, who died in 1244, ſeized of the Manor and Patronage, as did *Lettice* his Wife, in 1266, leaving,

*John de Leyham* his Son and Heir a Minor, and in 1289, this *John* was found to hold *Overbury-Hall* Manor in *Leyham* in *Suffolk*, of the Earl Marſhal at one Fee, and this Manor of the Honour of *Hatfield Peverel*, at two Fees; he died ſeized in 1289, leaving theſe Manors to,

JOHN his Son, then two Years old, and in 1298, 'twas found that Sir *Richard de Brampton* Knt. was his Couſin and Heir, he died the next Year without Iſſue and,

BRAMPTON inherited, and in 1300, the ſaid *Richard* and his under Tenants *viz.* the Abbot of *Langele*, *Maud de Caſton*, *Emma Kerville*, *John de Bawbergh*, *Ric. Keyſer* and *Joeceline Goodhale*, were poſſeſſed of the ſaid Fees, and in 1304, Sir *Richard* preſented here; in 1305, he ſetled it on,

THOMAS DE BRAMPTON his Son, and his Heirs.

In 1310, ROBERT DE REYDON of *Reydon* in *Suffolk*, had a Charter for Free-Warren here, for a Market, Fair, and Free-Warren in *Reydon*, for Free-Warren in *Wenham-Combuſta*, *Hadley*, *Holeton*, *Stratford*, *Leyham*, *Hintleſham*, *Wheiſted*, *Treſton*, *Wolfreſton*, *Badingham*, and *Framlingham*, in *Suffolk*, *Ramſey* and *Wrabneſe* in *Eſſex*, and *Fighelden*, and *Aleton* in *Wiltſhire*. This *Robert* purchaſed it of *Thomas de Brampton*, who conveyed it to him, with the Reverſion of the third Part, which *Alice* Widow of Sir *Richard de Brampton*, held in Dower, and in 1314, the ſaid *Robert* had the King's Licence to ſetle it on,

JOHN his Son and *Hawiſe* his Wife, who preſented by the Name of *Hawiſe de Wyſham* in

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[k] Pat: E. 4. Aº 20 Part. 1. Mem: 29.

1335, and in 1338, *Richard* Son of *Thomas de Brampton*, Couſin and one of the Heirs of *John de Leyham* releaſed his Right, to the ſaid *Hawiſe*, Sir *Andrew de Bures*, and *Alice* his Wife, and the Heirs of *Alice*, and in 1359, *Hawiſe* then Widow of *John de Wyſham* held it of the Inheritance of the ſaid *Alice*.

In 1360, Sir *Andrew de Bures* died, *Alice* his Wife ſurvived, and *Robert* their Heir was then 26 Years old, but he dying without Iſſue, the ſaid *Alice* jointly with her ſecond Huſband, *John* Son of Sir *John de Sutton* Knt. conveyed their Manor and Advowſon in 1362, to,

ROBERT DE BUMPSTED Citizen of *Norwich*, and *Thomas* his Son and their Heirs, which *Robert* preſented in 1364.

In 1376, *John de Corpeſty* Citizen of *Norwich* was Lord and Patron and

In 1388, Sir WILLIAM DE ELMHAM Knt. and *Bartholomew de Ellys* his Truſtee: this Sir *William*, was one of the Captains ſent to the Aid of the Duke of *Britain*, in 1379, he was Lord of *Ingaldeſthorp* and *Frenge* in *Norfolk*, and *Weſtthorp* &c. in *Suffolk*, which laſt Manor he left with this, ſolely to his Wife, whom he had made Executrix, with Sir *John Ingoldeſthorp* Knt. Sir *William Burgate* Knt. &c. and having bought the Marriage and Cuſtody of Sir *John Boun* his Kinſman, of the Earl of *Arundel*, he orderd 35 Marks to be expended for the Soul of Sir *John Curſoun* Knt. who was Priſoner with the Earl of *Pembrook* in *Spain*; Sir *William* died in 1403, and was buried in a Chapel in the Abby of *Bury*; In 1419, *Elizabeth* his Widow died at *Weſthorp* in *Suffolk*, and was buried in the Abby by her Huſband. Sir *John Ingoldeſthorp*, preſented in 1403, and ſhe her ſelf in 1408, ſhe left a Legacy to Dame *Margaret Kerdeſtone* her Mother, and the Relations of *Thomas Catterton* her firſt Huſband, and being poſſeſſed of this Manor and Advowſon in Fee by her Huſband's Will, in the Year 1409, ſhe ſold it to

WILLIAM SEDMAN Citizen of *Norwich*, who preſented in 1413, and ſoon after ſetled, the Manor, Lands and Advowſon, on

The DEAN and CANONS of the Chapel of St. *Mary in the Fields*, in the City of *Norwich*, commonly called, *The Chapel in the Feilds*, in which Houſe it continued to it's Diſſolution,

And was then granted by King *Henry* the VIII. in 1546, along with the Scite of that Religious Place, to

MILES SPENCER laſt *Dean* there, and his Heirs, to be held by Knights Service in *Capite*, the ſaid *Dean* having purchaſed moſt of the Revenues of this College of the King; at his Deceaſe it came to the

YAXLEY's, but how I can not find, for in 1570, *Margaret* Daughter and Heir of *Robert Stokes* of *Yorkſhire*, [*l*] Widow of *Richard Yaxley* of *Melles* in *Suffolk*, held the Manor and Impropriate Rectory, and at her Death left them to

WILLIAM YAXLEY Eſq. her Son who had them in 1572.

In 1600, *Henry Yaxley* Eſq. ſetled it in Truſt on *Charles Waldegrave*, in 1635, this *Henry* was Lord and lived here, it continued in the Family 'till they made it over to the

BROWNS of *Colney*, and about 1660,

Sir ROBERT YALLOP Knt. for his good Service in recovering Mr. *Yaxley*'s Eſtate in *Yorkſhire*, from his Kinſman *Brown* of *Colney*, had this Manor conveyed to him, he ſetled at *Bowthorp-Hall*; this Sir *Robert* was Grandſon of *Rowland Yallop* of *Rockland* in *Norfolk*, whoſe Son *Robert* married *Joan* Daughter of *Edward Giles* of *Thorp* by *Norwich*, by whom he had one Daughter *Anne*, married to *Thomas Barret* of *Horſtead* Gent. where ſhe was buried, and ſeveral Sons, *Edward* his ſecond is buried here; *Giles* another Son, buried at *Potter-Heigham*, and Sir *Robert* who married *Dorothy* Daughter of *Clement Spelman*, of *Grays-Inn*, Baron of the Exchequer; Sir *Robert* died in 1705, and was buried here.

CHARLES YALLOP Eſq. his only Son, married *Ellen* Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Edw. Barkham* of *Weſt-Acre* Bart. whoſe Son,

EDWARD YALLOP alias SPELMAN Eſq. is ſaid to be Lord, but one Mr. *Naſh* a Mortgagee, is ſaid to be in Poſſeſſion of the Eſtate.

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[*l*] The Yaxley's art buried at Yaxley, and Melles in Suffolk.

# BAWBURGH.

COMMONLY called *BABER*, is a little Village at the Eaſt part of this Hundred, famous for the Birth of St. WALSTAN, whoſe Life we have at large, among *Capgrave*'s Legends fo. 285,

St. *Walſtan* the Confeſſor ſays he, was born in *Bawburgh* of a good Family, his *Fathers* Name being *Benedict* and his Mothers *Blida*, at 12 Years Old renouncing all his Patrimony, he enter'd Service at *Taverham*, and became ſo charitable, that he gave his own Victuals to the Poor, and even his Shoes off his Feet, to a Woman that asked his Charity; this being told his Miſtreſs, ſhe immediately goes to him, with Deſign of rebuking him for ſo doing, but upon her finding him, loading his Cart with Buſhes and Thorns barefooted, without any Injury or Pain, ſurpriſed at the Miracle, ſhe falls down before him, confeſſes her wicked Intention in coming, and begged his Pardon, which he preſently granted. This being reported about, and his Maſter ſeeing the many Miracles he did, loved him much, and would have made him his Heir, but he would accept of nothing, only the Promiſe of the Calf of a certain Cow he named, when ſhe calved, which being agreed, not long after, ſhe had two Bull Calves, which he carefully brought up, not for coveteouſneſs Sake, but to fulfill God's Will, an Angel having commanded him ſo to do, which told him, that they ſhould conduct him to the Place of his Burial. After this, as he was Mowing with his Fellow Labourers in a Meadow, an Angel appeared and warned him of his Death, notwithſtanding which, he kept on Mowing, 'till near the Time, and then calling his Maſter and Fellows together, he told them his Will, commending his Soul to God, St. *Mary*, and all the *Saints*, he order'd them to place his Body in a Carriage, and yoke his two Oxen to draw him, ſtrictly commanding that no Body ſhould direct them where to go, but that they ſhould go wherever God pleaſed, after this falling proſtrate, he earneſtly beſeeched God, that every Labourer that had any Infirmity in his own Body, or any Diſtemper among his Cattle, if he came out of Devotion and Reverence to viſit his Body, and to ask Remedy of God there, might obtain his Deſire and have his Petitions granted: Upon which there was a Voice heard from Heaven, which ſaid, O Holy *Walſtan*, that which you have asked is granted, come from your Labour to Reſt; and inſtantly he expired, in the very Meadow where he was at Work, and that Moment (if we will credit the Legend) a white Dove was ſeen to come from his Mouth and mount the Sky; his fellow Labourers took up his Body, laid it in his Cart, and yoked his Oxen, which went directly to *Coſteſſeye* Wood, where this Miracle happened, that as they paſſed a deep Water in the Wood, the Wheels went upon the Surface of it, as if it had been ſolid Ground, and the Report is, that to this Day, the Traces of the Wheels are ſeen on the Surface; to this, another Prodigy was added; when the Oxen had drawn the Body to the Top of an exceeding high Hill in the Wood, they ſtopped a little, and preſently, contrary to the Nature of the Place, a Spring iſſued which ſtill continues; going thence directly to *Bawburgh*, a little before they came to the Place where the Saint reſts, they ſtopped again, and immediately there iſſued a Spring (which to this Day is called St. *Walſtan*'s-*Well*, a little below the Church) famous it was for many Vertues, eſpecially for curing Fevers and other Diſtempers; afterwards going a little farther, they made a full ſtop, and there they buried the Holy-Man's Body, built a Church over it, and dedicated it to his Honour, and there God wrought diverſe Miracles, for at the Shrine or Sepulcre of this Saint, not only Paraliticks, Demoniacks, the Deaf and Dumb, the Blind and Lame, thoſe that were troubled with Fevers, or had loſt their Genitals, were ſaid to be made whole and entirely cured, but Beaſts alſo that had any Illneſs were healed by this Saint, he is ſaid to die in 1016, on the third of the Calends of *June*. Many other trifling and as fabulous Things as theſe, are related of this Saint in his Legend, all which for brevity Sake I ſhall omitt, and only take Notice of *Bale*'s ſhort Account, which he gives us from this Legend, in his own Words.

" [m] Saynte Walſtane of Bawburgh iii Myles from Norwych, was neyther Monke nor
" Preſt, yet vowed he (they ſay) to lyve Chaſt without a Wyfe, and perfourmed that Pro-
" myſe, by Faſtynge of the Frydaye and good Sayntes Vygyls, without any other Grace

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[m] John Bale's English Votaries P. 16. b.

“ or Gyft gyven of God. He dyed in the Yeare of our Lord a M. and xvi. in the thyrde
“ Calendes of June, and became after the maner of Priapus the God of their Feldes in
“ Northfolke, and Gyde of their Harueſtes. al Mowers and Sythe folowers ſekynge hym
“ ones in the Yeare. Loke his Legende in the Catalage of Johan Capgrave, Provyncyall
“ of the Auguſtyne Fryeres, and ye ſhal finde there, that both Men and Beaſtes
“ which had loſt their Prevy Parts, had newe Members again reſtored to them, by this
“ Walſtane. Marke thys kynde of Myracles, for your Learnynge, I thynke ye have ſeldome
“ redde the lyke.”

In antient Time, beſides the Vicar, there were ſix Chantry Prieſts ſerving in the Church at St. *Walſtan*'s Altar, which Saint was inſhrined in the North Chapel of this Church, which was demoliſhed on that Account at the Reformation, the Shrine being daily viſited, not only by *Pilgrims* from all Parts of *England*, but Numbers came from beyond the Seas for that Purpoſe, and while this Place remained in ſuch Repute, the Inhabitants in general, and the Vicar and ſerving Prieſts, grew exceeding Rich, ſo that in 1309, they rebuilt the Chancel, and adorned the Church and Chapel, in the moſt handſome manner.

There was a *Hermit* alſo placed in this Pariſh, by the Biſhop's appointment, who performed Divine Service in his own Chapel, (which was by his *Hermitage* at *Bawburgh* Bridge) to the *Pilgrims*, and then attended them to the Town, ſprinkling them with Hyſſop and Holy-Water.

But when *Pilgrimages* ceaſed, and all ſuch Rites were aboliſhed, the Inhabitants came immediately to great Poverty, and ſo continued, 'till the Church became ſo ruinous, that 'twas ſcarce fit for Divine Service, neither could they afterwards aſſemble in it, without hazard of their Lives, and ſo it remained forſaken for ſome Time.

At the Reviſion in 1633, the Church was repaired and tiled, there being about 300*l.* laid out on it, ſo that then, there was ſcarce a handſomer Church in the Deanry.

It was a Rectory valued at 10 Marks, the Church being dedicated to St. *Mary* and St. *Walſtan*, [n] and was given by ALAN Viſcount of *Roan* in *Normandy*, to the Abbot of *Bon-Repos (De Bona Requie)* there, and by the Abbot in 1235, to the Prior and Convent of *Norwich*, along with the Mediety of the Rectory of *Barford*; it was appropriated by Biſhop *Raleigh* in 1240, whenever *William le Poymur*, who was then Rector voided it. It had a Houſe and 17 Acres of Glebe, and the Vicarage was valued at five Marks and an half, but was not taxed, the Vicar had a Houſe and Yard, but no other Land; in 1633, the Houſe was down, and the Scite belonged to the Vicar, it contained a Rood, and was called in the Terrier about half an Acre; it paid 6*s.* 6*d.* Procurations, 20*d.* Sinodals 9*d.* Peter-Pence, 6*d. ob.* Carvage. The Prior of the Monks of *Rumburgh* in *Suffolk*, had a Portion of Tithes here, valued at two Marks, which they held by Grant of the Abbot of St. *Mary* at *York*, to which they were a Cell, and that Abby had it of the Gift of the Earl of *Britain*, it being for two Parts of the Tithes of the Demeans of that Earl in *Bawburc*: The Prior appropriated this Rectory to the Sacriſt who compounded with the Prior of *Rumburgh*, and agreed to pay him for ever yearly 43*s.* 4*d.* for them, and in 1528, the Abby of *York* releaſed to the Dean of Cardinal *Woolſey*'s College in *Ipſwich*, all their Revenues belonging to their Cell at *Rumburgh* in *Bawburgh* &c.

## VICARS

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| 1250, | Sir *Bartholomew de Norwich.* | The Prior of *Norwich.* |
| | Sir *Jeffry.* | |
| 1278, | Sir *Barth: de Norwich* again. | |
| 1315, Prid: Id: *July,* | *William* of *Eccles,* by *Bromholm.* | |
| 1317, 17 Kal: *May,* | *Nicholas de Bodenham.* | |
| | *Peter de Welles,* R. | |
| 1348, 8 *Aug:* | *Richard atte Grene.* | |
| 1349, 10 *July,* | *Roger atte Stone* of *Barſham.* | |
| | *Richard de Barſham.* | Change with *Melton Conſtable.* |
| 1353, 27 *Nov:* | *John Mey.* | |
| 1394, 9 *May,* | *Charles Alleyn* of *Lammas.* | Change with *Teſterton.* |
| 1395, 18 *Dec:* | *John Mayor.* | Change with *Wickhampton.* |
| 1397, 29 *March,* | *Tho. Verdon* of *Ibſtoke.* | |

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[n] Regr. Norw. P. 1, 96. l. IV. 22.

1408, 3 *Sep:* *Stephen Sherreve.*
1417, 27 *Oct:* *Godfrey*, Son of *Walter Mayſter*, of *Boton.* } Change with *Langham.*
1419, 11 *March*, *Robert de Bernak.*
1434, 30 *July*, *Thomas Eſthagh*, R.
1439, 4 *July*, *Will*: Gybbys of *Runton.*
1444, 22 *April*, *Thomas Maſtryocke*, O.
1476, 13 *Jan:* *Robert Butte.*
1493, 23 *June*, Mr. *Edward Rightwiſe*, died and was buried in the Chancel, with this on a Braſs Plate ſtill remaining.

**Orate pro anima Edmundi Ryghtwys, S. T. P. Eccleſie Sancti Michaelis ad Placita in Norwico quondam Rectoris et huius Eccleſie Vicarii, qui obiit xxiii° Junii, Anno Domini M°CCCC°lxxxxiii°. cuius anime propicietur Deus.**

1493, 30 *July*, Mr. *Thomas Tyerd*, S. T. B. he lies buried in the Chancel, with this.

**Orate pro anima Magiſtri Thome Tyard, S. T. B. quondam Vicarii iſtius Eccleſie qui obiit i° Januarii M°CCCCC°v° cuius anime propicietur Deus.**

1506, 8 *July*, Mr. *Robert Dam*, LL. B. on *Tyard*'s Death.
Mr. *Edmund Wethir*. He reſigned in
1518, to Maſter *Will*: *Rechers*, who is buried here, with this Inſcription.

**Orate pro anima Magiſtri Willi: Rechers, quondam Vicarii iſtius Eccleſie qui obiit xx° Jan: M°. CCCCC°xxxi°.**

After his Death no Body would accept it, and it laid 'till
1586, Without Inſtitution, and then *Daniel* or *Robert Howes*, took the broad Seal, and was inſtituted Vicar *Jan:* 13.
1609, 30 *March*, *Richard Youngs*, on *Howes*'s Death. Lapſe.
1640, 17 *March*, *George Sanders*, on *Youngs*'s Death. The Dean and Chapter of *Norwich.* Ever ſince his Time, it hath been held by Sequeſtration, as a Curacy, the Curates being nominated by the Dean and Chapter, who are Impropriators of the Rectory, and Patrons of the Vicarage.
1739, The Rev. Mr. *Lynne Smear*, is the preſent Curate.

*On a Braſs in the Church.*

**Orate pro animabus Roberti Grote & Agnetis Uxoris eius qui obiit Anno Domtni M°. CCCCC°iiii°.**

*On* Tyard's *Stone is this on a Braſs Plate.*

A Feſs embattled, in chief 3 Martlets.

Immortalitatem hic præſtolatur, quod mortale fuit, PHILLIPI TENISON, S. T. P. Archidiaconi *Norfolciæ*, Eccleſiarum de *Hetherſet* et *Foulſham* Rectoris, de Inſula *Elienſi* oriundi, Collegij *Trinitatis* in Academia *Cant*: quondam Alumni Regis, et Eccleſiæ Rebus afflictis ea quæ Pietatem ejus docuere conſtantiâ compaſſus, reſtitutus cecinit *Nunc Dimittis*. Et exauditus eſt. Jan. xv 1660, Æt. 48.

In 1528, Sir *Thomas Wethyr* Maſter of the Charnel in *Norwich*, was buried in the Cathedral, and gave his Cloſe in *Baber*, to the Vicar of *Baber*, and his Succeſſors, for a *Certayne*, that is, that they ſhould pray for his Soul, and his Friends Souls, every *Sunday* in the Year, in the Pulpit, and every *Friday* in the Year, remember him in his Maſs, and if any Vicar neglects it, the Aldermen of the Gild of our *Lady* and St. *Walſtone* at *Baber*, and the Bretheren, ſhall take the Cloſe to ſuſtain the Gild, giving 4 *d.* to the Curate, and offering 1 *d.* on his Yerday for *Dirige* and Maſs for evermore. Sir *Richard Wethyr* his Kinſman, was Rector of *Baytone*.

The Steeple is round, and hath only two Bells. The Vicarage is valued at 13 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* being ſworn of the Clear yearly Value, of 14 *l.* 4 *s.* 8 *d.* and is called by Miſtake *Banburgh*, for *Bauburgh*. It is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths. The Spirituals of the Church of *Bawburgh*, belonging to the Prior of *Norwich*, was taxed at 10 Marks, the Prior's Temporals at 6 *s.* and the Town paid 30 *s.* Tenths, it paid 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Archdeacons Procurations, and 3 *s.* 3 *q.* Sinodals.

*At the lower End of the Church, on a broken Braſs Plate.*

...... pro anima Richardi Merchaunt. ...... (He lived in 1488)

In a North Window *Delapole*, and *Segrave* or *Mowbray*, quartered.

*On a Braſs in the Church.*

Orate pro anima Roberti Tylney, et Isabelle uxoris eius, quorum animabus propicietur Deus Amen.

By the North Door lies a Stone for the Wiſe of *Henry Stoughton*, who died 13 *Feb.* 1671,

In 1488, there was an Extent of this Rectory made, and enter'd in the Sacriſt's Regiſter, of *Norwich* Priory, fo. 113, from which I learn, that the Rectory was in the Hands of the Sacriſt, and that the Houſe abutted North on *Bawburgh* Common, called *Lokholme*, he had alſo a Tenement called *Gybald*'s, abutting on the Church-Yard South, the Rectory Houſe Eaſt, and on two Ways leading to St. *Walſtan*'s Well, Weſt, and North. The Meadows lying in *Thorp*, are mentioned, and the Lands of the Hoſpital of St. *John* of *Jeruſalem* of *Carbrook*, and the Way leading from *Thorp* to *Great Melton*, and a Place on the River called *Le Cryngyll*, and the Land of the College of St. *Mary*'s in the Fields, *Baburgh* Common, called *The Holme*, and all the Lands, Meadows, and Woods, belonging to the Rectory, were 98 Acres, and half a Rood.

The Sacriſt had alſo in the ſaid Town, diverſe Lands by the Common, called *Occolde*, and elſe where, containing 91 Acres and half a Rood of arable Land, and 10 Acres and an half of Wood.

It appears from the ſame Regiſter, (fo. 65) that [o] *Eudo* Abbot of the Monaſtery called *de Bona Requie* or *Bon-Repos*, gave to the Prior and Monks of the *Holy Trinity* of *Norwich*, the Patronage of *Bawburc*, and the Patronage of the Mediety of *Bereford* or *Barford*, both which were given to *Bon-Repos* Abby, by *Alan* late Viſcount of *Rohan*, who was Lord of *Coſteſſeye*, to which Manor they belonged; this Donation tho' it has no Date, was made in 1235, for *Rob: de Bilney* Archdeacon of *Norfolk*, and *Rich: de Sipton* Dean of *Norwich*, were Witneſſes.

*Roger le Clop* of *Baburc*, gave to God and the Church of *Baburc*, his Piece of Land between the Church-Yard, and the Houſe of *Hubert*, Son of *Henry de Baburc*, with a Meadow and *Turbary*, or Piece of Land to dig Turff on, to the Church and Rectors of *Baburc* for ever.

It appears in the ſame Regiſter, (fo. 68.) that *Katherine* Counteſs of *Brittain*, gave the Monks of *Norwich* a Rent of 4 *s.* a Year out of *Bauburc* Mill, for the Souls of the Anceſtors of that Family.

*Beatrice* Widow of *John le Barber* of *Norwich*, releaſed to the Church of St. *Walſtan* at *Bauburc*, and to Sir *Jeffery* Vicar there, a Meſſuage, with the Appurtenances in *Bauburc*, which *Bartholomew* formerly Vicar purchaſed of her Husband, in the Preſence of *Anſelin de Bauburc*, and others.

In 1278, it appears from the ſame Regiſter (fo. 69.) that *John de Fereby* Official of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and Brother *Hen. de Lakenham* then Sacriſt, on the behalf of the Prior and Convent who were Rectors impropriate, exchanged with Sir *Bartholomew de Norwich* Vicar here, for a Piece of Land which was aſſigned to build a Vicarage Houſe upon, and ſetled the aboveſaid Houſe purchaſed of *Barber* on the Vicarage for ever.

*Henry* Son of *Ralf de Thorp*, Heir of Maſter *Robert* Son of *Bartholomew de Torp*, formerly Rector of *Stanford*, releaſed to the Prior his Right in a Meſſuage in *Bawburc*, next the Land deſigned for the Vicars Houſe, to which *Jeffy* Vicar here and *William Burc* Rector of *Horningtoft* were Witneſſes, this Meſſuage was *Barber*'s alſo, and was after made the Vicarage.

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[o] This Abbot agreed that the Deeds relating to the Advowſons of Huningham, Coſteſey, Bawburgh and Berford, ſhould be depoſited at Sawtree Abby, in ſafe Cuſtody for ever, for the Uſe of either Party, on Occaſion. E. Regro. 6to. Eccl: Cath. Norwic. fo. 22.

The Prior held his Revenues here of the Honour of *Richmond*, at the third part of a Fee, to which Honour the whole Town and Advowſon belonged at firſt, it being always a Part of *Coſteſſey* Manor as it now is, the Lord of *Coſteſſey* being Lord here; at the Survey it was a *Berwic* to *Coſteſſey*, being five Furlongs long and four broad, and paid *6d. ob.* to the Geld. it belonged to GUERT in the Confeſſor's Time as *Coſteſſey* did, and we meet with it thus enter'd under *Coſteſſey* Manor. in Domſ. fo. 62.

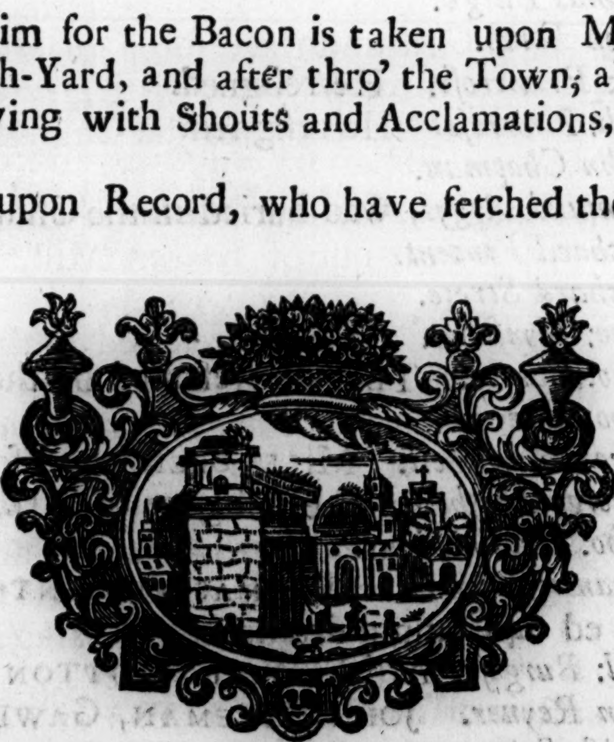
Terre ALANI Comitis, (ſc. Richmondie) FEORHOU, COTESEIA tenuit GUERT. T. R. E. &c. huic Manerio i Bereuita Bavenburc. ii Car. terre ſemper vi Vill: & vi Bord. & ii Serv. tunc i Car. in dnio: m° ii: ſemper i Car: Hom: & iiii Acr. prati. ſemper i Mol. et Bavenburc v quar. in long: & iiii in lato. & vi d. & i ob. de Gelto.

I can't omit mentioning, that I find in Mr. *Newcourt*'s Antiquities of *London* Dioceſs Vol. II. P. 227. that one *Richard Wright* of this Town, went to *Dunmow* Priory in *Eſſex*, and claimed the Flitch of Bacon, which was to be given by the Prior, to all thoſe who were married a Year and a Day, and never repented either ſleeping or waking; the ſaid *Richard* was ſworn before *John Cannon* then Prior and the Convent, and many others, *Apr.* 27. 1444. according to the Cuſtom, kneeling upon two hard pointed Stones in the Church-Yard. The Oath was this,

You ſhall ſwear by Cuſtom of Confeſſion,
If ever you made nuptial Tranſgreſſion;
Be you either married Man or Wife,
If you have Brawls, or contentious Strife;
Or otherwiſe, at Bed or at Board,
Offended each other in Deed or in Word,
Or ſince the Pariſh-Clerk ſaid *Amen*,
You wiſhed your ſelves unmarried again,
Or in a Twelve-Month and a Day,
Repented not in Thought any Way,
But continued true in Thought and Deſire,
As when you joined Hands in the Quire;
If to theſe Conditions, without all Fear,
Of your own Accord, you will freely ſwear,
A whole Gammon of Bacon you ſhall receive,
And bear it hence, with Love and good Leave;
For this is our Cuſtom, at *Dunmow* well known,
Tho' the Pleaſure be ours, the Bacon's your own!

After the Oath, the Pilgrim for the Bacon is taken upon Mens Shoulders, and carried firſt about the Priory Church-Yard, and after thro' the Town, all the Convent and Towns-Folk young and old, following with Shouts and Acclamations, with his Bacon born before him.

I find three Perſons only upon Record, who have fetched the *Gammon*.



# *EASTON*,

OR the *EAST-TOWN* ſo called, not in Reſpect to it's Situation from *Norwich*, but from *Hingham*, the Head Town of it's Deanry, it being North-Eaſt of it, and in the moſt Eaſtern Part of *Forehoe* Hundred.

In ancient Writings it is called *Eſtone* by *Honningham*.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Peter*, who had his Gild here, and the *Bleſſed Virgin* had a Gild alſo kept to her Honour, in her Chapel at the Eaſt-End of the North Iſle, at the Weſt-End of which, ſtands the Tower, which is ſquare, and hath three Bells: the Church, Chancel, and N. Iſle are leaded, and the S. Porch is tiled.

When *Norwich Domeſday* was wrote, *William*, Son of *William de Herforth* was Patron, the Rector had a Houſe and 60 Acres Glebe, it was valued at 10 Marks, paid 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Procurations, 2 *s.* Synodals, 13 *d.* Peter-Pence, and 10 *d.* *ob:* Carvage.

## RECTORS.

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| 1310, | *Thomas de Depham* was Rector. He died at *Norwich* in 1317. |
| 1317, 5 Kal: *May*, | *Nicholas de Goſford*. PETRONEL Relict of *William de Herforth*. |
| 1349, 25 *June*, | *Will: de Goſford*, Shaveling. JOHN BATEMAN of *Honyngham*. |
| 1359, 13 *April*, | *Walter Urry* of St. *Oſith*'s, Prieſt. SIMON DE BABYNGLE, RALF URRY, and JOHN DE MERSTON, Clerks. |
| 1364, 20 *Dec*: | *Rob: de Depedale*, Prieſt. *Ditto*. |
| | *Walter Yngald*, died in 1379, buried in the Chapel in the Field. |
| 1379, 5 *Aug*: | *Will: atte Fen*, Prieſt. The DEAN, and Secular Canons of St. *Mary*, in the Fields in *Norwich*, who got it appropriated to them. |

## VICARS.

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| 1403, 12 *April*, | *Will: Reder*, was preſented by them to the Vicarage. |
| 1403, 18 *Sept*: | *Tho. Walſham*. } Change with *Schaldeton* in *London* Dioceſs. |
| 1412, 11 *Feb*: | *John Bertelet*. } Change with *Bedingfield*. |
| 1414, 1 *June*, | *John Balle*. } Change with *Bedingfield*. |
| 1414, 5 *July*, | *John Bertelet*, again. |
| 1417, 21 *Feb*: | *Thomas Burgh*. |
| 1420, 12 *Feb*: | *John Forth*. |
| 1438, 27 *Jan*: | *Rob: Primeroſe*. He reſigned. |
| 1444, 27 *June*, | *Rich: Pimeroſe*. He reſigned. |
| 1452, 6 *Oct*: | *John Chapman*. |
| 1471, 4 *Aug*: | *Edmund Aggys*, was buried in the Church in 1486. |
| 1486, 8 *March*, | *Richard Vincent*. |
| 1511, 27 *March*, | *Richard Strete*. |
| 1515, 5 *Oct*: | *Tho: Kynſman*. O. |
| 1533, 5 *Oct*: | *Tho: Carter*. The laſt preſented by the DEAN. |
| 1555, | *Tho: Chevele*. |
| 1560, 17 *July*, | *George Michell*. MILES SPENCER Eſq. He died Vicar. |
| 1585, 2 *Dec*: | *George Mayhew*. The Aſſignee of WILL: YAXLEE Eſq. |
| 1594, | *Tho: Heath* Vicar. |
| 1597, 24 *Sep*: | *Francis Downes*. THOMAS VINCENT of *Eaſton* Gent: He returned 64 Communicants. |
| 1616, 13 *Feb*: | *Will: Burgeſs*, A. M. WILL. WOTTON and JOHN BATEMAN. |
| 1619, 23 *Aug*: | *John Reyner*. JOHN BATEMAN, GAWDY BRAMPTON, &c. |
| | *Chriſt: Stinnet*. |
| 1663, 1 *March*, | *Nicholas Barwick*, on *Stinnett*'s Reſignation. JOHN RINGALL, of *Eaſton*, Gent. |

1672,

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| 1672, 21 *May*, | *John Paris*, on *Barwick*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.* |
| 1681, 23 *Dec.* | *Barthol. Harwood*, on *Pariſ*'s Reſignation, *Ditto.* |
| 1700, 17 *Aug:* | *Tho. Patteſon*, on *Harwood*'s deprivation. MARTIN. RINGALL Gent. |
| 1724, 28 *May*, | The Revd. Mr. *John Brand*, on *Patteſon*'s Ceſſion, he is the preſent Vicar. MARTIN RINGALL Eſq. |

This *Vicarage* is valued in the King's Books at 7 *l.* 11 *s.* 10 *d. ob.* but being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 23 *l:* 15 *s.* 8 *d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths.

The Town paid 40 *s.* to the old Tenths.

The Abbot of *Sawtre*'s Temporals were valued at 2 *s.*

The Abbot of *Langele*'s at 5 *s.* 5 *d.*

The Abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Holme*'s Lands and Rents at 4 *l.* 0 *s.* 6 *d.*

In 1392, Sir *Richard Coſſyn* of *Eaſton* Knt. was buried in this Chancel, by *Dioniſe* his Wife, *Roger* Prior of *Wangeford*, and *John Loveday* his Son, were his Executors.

The Family of the DAVY's or DAVIES's were anciently ſeated here, and had a good Eſtate; in the Manſion-Houſe of which, *Robert Davy* lived, in 1450, he left *John Davy* his Son and Heir, whoſe Son *Robert* (as I take it) lies buried between the Font and the Church Door, with this on a Braſs Plate.

> **Orate pro Anima Roberti Davy qui Obiit xiiii° Die Septembris A° Dni: M°. cccc°. lxxxv°, et pro Anima Margerie Uxoris ſue, que obiit xii° Die Decembris A° Dni: M°. cccc°. lxxxxvii°.**

*Thomas* his Son lies buried under a large Stone, partly cover'd by the Desk, on it, is this Inſcription on a Braſs Plate.

> **Orate pro Anima Thome Davy qui obiit xii° Die Octobris A° Chriſti M°. ccccc°. xi° cuius Anime propicietur Deus.**

By his [*p*] Will dated in 1509, he bequeathed to the Townſhipp of *Eaſtone* by *Ringland*, the Houſe at " the Briggs Fote ther, called the *Gwyld-Houſe*, and to the repair and Maintenauance of the ſame, a Tenement lying by, within the Yerde thereto belonging" it abutts on the High-Way Weſt, a Meadow Eaſt, a common Path North, and the River South.

In 1532, *Robert Davys* Senr. died ſeized of three Meſſuages and 110 Acres of Land, and 8 *s.* Rent in *Eſton*, *Marlingford* and *Coſſey*, held of the Manor of *Coſſey* in *Soccage*.

Here is an Inſcription for *Sarah* Wife of *Robert Davy* of *Hoxne*, who died 25 Febr, 1683;

*On another Stone.*

DAVY, *Sab*, a Chev. ingrailed *Erm.* between 3 Annulets *Arg.* impaled with a croſs Floree, a Creſcent for difference.

CREST, a Canon on it's Carriage.

P. M. S.

Hic jacet SIMON DAVY Gent: Maritus Amans, Pater indulgens, Amicus verus, pauperibus miſerecors, Liberalis, omnibus Hoſpitalis, vicinus benignus, vir probus, Chriſtianus, pius; Heu! nil niſi longius defuit Vita; obijt viceſimo primo Die Aprilis Anoque Dni: 1696. Ætatis ſuæ 63.

*On a Stone by the Altar.*

Gironne of 8, on a Cheif 3 Annulets, impaling a Chev. *Erm.* between 3 Eagles diſplaied.

Here reſteth in aſſured hopes of a joyfull Reſurrection, the Body of Thomaſin the dearly beloved Wife of William Rolf of Norwich Gent. youngeſt Daughter of John Ringall Gent. and Anne his Wife, who departed this Life Febr. 5 1694. in the 20th. Year of her Age. Alſo Anne, the Daughter of the ſaid William and Thomaſin, who died the 21st. of January 1694, aged 13 Days.

*There are Stones in the Chancel for,*

Anne Wife of Philip Vincent Gent. Daughter of John Ringall Gent. who died 10 Sept. 1680,

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[*p*] Regr. Heydon, fo. 100.

- - - - - Sons of Will: - - - - Phillips of Norwich Gent. 1693, Ringall Phillips 1695. John Ringall Sen. Gent. Apr. 1 1695, Æt. 75,

Johannes Ringall Clericus, Exuvias hic poſuit. Martij 21° Anno Salutis MDCLXXXIX°. Ætatis ſuæ 26°.

In the Church is an old Coffin Stone, with a Croſs Flory, and an imperfect Circumſcription,

*And alſo the following Inſcriptions on other Stones,*

Hic depoſitæ ſunt Mortalitatis Reliquiæ, Johannis Gobbet Junioris, obijt 25° Decembris 1674, Annos Natus 16°.

Vivis, diſce mori, nulli Mors pallida parcit,
Nunc Juvenem rapuit, mox rapit illa ſenem.
Hodie mihi, cras tibi.

Thamar Wife of James Springall of Norwich, Worſted-Weaver, eldeſt Daughter of Simon Drury of Eaſton Gent. died the laſt of May 1691, aged 30 Years.

*On a ſmall mural Monument on the North Side of the Nave.*

MEERES or MEARES, *Gul.* a Feſs *Arg.* between 3 Water-Budgets *Erm.*

To the Memory of Ambroſe Meares Eſq. whoſe Piety to Heaven, peaceable Behaviour and Love to his Neighbours, and general Humanity and Charity to all Mankind, opened a Way for him to that Place, where only ſuch Vertues can be rewarded, who dyed Dec. 14 1712, this Monument was erected by his loving Wife.

Under the Monument is a Stone over him with his Arms, but no Inſcription.

*In the N. Iſle there are Inſcriptions for the following Perſons.*

Samuel Norris, Oct. 5. 1721, Æt. 21.

Eliz. Wife of Edmund Hickling 7 Jul. 1697.

Thomas Hickling, 8 Jan. 1675, Æt. 87.

Edmund Hickling, 19 June 1685, Æt. 10.
This is a Truth we always find.
God takes the beſt and leaves the worſt behind.

*On a Braſs Plate.*

Orate pro Anima Iſabelle Albert, cuius Anime propicietur Deus, Amen.

In the Eaſt Chancel Window, *Gul.* 3 Chalices *Or.* on each a Wafer *Arg.* the Emblem of the Prieſthood.

In another Window is the Simbol of the 5 Wounds.

In a *W.* Window was *Ufford*'s Coat, and Party per Pale *Az.* and *G.* a Lion ramp. *Or.*

*In a North Window.*

*Delapole*, quarters *Arg.* a Lion ramp. double quevee *Or.* a Cheif *Gul.* and the ſame Coats quarter'd, impaling *France* and *England.*

*In the North Iſle is a neat ſmall mural Monument for,*

PHILIP VINCENT Eſq. who died in 1721, and ELIZABETH his Wife in 1728.

This Village is to be obſerved for it's producing no leſs a Man, than one of the Roman *Cardinals*, ADAM DE EASTON, who was deſcended from the Family of the *Eaſton's*, (who lived here, and were conſiderable Owners here and in *Hunningham*, as appears by a Fine levied in *Henry* III. Time, between *John de Eſtone* and *Philip de Eſtone*,) and was a *Benedictine* Monk of *Norwich*, Doctor of Divinity, a Man of great Wiſdom and Learning, as is evident, from his being created Cardinal of St. *Cecilia*, for his worth only, without any Money or Favour.

In the fifth Year of King *Richard* the II. [q] A° 1382, he is called by that King, *Cardinalis Norwicenſis*, or the *Norwich* Cardinal, and was then Dean of *York*, and had the King's Letters to make Attorneys to proſecute for him.

I am ſenſible, *Godwin* in his Diſcourſe of the Engliſh *Cardinals*, ſaith he was a *Hereford-*

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[q] Rot. Francie. 6. R. 2. M. 23.

*ſhire* Man, and born of mean Parents, (ſee *God: Pag*. 698) which is a great Miſtake, and *Fuller* alſo mentions him, but it is evident from the Records, that what I have ſaid of him is Fact.

## *The* MANOR *of* EASTON,

Was always appendant, and belonged to *Coſſey* Manor, and was held by diverſe *Socmen* at the Survey, being then three quarters of a Mile long, and five Furlongs broad, and paid 13 *d. ob. Gelt.*

Terre Alani Comitis (ſc. Richmondiæ) Feorhou h. (Domſ. fo. 63.)

Huic manerio (ſc. Coteſeia) Jacent xliiii Socm: iii Car: terre, tunc xii Car. m° viii & iiii poſſent reſtaurari. et terra Sochemannorum habet vi quarent: in longo & v in lato & xiii d. & i obolum de Gelto: et hoc eſt ESTUNA.

In the Appendix to the Regiſter of the Honour of *Richmond*, under the Title of Earl ALAN's Lands belonging to *Coſſey* Manor, it is ſaid, that he had ſeven *Socmen* in *Bereford*, *Eſtun* and *Hunincham*, and that thoſe three Towns were farmed by thoſe *Socmen*, (who accounted yearly to the Steward of *Coſſey* for their Farms) theſe *Socmen* were only Tenants to the Lords, and had no Right in the Lands they farmed, but were removed whenever their Lords pleaſed, it contained the whole Town and Advowſon, and went with the Manor of *Coſſey*, to which it belongs at this Day, Sir GEORGE JERNEGAN of *Coſſey* being now Lord of the Manor and Waſte.

## WAWCES'S, VAUX'S, HERFORD'S, *or* ASHE'S MANOR,

In *Easton*, was part of this Town which was granted by the Lord of *Coſſey* Manor, about *Richard* the I. Time, with the Advowſon of the Rectory of the Church of *Eſtone*, to *Brian le Ewer*, who held it at the third Part of the fourth Part of a Fee of the King in *Capite*, as of *Coſſey* Manor.

It after belonged to the *Vaux*'s, from whom it aſſumed it's firſt Name, and then to the *Hereford*'s or *Herforth*'s, whoſe Name it ſtill retains, *William de Herforth* was Lord and Patron, and *Katerine* his Widow, in 1257, and ſo was their Son *William*, whoſe Widow *Petronil* preſented in 1317, in 1349, it belonged to the *Bateman*'s, and paſſed backward and forward in Truſtees Hands, 'till it was conveyed to the DEAN and CANONS of the College of St. *Mary in the Fields* in *Norwich*, except the Manor-Houſe 80 Acres of Land, 6 Acres of Meadow, and other it's Demeans, in *Dunſton* and *Mannington*, all which were conveyed to the ſame Houſe in 1392, by *Henry Lumnour* and others, and were then held of *Coſteſſey* Manor.

The Advowſon being thus in the College, they ſoon got it appropriated, and endowed a Vicarage, to which they preſented to the Diſſolution, their impropriate Rectory and Revenues here, being taxed at 10 Marks.

At the Diſſolution, the Manor of *Vawce*'s-*Hall* in *Eſton*, the liberty of a Faldage and all the Meſſuages Lands &c. in *Eſton*, *Marlingford*, *Colton*, *Hunningham*, *Baburgh*, *Heigham* and *Smallburgh*, that belonged to the College, were granted to *Alexander Mather*, who the ſame Year conveyed them to *Walter Vincent* and his Heirs, whoſe Son *Thomas*, had Livery of them in 1562, and in 1569, 'twas returned that the ſaid *Thomas* held this Manor with the Appurtenances, and 60 Acres of Land, 20 Acres of Meadow, 40 Acres of Paſture, 300 Acres of Furze, Heath, and Bruery, in the Fields of *Easton*, *Marlingford*, *Hunningham* and *Baburgh*, of the Queen in *Capite*.

But the Rectory at the Diſſolution, was granted to *Miles Spencer*, with the Advowſon of the Vicarage, and all the Glebes and Tithes, to be held in *Capite*, and he preſented in 1560, and in 1570, aliened it to *Edmund Bedingfield* and *Thomas Townſend*, and in 1585, *William Taxley* Eſq. had it, and in 1593, it was purchaſed by *Thomas Vincent* of *Eaſton* Gent. and joined to his Manor, with which it now continues.

This *Thomas* ſetled the Manor, Rectory and Advowſon of the Vicarage, on *William Wotton* and *John Bateman* &c. as Truſtees for *Anne* his Wife, who owned it in 1615, in 1663, *John Ringal* of *Eaſton* Gent. had it, and left it to *Martin Ringal* Gent. to whoſe Heirs it now belongs.

The *Lodge* on *Eaſton-Heath*, commonly called *Eaſton-Lodge*, ſeems to be an antient Building

ing and exceeding ſtrong; but I take it to be no more than deſigned for it's preſent uſe, and was built ſo, to Survey the Heath, and reſiſt the Weather, which it ſtands much expoſed to, it being formerly the *Lodge* of the Game-Keeper of *Coſſey* Manor.

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# *CROWNTHORP.*

CRUNGETHORP, or CROWNTHORP *CHURCH*, is dedicated to St. *James*, and had a *Gild* to his Honour in it; 'twas valued at ſix Marks and an half, the Rector had a Houſe and 18 Acres of Land, and paid 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Procurations, 1 *s.* Sinodals, 6 *d.* Peter-Pence, and 3 *d. ob:* Carvage, and *William de Crungethorp* was Patron.

There is now a Houſe and 21 Acres 1 Rood of Glebe, as the Terrier ſays, and there was a conſtant Light in the Church before St. *Mary*'s Image.

## RECTORS.

1321, *John North.* Sir WILL: DE CRUNGETHORP.

*William*, Son of *Aleyn* of *Uggeſhall.* WILL: DE HOKHAM. } Cha. with *Reydon* & *Southwold* Chap.

1355, *John Aylmer.*

1366, *John Grey* of *Denton*, on *Aylmer*'s Reſignation.

1375, *Will. de Stonhall*, Son of *John de Stalham.* } Change with *North-Barſham.*

1382, *Rich: at Stone* or *Stonhall.* SIBIL ATTE HAWE.

1383, *Thomas Hannock.* Change with *Burnham* St. *Albert.* SIBILL DE WICKLEWOOD, or ATTE HAW de *Wiclewood.*

1395, *Henry Brampton.* Change with *Stradſete.* THO: HALYS of *Crungethorp.*

139[illegible], *John Irnyng.* Change with *Yoxford.* THO. HALYS Eſq.

1404, *Thomas at Croſs*, of *Wikelwood.* JAMES of *Wiclewood*, and WILLIAM of *Carleton-Fourhoe.*

1432, *William Balle*, Feoffees of ALEXANDER MASON, in Right of his Manor of *Crungethorp.*

1459, *Thomas Enoks.* } JOHN WINDHAM Eſq.

1462, Brother *Richard Hilberworth.* O.

1477, *Robert Neker.* died in 1504.

1518, *Edmund Reginold*, Lapſe.

*John Pownfret.* O.

1548, *John Hobard.* } EDMUND WYNDHAM Knt.

1560, *Thomas Ebbes.*

1577, *Matthew Robertſon.* ROGER WINDHAM Eſq. O.

1584, *Walter Bullock.* } Lapſe.

1585, *Rob: Dickenſon.*

1590, *Chriſtopher Lawcock.* ROGER WINDHAM Eſq.

1604, *Simon Wells.* JANE CONINGSBY Widow.

1605, *Chriſt: Lawcock.* He returned 36 Communicants. *Ditto.*

1631, *Joſeph Meen.* Sir JOHN WINDHAM Knt.

1657, *Eliſha Ket.* JOHN WINDHAM Eſq.

1688, *Will: Martinant.* WILL: WINDHAM Eſq.

1689, *Stephen Poole* he died 23 *Nov* 1703. CATHERINE WINDHAM Widow.

1704, *Thomas Jephſon.* } ASH WINDHAM Eſq; Patron.

1714, *Iſaac Sayer*, A. M.

*Edward Chamberlain.* R.

1730, 9 *Oct.* The Rev. Mr. *Samuel Clarke*, A. M. is the preſent Rector, and holds it united to *Keteringham.*

The Rectory is valued in the King's Books at 4 *l.* 12 *s.* 6 *d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 30*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths: The Temporals of the Prior of *Norwich*, were taxed at 13 *d.* thoſe of the Prior of *Wimondham*, at 11 *d.* *ob*: and the Pariſh raiſed 1*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* to every Tenth.

The Church and Chancel are of an equal height, and are thatched, there are no Iſles, the Tower is ſquare, and hath only one Bell; I found nothing in this Church, ſave ſome old Stones without Inſcriptions. The ancient Seat of the *Windham*'s was in this Town, but I ſaw no Remains of it.

Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat. Feorhou ħ. (Doms. fo. 23.)

In CONGRETHORP tenuit Bondo, Liber homo T. R. E. xx Acr: terre, ſemper i Bor. et eſt in Superiori Pretio. (ſc. de Boetorp or Bowthorp.)

Terre Radulfi de Bellofago. Feorhou ħ. (Doms. fo. 213.)

In CRONKETHORP tenet idem. [ſc. Richardus] xxx Acr. quod tenuit COLMAN, Liber homo, ſub STIGANDO Soca et commend: ſemper vi Bor. & dim: Car: & i Mol. & v Acr: prati, et val: xxx s. Ex hoc calumpniatur Radulfus Baignardus, unum dim: hominem de iii Acr: & habet iii quar: in longo, & ii in lato, & vii d. & i Ferding de Gelto.

The whole Town, except 20 Acres which belonged to the Manor of *Bowthorp*, and another Parcell which belonged to the Manor of *Coſſey*, was the Eſtate of *Stigand*, of whom *Colman* held it at the Confeſſor's Survey; at the Conqueſt it came to *Ralf Beaufo*, of whom, *Richard* (whoſe Poſterity aſſumed the Name of *Crongethorp*) held it, 'twas then worth 30*s.* and was three Furlongs long, and two broad, and paid 7*d.* *q*: *Gelt*.

It continued in the *Crownthorp* Family many Ages; in 1218, *Adam*, Son of *Richard de Crungethorp*, ſetled it on *Alan de Crungethorp*, in 1272, *John de Cringlethorp* or *Crownthorp* held it at half a Fee, of the Heirs of *Giles de Wacheſham*, who held it of the Manor of *Hockering*; in 1283, Sir *William de Crungethorp* was Lord, and had Weyf allowed him, in 1291, he brought an Action againſt Sir *Nicholas de Stuteville*, Lord of *Kimberley*, for Right of Commonage in *Kimburley*, for his Tenements in *Crungethorp*, upon which *Stuteville* anſwered, that there could be no Right of Intercommonage, the two Towns belonging to different Baronies, *Kimburle* being held of the Barony of *Gurnay*, and *Crownthorp* of the Barony of *Wormegey*; but the Iſſue of it I don't find.

In 1321, Sir *William de Crungethorp* was Lord and Patron, and continued ſo ſome Time, in 1346, *William de Crungethorp* and *Katherine* his Wife, conveyed this Advowſon and an Acre of Land, to *Robert atte Hawe* of *Wicklewood*, and *Sibill* his Wife, and their Heirs; in in 1396, *Thomas de Crungethorp* was Lord, and in 1401, *Thomas de Halys* or *Hales*, held the Manor and Advowſon, of the Lady *Felbrigge*, late Wife of *George Felbrigge*, at two Quarters of a Fee, as of the Manors of *Hockering*, which Manor, *Thomas* Lord *Morley*, holds of the King, as Parcel of the Barony of *Rhye*. He left *William Halys* of *Welles* his Son and Heir, who purchaſed the Advowſon, the Manor of *Curſon*'s, and the Manor of *Gelham*'s in this Town, and having united them, in 1436, ſold them with the Conſent of *Margaret* his Wife, to

JOHN WINDHAM of *Crownthorp* Eſq; and his Heirs, and levied a Fine accordingly, and ſoon after, *William Rookwood*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, releaſed all their Right in one of the Manors, to the ſaid *John*, and in 1475, by his Will, he gave the whole to

JOHN WINDHAM Junior his Son, conſtituting Sir *John Wingfield* Knt. and others, his Truſtees; and in 1466, upon *John Windham*'s Marriage with *Margaret* Daughter of Sir *John Howard*, afterwards Duke of *Norfolk*, it was ſetled on them and their Iſſue, in which it hath ever ſince continued, it having paſſed along with the chief Seat of the *Windham*'s at *Felbrigge*, [under which Place I ſhall treat of the Family] and at preſent remains with it, ASH WINDHAM of *Felbrigge* Eſq; being now Lord.

## GELHAM's MANOR.

Was held at the eighth Part of a Fee, (being a ſmall Manor) of the *Crungethorp*'s, who held it of *Hockering*, and was a Part of the Manor of *Crownthorp*, granted by the *Crungethorp*'s in *H.* III. Time, to *John de Gelham*. In 1345, *Chriſtian*, Widow of *John*, then married to *Stephen Toſtes*, had it; in 1356, *William de Newton*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, one of the ſix Daughters and Co-heirs of *Thomas de Gelham* of *Derſingham*, had a ſixth Part conveyed to them by *William Fyn* of *Ayleſham*, and *Margaret* his Wife, Siſter of *Elizabeth*; and

*Philip de Carleton*, and his Wiſe, conveyed their ſixth Part to the ſaid *William*; and *Katherine* Widow of *Thomas de Gelham*, releaſed her ſixth Part &c.

In 1404, *James (atte Haghe)* of *Wiclewood*, and *William* of *Carleton Forehoe*, were Lords and Patrons; and in 1432, *Alexander Maſon*, who with his Feoffees, ſold the Advowſon, *Gelham-Hall* Manor, and *Curſon*'s Manor, to *John Windham* Eſq; who united them to *Crownthorp* Manor, from which they had been at firſt ſevered.

I find no Record or Evidences of CURSON's Manor, it being an exceeding ſmall one, no doubt but it received it's Name from it's Owners, but how, or when, it fell into *Gelham*'s, I can't ſay.

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# *CARLETON FOREHOE.*

THIS Town is in *Hingham* Deanry, and at *Walter*'s Taxation was taxed as a Rectory at 100 *s.* but when *Domeſday* was wrote, 'twas appropriated to the Abbeſs and Nuns at *Marham*, who had the Rectory Houſe and 10 Acres of Land; the Vicar had five Acres of Land, and a yearly Pention of eight Quarters of Wheat from the Abbeſs's Grange. The Rectory and Vicarage were valued together at 8 Marks, Procurations were 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Sinodals 2 *s.* 8 *d.* Peter-Pence 4 *d.* and Carvage 6 *d.* *ob:*

The *CHURCH* was dedicated to St. *Mary*, who had her Gild kept in it; in 1461, the Croſs on the *Perke* or *Rood-Loft* was made, and in 1429, the *Black-Croſs* ſtanding on the High-Way was repaired.

## VICARS.

1301, *Rich. Thoke*, collated by the Biſhop, as all the Vicars were, the Nomination being in the Biſhop, and Preſentation in the Abbeſs.
1303, *Michael de Sandringham.*
1325, *John Alayn*, of *South-Elmham* Prieſt, Chaplain to the Biſhop, in his own Chapel in his Palace.
1349, *Will: Tornour*, Chaplain in that Chapel.
1350, *Adam Grant* Prieſt, another Chaplain there.
1381, *John Preſtone.*
1423, *Laurence Baldewar.*
1429, *Rich. Skot.*
1437, The Abbeſs and Convent renounced their Appropriation and re-inſtated the Rectory, and preſented to it 'till their Diſſolution.

## RECTORS.

1437, *John Smith*, deprived.
1449, *Thomas Clerk.*
1466, *Rich: Garnon.*
1490, *John Hodgeſon.* O.
1502, *Richard Warner.*
1527, *Anthony Bitchborn*, O. He was the laſt preſented by the Abbeſs.
1551, *John Maydwell*, deprived. *John Hare*, Citizen of *London*.
1585, *Rob: Dickenſon.* *John Gedney*, for this Turn.
1590, *John Shiminge*, deprived. *Philip Woodhouſe* Eſq.
1597, *Owen Ducket.* He returned 76 Communicants, and had *Kimberley*. *Ditto.*
1611, *Anthony Aggas.* Sir *Philip Woodhouſe* Knt.
1627, *Thomas Amyas*, O. *Thomas Woodhouſe* Bart.
1701, *James Champion.* Sir *John Woodhouſe* Bart. He had *Kimberley* alſo.
1729, The Rev. Mr. *Joſeph Brett*, A. M. on *Champion*'s Reſignation.
He is now Rector, and holds it united to *Kimberley*. Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE Bart. is the preſent Patron.

This Rectory was valued in the King's Books at 5*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly value of 29*l.* 8*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths. The Town paid 2*l.* 8*s.* to each Tenth.

In 1391, *John* Son of *Richard Sayne* of this Town gave 35 Acres of Land for ever, to pay the King's Tenths, and if there be none laid, then to repair the Bridge and Church; this now belongs to the Town, and the Revenues were ſometime ſince applied to build the preſent Steeple, which is a low one, and hath only one Bell; the Church and Chancel are both leaded, the Church being 31 Yards long and nine wide.

There is a Graveſtone by the Altar, for *Abigail* Wife of *John Gooch*, *June* 9, 1686.

Another for, *Anne* Wife of *Timothy Lodge*, who changed her Mortality for Immortality, *April* 3. 1706.

JARNEGAN SMITH died June 28. 1691.

Memoriæ Sacrum, ſit hoc Monumentum, Saræ, Samuelis Lodge Uxoris dilectiſſimæ, quæ poſtquam Ætatis ſuæ Annum 27 attigiſſet, Carltoniæ 8° Die Junij, Anno noſtræ Salutis a Chriſto 1705, Animam efflavit; et Filij unigeniti, Nomine Timothei, qui in ipſo Exordio Vitam concluſit, Julij Die tertio, Anno 1705, poſt Menſes 14 natus, Quorum hic ſubter ſita ſunt Oſſa. Maritus paterque, gravi Animi Dolore preſſus, in Amoris Teſtimonium et Spem Reſurrectionis fœlicis hoc, Tumulum poſuit.

Henricus Filiolus, Thomæ Amyas & Dorotheæ Uxoris ejus, obijt Oct. 7. 1667.

Elizabetha Filiola Thomæ Amyas &c. obijt 10°. Die Dec: 1656.

Hic requieſcit Anna Phyllis, Uxor Benjamini Gooch, Eccleſiæ de Aſhwell-Thorpe hoc in Agro Norfolcienſi, Rectoris, Fœmina, dum vixit, Virtutibus non paucis adornata, maxime erga Deum pietate ſpectata, Conjugij æqui Liberis provida, pauperibus munifico, omnibus grata, Mors Diem clauſit, Martij xxv°. Anno ſalutis M.DCCI Ætatis XXXII.

Mulier Reverentia Dei &c Pro: 31. v. 30.

*On a Braſs Plate in the Church, the Arms are imperfect.*

Orate pro Anima Edwardi Tyllys Generoſi, cuius Anime propicietur Deus Amen.

*On a Window.*

Orate pro bono Statu : : : : fecerunt fieri in medio Feneſtre pro Dierum : : : : eorundem qui me : : : : : : : : et non ipſorum : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :

At the Conqueſt, the Manor of *Coſſey* extended hither, and *Alan* Earl of *Britain* Lord thereof, had 3 Socmen, who held 10 Acres in this Town, as you may ſee under *Coſſey*.

There were two Manors here at the Survey,

## GELHAM'S MANOR *or* GELHAM-HALL,

At the Survey, belonged to the Abby of St. *Bennet* in the *Holme*, and was appropriated to the Monks Table, it was given them by their Founder, for they had it at the Confeſſor's Survey, as we find it in Domſday, fo. 192.

Terra Sci: Benedicti de Holmo ad victum Monachorum.

In CARLENTUNA tenuit. S. B. lx Acr. T. R. E. ſemper v Vill: & ii Bor: & i Car. hom: iii Acr. prati. val v Sol.

This was afterwards granted by the Abby to the *Gelham*'s, to be held by the Service of 30*s.* a Year, to be paid to the *Sacriſt* of that Monaſtery, and after the Diſſolution thereof, it was paid to the Biſhop of *Norwich*.

In 1262, *Thomas de Gelham* ſetled it on *John de Gelham* his Son, on his Marriage, reſerving 10 Marks *per An.* for Life; In 1315, *Chriſtian de Gelham* had it, and in *Edward* IV. *John de Gelham*, and ſoon after, it belonged to *John Tyllys* of *Norwich*, who died in 1490, In 1521, *Edward Tyllys* his Son died, and was buried in this Church, and gave 10*s.* to our *Ladies* Gild, and to *Avice* his Wife 80 Marks, and the Manor-Houſe for Life, and his Manors of *Carleton-Hall* and *Gelham's*, he order'd to be ſold, to *Tho. Woodhouſe* Knt. and his Wife to have his half part of *Flynts* Manor in *Barford*: It ſeems the two Manors united before 1490, for then *John Tyllys* was Lord of them both.

## SOUTH-HALL *or* CARLETON-HALL MANOR,

Belonged to *Hakene* at the Confeſſor's Survey, and after that to *Stigand*, and was given by the Conqueror to Earl *Ralf*, after whoſe forfeiture, it came into the King's Hands again, and at the Survey, it was part of *Kimberle* Manor, and was valued with it, and was farmed by *Godric*.

Terre Regis quam Godricus ſervat (Domſ. fo. 22) Feorhou. H.

CHINEBURLAI tenuit Hakene T. R. E. &c. preter hoc, iacent huic Manerio in KARLENTUNA xvi libi: homines lx Acr: Terre, ſemper ii Car: et ſunt in ſuperiori pretio, et porum viiii Erant Sochemani Stigandi, T: R. E. ſed Radulfus Comes eos habebat, priuſquam forisfaceret.

In *Richard* I. Time, *Stephen le Manſel* was Lord, and in 1195, *Joceline* Son of *Ralf (de Carleton)* and *Richard* Son of *Elbald de Carletune* were Lords, in 1218, *William* Son of the ſaid *Richard* and *Julian Carletune*, in 1242, *William de Carleton* was Lord, and had the *Lete* and ſole Juriſdiction here, and in 1256, *Katherine* Widow of *Richard de Carleton*, in 1274, *John de Carleton* was Lord, and in 1315, *Will. de Carleton*, and afterwards it ſeems to belong to the *Beauchamps*, it after came to the *Tylly*'s as before is obſerved, and according to *Edw. Tylls*'s Will was ſold to Sir *Tho. Woodhouſe*, by *Henry Drury* and *John Clere* Knt. *Robert Newport* and *Margaret* his Wife, who in 1548, confirmed it to Sir *Roger Woodhouſe* Knt. in whoſe Family it ſtill continues, Sir *John Woodhouſe* of *Kimberley* Bart, being now Lord and Patron.

The Prior of *Wimondham* was taxed for his Lands and Rents in this Town, at 18*s*. and had Free-Warren, and the Aſſize of Bread and Ale of all his Tenants here.

In 1546, *Sir Nicholas Hare* Knt. and *Robert Hare* had a Grant of all the Revenues of the Abby of *Marham* in *Carleton*, *viz*. the Patronage *&c.* and 'twas ſold by the *Hare*'s to the *Woodhouſe*'s.

In 1555, *Forehoe-Hill* in this Town, was the Place where the Juſtices of Peace were appointed to meet for the Hundreds of *Forehoe*, *Mitford* and *Humbleyerd*, in caſe any Commotion ſhould happen. Of this Place ſee fo. 631.

# *COSSEY.*

COSTESSEYE or COTESEIA, that is the Cote or dwelling Place by the Waters ſide, or in the Eye or Iſland, and the Situation of it in a great Hole by the River's ſide, confirms it's Etymology, ſo that *Coſteſſey* is the Iſland of Cottages.

It is reckoned one of the largeſt Manors in this County, extending it's ſelf into moſt of the adjacent Villages, over which it hath the Superiority, in as ample a manner, as the Lord of the Hundred hath over the reſt; it belonged to *Guert* in the Confeſſor's Time, who had four Carucates of Land, a Park for Beaſts, and the ſeveral Towns and Hamlets of *Baber*, *Thorp*, *Bereford*, *Eaſton*, *Hunningham*, *Wramplingham*, *Brandon*, *Runhall*, *Carleton*, *Marlingford* and *Tokethorp*, or at leaſt *Berewic*'s or Manors in theſe Towns, belonged to it; at the Conqueror's Survey, and now, it extends into theſe and ſeveral other Villages.

After the Conqueſt, it fell to the Share of [z] ALAN Earl of *Richmond*, ſirnamed *Rufus*, or *Fergaunt*, by reaſon of his red Hair, as Mr. *Dugdale* and others ſay, but it ſhould ſeem that he was known by both the Names, *Rufus* ſignifying *Red*, and *Fergaunt*, *Iron-Glove*; he was Son of *Eudo* Earl of *Britanny* in *France*, and coming over with Duke *William* into *England*, he commanded the Rear of his Army, in that memorable Battle near *Haſtyngs*, where he behaved ſo bravely, that he was immediately advanced to the Earldom of *Richmond*, which was before that, the Honour of *Edwine* Earl of *Mercia*; as ſoon as he had Poſeſſion of the Honour, he built a ſtrong Caſtle at his Capital Manſion of *Gilling* in *Yorkſhire*, and named it *Rich-Mount*, for the better ſafeguard of himſelf and Tenants, againſt the Natives who were diſpoſeſſed of their own Inheritances; it is plain he was a good Man, for he was much valued and reſpected by the Engliſh, which could proceed from nothing but his Humane Treatment of them, he was the firſt beginner of the Foundation (or rather Reſtorer) of that great Abby of St. *Mary* at *York*; [a] he married *Conſtance* one of the Conqueror's Daughters, and dying without Iſſue, was buried in the Abby of St. *Edmunds-Bury*, at the South Door, before the Altar of St. *Nicholas*.

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[z] Vide. Reg: Honor. Richmond. fo. 14. Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 46.

This great Man had no leſs than 166 Lordſhips in *Yorkſhire*, one in *Dorſetſhire*, eight in *Eſſex*, two in *Hantſhire*, 63 in *Cambridgeſhire*, and 10 *Burgages* in *Cambridge*, 12 in *Hertfordſhire*, ſeven in *Nottinghamſhire*, 101 in *Lincolnſhire*, and 81 in *Norfolk*, of all which, this was the largeſt, as appears from *Domeſday* fo. 62 and 63. in the following Words.

### Terre Alani Comitis.

Feorhou H. COTESEIA, tenuit GUERT. T. R. E. iiii Car. terre ſemper viii Vill: ⁊ viii Bord: tunc iii Serv: modo i. ſemper ii Car. in dnio: ⁊ v Car: hom: Silva c Porc: ⁊ vi Acr: prati, ſemper ii Mol: ſemper xiv Anim: et i Parcus Beſtiis, ⁊ xxvii Porc. ⁊ xiii Capr.

Huic Manerio iacet i Berewita, Bavenburc &c. (as at fo. 645.)

In TORP i Car: terre Bereuita huic Manerio ſemper iiii Villan ⁊ iii Bord: ⁊ i Car: in dnio: et dim: Car hom: ⁊ iii Acr: prati, ſemper i Mol.

Huic Manerio iacent xliiii Soc. iii Car: terre, tunc xii Car. m° viii. ⁊ iiii. poſſent Reſtaurari.

In BEREFORDA vii Soc: ⁊ dim: ⁊ xlvi Acr. terre, ⁊ ii Car. ⁊ vii Liberi, Vill: et v Bord: ⁊ dim Mol: ⁊ ii Acr: Prati.

Tunc valuit xx li. modo xlv li. ⁊ habet vii quar: in longo. et vi in lato, ⁊ xiii d. ⁊ i ob: de Gelto.

Et BAVENBURC &c. (as at fo. 165.)

Et THORP v quar. in longo. et iiii in lato. et vi d. et ob: de Gelto.

Et terre Sochemanorum habet vi quar. in longo, et v in lato, et iiii d. et i ob: de Gelto, et hoc eſt ESTUNA.

Et HUNINCHAM quam tenet quidem de illis Socheman: habet vi quar: in longo, et v in lato.

WRANPLICHAM xv Acr: terre tenuit i Soc: GUERT, ſemper i Car: et i Vill: ⁊ dim: Mol: et val xx Sol. Ex hoc calumpniatur Godricus dim: domum ad Feudum Regis. et hoc teſtatur Hund.

In BRANDIM vi Soc: et dim: xii Acr: terre ⁊ i Car: hoc eſt in Pretio de COTESEIA.

In RUNHAL iiii Soc: x Acr: dim Car.

In CARLENTUNA iii Soc: x Acr: et dim: Car.

In HUINCHAM i Soc: xxx Acr: et i Car: et iiii Vill: et iii Bord. hoc totum eſt in Pretio COTESEIA.

In WARANPLICHAM ii Soc: iiii Acr: terre.

In MERLINGEFORDA ii Soc: xvi Acr: dim: Car.

Id TOKETORP tenet Eniſam Muſar xxx Acr: que ſunt ad idem Manerium, ſemper i Car: et iiii Vill: ⁊ quarta Pars Mol: at val: xx s.

In eadem i Car. terre et dim: quam tenuit Toke ſub Stigando, m° Ribaldus, pro Manerio, ſemper vii Vill: ⁊ iii Bord: ⁊ ii Car: in dnio: ⁊ i Car. hom: m° i Mol. x Acr prati, ſemper x Anim: ⁊ ii Porc. tunc val. xx s. m° xxx.

At ALAN's Death, *Alan Niger*, or *Alan* the *Black*, a great Favourite of *William Rufus's*, ſucceeded, he was Brother of *Alan* the *Red*, and died alſo without Iſſue, and was interred by his Brother at *Bury*, [b] he founded the Cell at *Rumburgh*, and annexed it to St. *Maries* Abby at *York*, and

STEPHEN his Brother inherited, he was a Benefactor to *Bury* Abby, to which he gave ſome of his Burgages in *Cambridge*, [c] and dying in 1104, his Body was buried in the Monaſtery at *Begar*, and his Heart in St. *Maries* at *York*, leaving

ALAN ſirnamed the *Savage*, his Son and Heir; in 1142, ſtanding firm to King *Stephen*, he manned *Hotun* Caſtle in *Yorkſhire*, but with no Succeſs; and dying in *Brittany*, was buried at *Begar*, leaving by *Bertha* his Wife, one of the Heireſſes of *Conan le Groſs*, Earl of *High*, or *Upper-Brittany*,

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[a] Vincent on Brook, fo. 67. hath many Errors. [b] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. 47. Mon. Vol. 1 317. [c] Ibid.

CONAN FITZ-ALAN, ſirnamed *Le Petit*, or *The Little*, his Son and Heir; he had the Title of Duke of *Brittany*, and Earl of *Richmond*. Upon the Death of *Jeffry* Earl of *Anjou*, (Father to King *Henry* II.) the City of *Nantz* in *Brittany*, elected, [d] *Jeffry*, ſecond Son to the ſaid *Jeffry*, to be their Ruler, but he dying ſoon after; This *Conan* having then the Rule of a great Part of that Province of *Brittanny*, entered the City of *Nantz*, whereof *Henry* II. being informed, he forthwith ſeized his Earldom, and ſo this Manor came to the Crown, and *Richard de Hadeſco* had a Grant of Part of it, worth 100s. for Life, which he was to hold at the fourth Part of a Fee, and *Henry de Turbevill* obtained the Towns of *Coſſey*, *Coleton* and *Baburc*, of the King, for a certain Term, paying 5*l. per Ann.* This Earl died in 1171, and was buried at *Begar*, and is ſaid to have recovered all his Poſſions before his Death, and as Mr. *Neve* obſerves, gave this, and *Hunningham*, with his Daughter, in Marriage to *Alan* Viſcount of *Rohan*, but it is plain that *Henry* II. would not give him Poſſeſſion of it; for it was in King [e] *Richard*'s Hands, when he came to the Crown, and was farmed by *Robert de Mortimer*, who paid 35*l. per Ann.* for it, but in 1190, upon

ALAN DE ROHAN's paying King *Richard* I. a hundred Pounds, he had full Poſeſſion of the Manor and all it's Appurtenances, and in 1199, King *John* ſent his Writ to *Jeffry Fitz Peter*, commanding him to deliver *Alan of Rohan*, all his Lands in *England*, as *Coſſey*, *Swaveſey*, *Fulbourne* &c. But the King reſerved a Parcel of this Manor, which was formerly *Jordan de Boſco*'s, which he granted to the ſaid *Robert de Mortimer* and his Heirs. [f] At the Death of *Alan* it eſcheated to the Crown, and

ROGER DE MOLBRAI ſecond Son of *Nigel de Albini*, obtained a Grant of King *John*, of the Manors of *Swaveſeye*, *Fulbourne* and *Coſſey*, and *Adam de Galloway* had a Grant of 100 Acres belonging to this Manor, in *Stokes* and *Coſſey*, in 1208, he granted to *Roger de Turrovill*, great Poſeſſions in *Coſſey* and *Bauburc*, to Farm and take care of for him, and 'tis plain the whole was in the Crown, and was only farmed by *Galloway*, *Turrovill*, and others, for in 1216, King *Henry* III immediately upon his Acceſſion, ſent a Writ to the Sheriff, telling him he had committed the Cuſtody of *Coſteſſey* to,

ROGER LA ZOUCH, during Pleaſure only, and becauſe he had not a Seal yet made, therefore this Patent was ſealed with the Seal, of *William Marſhall* Earl of *Pembrook*, who was with the King at *Lincoln*, and it appears alſo by the Patent Rolls, that the King had given *Swaveſeye* and *Fulbourne*, formerly belonging to *Alan* Viſcount of *Rohan*, in exchange for Land in *Brittanny* of his Inheritance, deſcending to him from thoſe Earls, whoſe Heir he was, and in 1219, he obtained a Grant of the Land in *Bauburc*, which *William de Mandevile* Earl of *Eſſex* held during Pleaſure, as belonging to *Coſſey*, and thus *Coſſey* and it's Members belonged to the Crown, being held by many Perſons as Farmers at the King's Pleaſure, 'till 1220, and then,

ELEANOR Queen of *England*, the King's Mother had it given her, in which Year, *Ric: de Bawburgh* and the other Tenants of the Queens Manor and Honour of *Coſteſſey* complain'd of the Bailiffs [g] of *Norwich*, for taking *Toll* and *Cuſtom* of them in the City, contrary to the Privileges of the Tenants of *Coſſey*, who are to be free from all *Toll*, for the Corn growing on their own Land, and for Beaſts of their own breeding, but for nothing elſe.

In 1241, [h] the King by his eſpecial Charter dated 1 *May* gave to,

PETER DE SUBAUDIA OR SAVOY, Uncle to Queen *Eleanor*, and his Heirs for ever, the Manor of *Swafham*, and the Manor and *Soke* of *Coſteſſey* in *Norfolk*, and in 1256, his Bailiffs of *Coſteſſey* were ſued, for ſubſtracting the Suiters of the Towns of *Eaſt-Tudenham*, *Thuxton*, *Yaxham* and *Weſtfeld*, from the Hundred Court of the *Soke* to *Coſſey*, to which 'twas found they did not belong; this *Peter* by his Will in 1268, gave

Queen *Alianore* the Earldom of *Richmond*, and conſequently this Manor which belonged to it; and ſoon after 'twas ſetled on

Prince *Edward*, the King's Son, who ſetled it on his Mother the Queen, who held it in 1274, and this Inquiſition ſays, that after the Death of *Alan de Rohan*, the Biſhop of *Roan* had a Grant of it for Life, and this Year the Bailifs of *Coſſey*, made the Water called *Old-Ee*, [i] the ſeperate Fiſhery, which before was common to all the Tenants. [k] In 1279, the Queen had an Extent made, when the Manor and *Soke* was worth 92 *l. per Ann.* without the Advowſons of *Coſſey*, *Bawburgh*, *Honingham*, *Ringland*, and the Mediety of *Berford*, which were all given in Alms to diverſe religious Houſes; there was a Manor-Houſe and 100 Acres of Land, and 6 Acres of Meadow, and Liberty of Faldage in *Honingham*, which was alſo given in Alms. [l] In *Hillary* Term 18 *E.* 1. the Baliff of the Queen, Widow of *Henry* the 3d. impleaded ſeveral Tenants of *Coſſey* Manor in *Wramplingham*, for cutting down Wood in *Wramplingham*, as what they could not do, it being Parcel of the Manor of *Coſſey*, and a Member thereof, but they being found to be under the Lord of *Wramplingham*, and not to belong to *Coſſey*, could do it, and ſo juſtified themſelves.

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[d] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 48.

[e] The King gave Jeffry de Appeſgarth the Church of Coſſey, and King John gave it to Will. de Roinges, but for a Term only.

[f] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1 fo. 124.

[g] Aſſis: apd. Norwic. in Sept. Paſch: 5. H. 3. Cor. Rege.

[h] Dug. Bar. Vol: 1 fo. 49.

[i] Rot. Hund. de Taverham in Cur: Recept: Scij. apud Weſt.

[k] Reg. Honor. Rich: fo. 46.

In 1291, JOHN DE BRITTANIA Earl of *Richmond*, petitioned the King to have *Coſſey*, by Reaſon of the Grant and Surrender of the Earldom of *Richmond*, made by King *Henry* III. to *John* Son of *Peter de Savoy* late Duke of *Richmond*, and in 1292, *Amadeus* Earl of *Savoy*, releaſed all his Right in it to the King, and in all his Poſſeſſions in *England*. At Queen *Eleanor*'s Death, it came to the Crown, and in 1312, King *Edward* II. granted it to

Sir JOHN DE CLAVERINGE for Life, who in 1312, [m] ſued *William Fiz* and 17 others *Villains* of his Manor of *Coſſey*, for with-drawing themſelves their Goods and Chattles out of his Manor, and dwelling in other Places, to his, and the King's Prejudice, upon which, a Writ was directed to force them to come and dwell in the Manor, and bring all their Goods with them, upon Execution of which, ſix of them pretended to be Free-Men, and came to their Trial, and pleaded that they came by their Freedom in this Manner, *viz.* by being Citizens of the City of *Norwich*, having lived there, and paid *Scot* and *Lot*, for above 30 Years, with the Free-Citizens there, and two of them pleaded, they were born in the Walls of the City, and as ſuch produced the Conqueror's Charter, in which 'twas contain'd, that if any Servants or *Villains*, lived without Claim of their Lords, (i. e. without paying *Chevage*, or a Fine for Licence ſo to do) for a Year and a Day, in any of the King's Cities, walled Towns, or in the Camp, from that Day they ſhould be Free-Men, and their Poſterity for ever, upon which theſe ſix were declared Free-Men, and an Appeal from the King's Charter, was not admitted; and two more pleaded and obtained their Freedom, by proving, that *Edward* I. granted their Fathers, Houſes and Lands in *Norwich*, to hold of him, and his Heirs, according to the Cuſtom of the City, and that they were their Father's Heirs, but all the reſt were forced to return and live in *Villanage* under their Lord; in 1327, he had the Hundreds of [n] *Loddon*, and *Claveringe*, *Holt*, *Depwade*, *Henſted*, *North* and *South-Erpingham*, *Blofield*, and *Humilyerd*, in Recompence for his Barony of *Workeworth*, and his other Lands, which he had ſetled on the King.

In 1329, the King granted it to

Sir ROB. DE UFFORD, and the Heirs Male of his Body, for his loyal Service againſt *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March*, and for want of ſuch, to return to the Crown: it was then worth 100 *l. per Ann.* and in 1334, the King granted him a Charter for Free-Warren here, and in all the Lands and Manors belonging to, and held of this Manor, and in all his Lands and Manors in this County, *viz.* *Coſſey*, *Bawburg*, *Erlham*, *Bowthorp*, *Eaſton*, *Huningham*, *Colton*, *Ringland*, *Thorp*, *Weſton*, *Taxham*, *Runhale*, *Weſtfield*, *Brandon*, *Wramplingham*, *Barford*, *Welborn*, *Taverham*, *Felthorp*, or *Tolthorp*, *Burgh*, by *Ayleſham*, *Totington*, *Hickling*, *Ingham*, *Catfield*, *Stalham*, and *Sutton*. He died in 43 *Edw.* III. and was ſucceeded by

WILL. DE UFFORD Earl of *Suffolk*, his Son and Heir, whoſe Wife

ISABELL, held this Manor at the 4*th* Part of a Fee, and lett it to *Michael de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, for her Life, and in 1384,

The ſaid MICHAEL obtained a Patent of the King, to hold it in Fee to him and his Heirs, but he being afterwards attainted, 'twas granted to

EDMUND DE LANGLEY Duke of *York*, with *Riſing-Caſtle*, *Laundiche*, and *South-Grenehoe* Hundreds, *Hadeſton-Hall* Manor, *Mileham*, *Beſton* by *Mileham*, &c. Parcel of the Poſſeſſions of *Thomas* Duke of *Glouceſter*, who was attainted, which Duke, had obtained a Grant of it after the Earl of *Suffolk*'s Attainder, notwithſtanding all which, at the Death of *Michael de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk*, which happened in his Baniſhment at *Paris*, this Manor came to

ISEBELL his Widow, who owned it in 1401, and after her Death,

MICHAEL DE LA POLE, being reſtored to his Honour and Eſtate, enjoyed the Manor, and was Lord here, he died in 1414, leaving it to

KATHERINE his Widow, who was Daughter of *Hugh*, Earl of *Stafford*, at whoſe Death it went to

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[l] Hill. 18 E. 1. coram Rege. Rot. 31.

[m] Plita: Term: Paſch: 6 E. 2. Coram Rege.

[n] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 109

WILL. DE LA POLE, her ſecond Son, then Earl of *Suffolk*, and was ſetled in 1434, on ALICE his Wife, Sir *John de Shardelow* Knt. and others being Truſtees; at her Death,

JOHN DE LA POLE Duke of *Suffolk*, inherited, who ſetled it on *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Richard Plantaginet* Duke of *York*, and Siſter of King *Edward* IV. he died in 1491, and was buried at *Wingfield*, and it went to

EDMUND LE LA POLE Earl of *Suffolk*, who was beheaded for Treaſon in 1513, upon which, the Manor came to the

CROWN, but had been ſeized before, during his Impriſonment in the Tower, in 1510, and was then granted by Patent, to

THOMAS Lord HOWARD and *Anne* his Wife, and the Heirs of her Body, with *Wingfield-Caſtle, Stockton, &c.* and in 1511, a Fine was levied between King *H.* VIII. and *Katherine Courtenay*, Counteſs of *Devonſhire*, one of the Daughters and Heirs of the late King *Edward* the fourth, and *Thomas Howard* and *Anne* his Wife, another of the Daughters and Heirs of that King, whereby the Manors of *Walſingham*, *Bircham*, *Olton*, *Bale*, *Gunthorp*, and *Sharington*, in this County, were paſſed to the King, who granted to *Thomas* and *Anne*, the Caſtles and Manors of *Wyngfield*, *Sileham cum Veſe's* in *Stradbrook*, *Froſtendon* and *Cretyng*, in *Suffolk*, and *Stockton*, *Claxton*, *Helgeton*, and *Coſſey*, in *Norfolk*. This *Thomas*, tho' he is only called *Thomas Howard* Knt. was after Duke of *Norfolk*, and had Iſſue, *Thomas* and *Anne*, who both died young, ſo that for want of Iſſue of the Body of the ſaid *Anne*, the Manor reverted to the Crown, at the Duke's Death: The Dukes of *Suffolk* all along laid Claim to this Manor, but

HENRY VIII. purchaſed it off, and was ſole and indiſputable Lord here, and made a Grant of it to the Lady *Anne de Cleve* for a Term, after which, it continued in the Crown, 'till Queen MARY granted it to

Sir HENRY JERNEGAN, her Vice-Chamberlain, and Maſter of her Houſehold, of which antient Family take the following Account, which is very different from all the Pedigrees which I have ſeen, but is certainly Fact, as the Records here quoted prove.

The Tenants of this Manor were privileged, as Tenants in antient Demean, [o] and were not to be impanelled on Juries, but I do not find it excepted by any Writ of that Nature at preſent.

The antient Family of the JERNEGANS are ſeated here, ever ſince the aforeſaid Grant, [p] and are a younger Branch of the *Jernegans* of *Somerley-Town*, in the Iſland of *Lothingland* in *Suffolk*, but that eldeſt Branch being extinct, this became the eldeſt ſurviving Branch, and ſo continues.

*Weever* fo. 770, tells us, this Family hath been of exemplary Note before the Conqueſt, and adds this Account extracted out of the *Jernegan*'s Pedigree.

> “ *Anno M. xxx. Canute* King of *Denmarke*, and of *England* after his Return from *Rome*, brought diverſe Captains and Souldiers from *Denmark*, whereof the greateſt Part were chriſtened here in *England*, and began to ſettle themſelves here, of whom, *Jernegan*, or *Jernengham*, and *Jenbingho*, now *Jennings*, were of the moſt Eſteem with *Canute*, who gave unto the ſaid *Jerningham*, certain Royalties, and at a Parliament held at *Oxford*, the ſaid King *Canute* did give unto the ſaid *Jerningham*, certaine Mannors in *Norfolke*, and to *Jennings*, certain Manors lying upon the Sea Side, near *Horwich* in *Suffolke*, in regard of their former Services done to his Father *Swenus*, King of *Denmark*.”

That the above Note may be in the Pedigree of the Family, I can't contradict, nor yet the Truth of it, tho' I muſt own, there are many things which ſeem to invalidate it, the Pedigree as commonly received. I ſhall take no Notice of, but give you one extracted from authentic Records, as they now remain among Mr. *Le Neve*'s Collections.

That JERNEGAN was antiently a Chriſtian Name, as the former Note obſerves, is very true, as numerous Records Prove: in 1195, there was a Fine levied of Lands in *Edricheſton* in *Warwickſhire*, between *Reginald de Claverdon* and *Gernegan* his Brother, and about this Time, 'twas a Common Name in *France*, as we find from *Lobmeau* in his Hiſtory of *Britain*, Vol. 1. P. 105, where *Jernegon de Pontchaſteau*, and ſome others of the Name, are mentioned, but none of theſe were of this Family.

The firſt that I meet with of this Family, was called

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[o] See fo. 639. [p] Spelman's Icenia fo. 157.

1. HUGH, without any other Addition, whoſe Son was named,

2. JERNEGAN, and was always called *Jernegan Fitz-Hugh*, or the Son of *Hugh*, he is mentioned in the *Caſtle-Acre* Regiſter, fo. 63. *b*. as a Witneſs to a Deed without Date, by which *Brian* Son of *Scolland*, confirmed the Church of *Melſombi*, to the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre*. He married *Sibill*, who in 1183, paid 100 *l*. of her Gift into the Exchequer, [*q*] after her Husband's Death; his Son was called

3. HUGH, or *Hubert*, Son of [*r*] *Jernegan*, [*ſ*] who gave a large Sum of Money to King *Henry* II. and paid it into the Treaſury in 1182, he was Witneſs to a Deed in 1195, by which diverſe Lands were granted to *Byland* Abby in *Yorkſhire*, [*t*] he married *Maud*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Thorpine*, Son of *Rob. de Watheby*, [*u*] of *Weſtmorland*, he is mentioned by the Name of *Hubert de Jernegan*, in the Black Book of the Exchequer, publiſhed by Mr. *Herne* at *Oxford* 1728, Vol: 1, P. 301. as one of the *Suffolk* Knights, that held of the Honour of *Eye*. [*x*] In 1201, he paid King *John* 20 *l*. Fine, for three Knights Fees, and an half, which laid in *Yorkſhire*, and were held of the Honour of *Brittany*, and died in [*y*] 1203, and the King granted the Wardſhip of all his large Poſſeſſions, and the Marriage of his Wife and Children, to *Robert de Veteri Ponte*, or *Vipount*, ſo that he married them without Diſparagement to their Fortunes.

4. [*z*] HUBERT JERNEGAN, of *Horham* in *Suffolk* Knt. his Son ſucceeded, who had been a Rebell againſt King *John*, but on the Acceſſion of *H*. III. [*a*] to the Crown, ſubmitted himſelf and obtained his Pardon, but it ſeems he had not recovered all his Eſtates in 1219, for in that Year, *Gilbert de Gant* gave to *Robert Marmion* Junior, the Wardſhip of the Land late [*b*] *Hugh Jernegan*'s, in *Hundemanneby*, [*c*] and in 1240, *Margery* late Wife of *Hubert*, ſued *Hugh Jernegan* her Son, for Lands in *Stonham-Jernegan* in *Suffolk*, ſo that *Hubert* died in 1249.

5. Sir WILLIAM GERNEGAN Son and Heir of *Hubert*, married *Julian*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Gymingham* of *Burnham*, and *Hugh de Polſted* married *Hawiſe* the other Coheir, and levied a Fine of all the *Gymingham*'s Eſtate in *Burnham*, [*d*] in 10 of King *John*. He died young and without Iſſue, and was ſucceeded by

6. Sir HUGH JERNEGAN his youngeſt Brother, *Godfrey* and *Robert* being dead, who in 1243, came to an Agreement with his Mother *Margery*, and ſetled on her in Leiu of the Dower of Sir *Hubert* her late Husband, during her Life, the Capital Meſſuage of the Manor of *Horham*, with the Park, Windmill, and Demean Lands, and the Services and Rents of *Horham* Manor, with *Houſebote*, *Heybote*, and *Pannage*, and in Conſideration of this Setlement, *Margery* releaſed all her Right in Dower, in two Carucates of Land, and a Meſſuage in [*e*] *Stonham Jernegan* in *Suffolk*, and in all his other Eſtates in *Norfolk* and [*f*] *Suffolk*. In 1244, he was Witneſs to the Deed [*g*] of *Henry* Duke of *Lovain*, made to the Monks of *Eye*; *Elizabeth* his Wife is mentioned in the Aſſize Rolls. [*h*] In 1249, he had Lands in *Hillington* and *Congham* in *Norf*. and lived to be very old, for in 1269, he held of *Roger*, [*i*] Son of *Peter Fitz-Oubourn* or *Osbern*, diverſe Lands in *Stovene* and *Bugges*, for which he did Homage, to *Roger*, Son of the ſaid *Peter*, in the Preſence of Sir *Walter de Rediſham* Knt. Sir *William* Rector of *Hillington*, &c. he married for his ſecond Wife, *Ela* or *Ellen*, Daughter and Co heir [*k*] of Sir *Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp* Knt. who ſurvived him: after the Death of his Mother, he ſetled

7. Sir WALTER JERNEGAN his Son, in the Manor of *Horham*, upon his Marriage with [*l*] *Iſabell* Daughter and at length Heir of Sir *Peter Fitz-Osbert* or *Osborn*, of *Somerley-Town* in *Suffolk*, who it ſeems died before him, leaving

8. Sir PETER JERNEGAN his Son, who became Heir to his Father and Grandfather, and alſo Co-heir to the *Fitz-Osbert*'s Eſtate, in Right of his Mother; for that Eſtate on the Death of Sir *Peter Fitz-Osbert* of *Somerley-Town*, his Grandfather, went to [*m*] Sir *Roger Fitz-Osbert* her Brother, who died without Iſſue, leaving it to *Catherine* his Wife for Life, who died in 1220, and then the *Fitz-Osbert*'s Eſtate came to *Iſabell*, Widow of *Walter*

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[*q*] Rot. Pip. 30. H. 2.

[*r*] He firſt ſetled the Sirname of JERNEGAN.

[*ſ*] Mag. Rot: 29 H. 2. Madox Hiſtory of the Exchequer, P. 190.

[*t*] Regr. Abbatiæ Byland pen. P. L. N. fo. 102.

[*u*] By whom came Wathe Manor in North-Cove in Suffolk.

[*x*] Rot. Pip. Paſch: 3 Joh. Rot. 16. in dorſo. in the Tally Court in the Exchequer.

[*y*] Cart. 5. Joh: M. 11.

[*z*] His Capital Seat was at the Manor of HORHAM.

[*a*] Claus. 1. H. 3. Part. 2. M. 1.

[*b*] Coiar in Sccio: 4. H. 3.

[*c*] Plita: Jur: & Aſſis: coram Will: de Ebor: apud Bucks. 25. H. 3. R. 9.

[*d*] Fines Norff. 10. Joh.

[*e*] He made STONHAM-JERNEGAN the Capital Seat of the Family.

[f] Fines Com: Suff. H. 3. L. 5. inter Num: 10 & 11.

[g] Regr Eye, fo. 25.

[*h*] Fines 52. H. 3. N. 65.

[*i*] Cartular: inter Evid: Joh: Playters Bar.

[k] G. a Croſs ingrailed A. the firſt quartering of Jernegan. Plita: Jur. & Aſſis: apud Chelmesford, divers: Com: 57 H. 3. Rot. 3 in dorſo.

[*l*] Gul. 3 Barrs Gemells Or. a Canton Arg. the ſecond quartering of Jernegan,

(*m*) Inquis. poſt. Mort: Rogeri Filij Petri Fitz-Osbert 34. E. 1.

*Jernegan*, Sir *Peter*'s Mother, as Siſter of the ſaid *Roger Fitz-Osbert*, and to *John Noion*, Son and Heir of *Alice Fitz-Osbert*, the other Siſter of the ſaid *Iſabell*, and on a Diviſion made, *Somerleton* was ſetled on Sir *Peter Jernegan*, Son of the ſaid *Iſabell*, who came hither, leaving *Horham*, and *Stonham Jernegan*, [n] and *Somerleton* became the Capital Seat of the JERNEGAN Family; the *Fitz-Osbert*'s had the Manors of *Somerleton*, *Uggeſhall*, *&c.* in *Suffolk*, *Hadeſton*, *Witlingham*, *&c.* in *Norfolk*. This Sir *Peter* was Sub-Eſcheator of *Suffolk*, A°. 1283, [o] held *Stonham*, and *Horham* of the Honour of *Eye* in 1299, in 1334, he ſold *Uggeſhall* Manor and Advowſon to Sir *Edmund de Soterlee* Knt. and *Witlingham*, and *Hadeſton*, in 1342, he being then above 70 Years old, and it appears from *Eye* Regiſter fo. 98, *b.* that he firſt married *Alice* Daughter of *Hugh Germayn*, and *Baſil* his Wife. The Pedigree ſays he married a *Herling*, for his ſecond Wife, which ſeems true by the Quarterings of the *Jernegan*'s, as they were to be ſeen in *Horham* Church A°. 1663, being put up by Sir *John Jernegan*, who married *Iſabell* Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Jervace Clifton*.

1. *Jernegan.*
2. *Inglethorp.*
3. *Fitz-Osbourn.*
4. *Harling.*

5. *Mortimer.* } Theſe 2 are Herlings Quarterings.
6. *Gonvile.* }
7. *Kilvedon*, or *Keldon*.
8. *Clifton.*

And for his third Wife a *Huntingfield*. He was ſucceeded by

9. Sir JOHN JERNEGAN Senior, his Son and Heir, who inherited the other Moiety of the *Fitz-Osbert*'s Eſtate, at the Death of Sir *John Noion* Knt. whoſe Heir he was; he married *Jane*, Daughter of Sir *William de Kelvedon*, [p] who was jointly ſeized of all his Manors of *Somerleton*, *Wathe*, *Horham*, *&c.* at the Time of his Death, which happened on the *Thurſday* before the Feaſt of the Annunciation, [q] in 1375,

10. In 1374, [r] JOHN JERNEGAN Junior, his Son and Heir married *Margaret*, Daughter of Sir *Tho. Viſe de Lou*, Knt. and his Father then ſetled the Advowſon of *Stonham-Jernegan*, and *Horham*, on them and their Heirs.

11. Sir THOMAS JERNEGAN, [s] their Son and Heir inherited, and in 1406, had a Charter for Free-Warren in *Somerleton*, *Flixton*, *Ilketiſhall*, and *Wathe*, in *Suffolk*, and *Hadeſton*, *Bunwell*, *&c.* in *Norfolk*, he married [t] *Joan*, Daughter of *William Appleyard* of *Dunſton* in *Norfolk*, and had

12. JOHN JERNEGAN Senior Eſq; who married *Agnes*, Daughter of Sir *John Darell* of *Kent* Knt. who died before him, and was buried in St. *Mary*'s Chapel, in the Priory of St *Olaves*, at *Heringfleet* in *Suffolk*, (now called St. *Tooleys Bridge*) This *John* ſetled *Horham* on JOHN JERNEGAN, [u] Junior, his Son and Heir, on his Marriage with *Iſabell*, Daughter of Sir *Jervace Clifton* in 1459; when he left *Somerleton* to his Son, and went and ſetled at *Cove* by *Beccles*, where he lived in 1465, and in 1473, [x] made his Will, which was proved 9 *Dec.* 1474, by the Name of *John Jernegan*, Senior, of *Little-Wirlingham* in *Suff.* Eſq; in which he ordered his Body to be buried by his Wife in the aforeſaid Chapel, where his Progenitors were entombed, he gave *Little-Wirlingham* Manor, which he lately purchaſed of *William Cove*, to his Son *Oſbert* for Life, and his Manor of *Wattle* or *Wad-Hall* in *North-Cove*; and to *John* his eldeſt Son, the Manors and Advowſons of *Somerleton*, *Stonham-Jernegan*, *Horham* and *Bradwell*, and the Foundation (i. e. Advowſon) of the Houſe of St. *Olave*, beſides Gifts to his three Daughters that were Nuns. At his Death,

13. JOHN JERNEGAN Eſq. his Son ſucceeded, and died [y] in 1503, ſeized of the aforenamed Manors and Advowſons, leaving,

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[n] Somerletonwas made the Capital Seat. [o] Regr. ab: Bury, Voc: Kemp. fo. 98. (p) Eſc. 28 E. 1: N. 44.

(q) The Jernegan's quarter this. (r) Eſc. 25 E. 3. N°. 52, 50 E. 3. N. 26. Suffolk and Norfolk. (s) Fines Suff. 49 E. 3. (t) Pat: 8. H. 4. Part. a. M. 16.

(u) This Sir Thomas and his Wife lie buried under an Altar Tomb now ſtanding at the North Eaſt Corner of SOMERLETON Chancel Jarnegan's Arms ſtill remain at the Weſt-End, and on the South-Side Jernegan impales,

APPLEYARD Az. a Chev. Or. between 3 Owles Arg. on the Chev'ron a Mullet. They glazed the Chancel, and their Arms ſtill remain on the Windows.

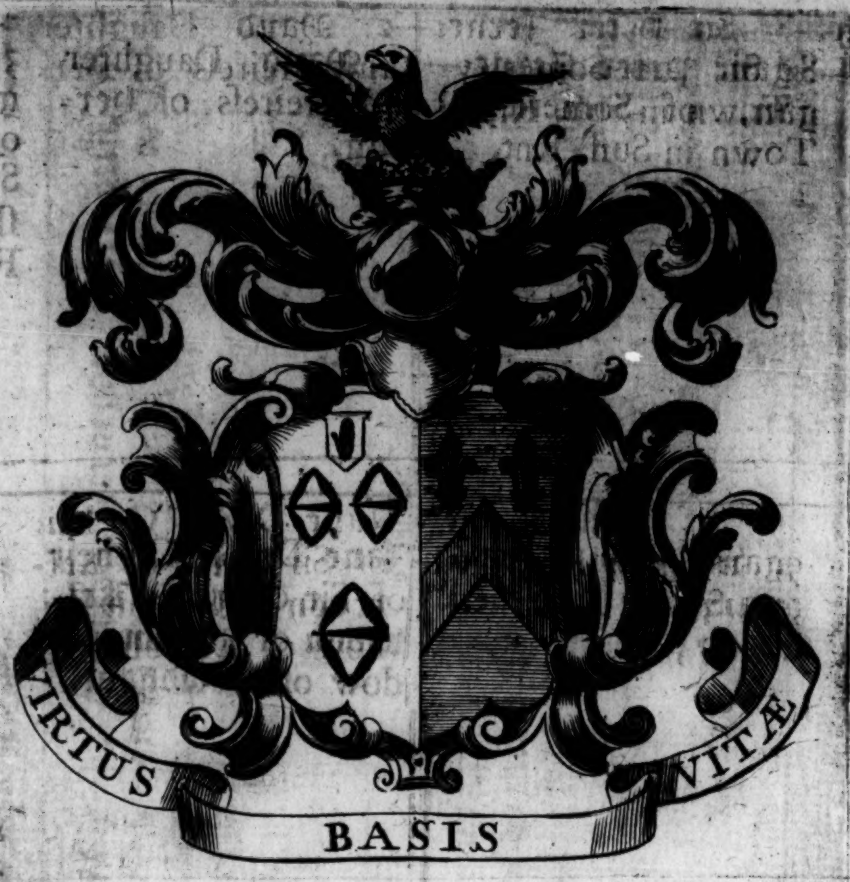
The Inſcriptions are loſt. Weever P. 769, quoting Cambden's Remains, P. 329, tells us, there was antiently a Knight of this Family buried here, croſs legg'd, with this on his Graveſtone.

Jeſus Chriſt, both God and Man,
Save thy Servant JERNEGAN.

He ſays, he takes it to be for Sir Richard Jernegan, who was of the Privy Chamber to Henry VIII. or elſe for Sir Robert Jernegan, who was Knighted by Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, at the Surrender of Mount-de-Dier in France. But I can't be of his Opinion, but rather think it was for this Sir Thomas, the other two, 'tho they might be deſcended from this Family, had nothing to do here, and lived too late for this Inſcription, neither doth their Relation appear.

1521, Richard Jerningham Miles, unus Militum pro Corpore Regis, erectus ad Officium unius Camerariorum Scaccarij pro Termino Vitæ. 13 H. 8. He never was concern'd in this Town, nor yet with this Family. (x) Fines 38 H. 6. Suff.

(y) Regiſter Gilbert fo. 34 a.



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## HUGH.

2. **Jernegan Fitz-Hugh**, died about 1182. — **Sibill** ſurvived him.

3. **Hugh or Hubert**, Son of **Jernegan**, died in 1203. — **Maud** Dr. of **Thorpine**, Son of **Robert de Watheby** of Weſtmorland.

4. Sir **Hubert Jernegan** of Horham in Suff. died in 1239, and not in 1249, as 'tis ſaid by Error at fo. 659. — **Margery** his Wife ſurvived him, and ſetled at Horham.

5. Sir **Will. Gernegan**, Son and Heir of **Hubert**, died S. P. he married **Julian** Dr. of **Gymingham** of **Burnham**.

6. Sir **Hugh Jernegan** of Stonham-Jernegan, had 2 Wives, **Elizabeth**, by whom no Iſſue, — **Ela or Ellen**, Dr. & Heir of Sir **Tho. de Ingaldeſthorp**.

**Godfry** S. P.

**Robert** S. P.

7. Sir **Walter Jernegan** of Horham Knt. — **Iſabell** Daughter & Co-heir of Sir **Peter Fitz-Osbert**, of **Somerley-Town** in Suff. ſhe ſurvived, but died before 1334.

A

1. **Alice** Dr. of **Hugh Germayn** and **Baſil** his Wife, S. P. — 8. Sir **Peter Jernegan**, of Somerley-Town in Suff. Knt. — 2. **Maud** Daughter and Heireſs of **Herling**. — 3. **Ellen** Dr. of Sir **Roger de Huntingfield**, of Huntingfield in Suff. which Manor ſhe brought to the Family. S. P.

9. Sir **John Jernegan** Senior Knt. died in 1375. — **Jane** Dr. & Co-heir of Sir **Will. de Kelvedon** or **Keldon** Widow of **Lowdham**.

10. Sir **John Jernegan** Junior Knt. — **Margaret** Dr. of Sir **Tho. Wise-de-Lou** Knt. married in 1374.

11. Sir **Tho. Jernegan** of Somerley-Town Knt. inherited about 1406. — **Joan** Dr. of **Will. Appleyard** of Dunston in **Norf.** — **Humfry Jernegan** buried in Somerley-Town Church 1446. See **Weever** fo. 784.

**John Jernegan** Senior Eſq; of Somerleton, died in 1474. — **Agnes** Dr. of Sir **John Darrell** of **Kent** Knt.

**Anne Jernegan**, a Nun at Bruſyerd in Suff. **Thomaſine Jernegan**, a Nun at Denny in Cambridgeſhire. **Barbara Jernegan**, a Nun at Campſey in Suffolk. — 13. **John Jernegan**, Junior, Eſq; married in 1459, died in 1503. — **Mabel** Dr. & Heireſs of Sir **Jervace Clifton** Knt. — 2. **George Jernegan.** **Eliz. Jernegan**, marr. to **John Denton**, and had **Walter Denton.**

B

B

1. Margaret Dr. of Sir§ Edm. Bedingfield of Oxboro in Norfolk Knt.—14. Sir Edward Jernegan of Somerley-Town Knt. died in 1515.—Mary Dr. of Richard Lord Scroop Knt. of Bolton, after re-married to—Sir Will. Kingſton Knight of the Garter.

§ The Inſcription (as printed by Weever) ſays Edward.

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Sir John Jernegan of Somerley-Town Knt.—Bridget Dr. of Sir Rob. Drury, of Halſted or Hawſted in Suff. Knt.

1. Frances, alive—15. Sir Hen. Jernegan, alias * Jerningham, of Huntingfield in Suffolk, Vice-Chamberlain, & Maſter of the Houſehold to Q. *Mary*, of whoſe Gift he had Coſſey, he died in 1571.—2. Mary Daughter of Sir George Baynham Knt. by the Daughter & Heir of Sir Anthony Kingſton.

1. *P. M.* S. P.

1. Edmund Jernegan died Feb. 9. 1546.

2. Edward Jernegan, born after his Father's Death.

Elizabeth, Maid of Honour to Q. *Mary*.

Frances Dr. of Sir John Jernegan of Somerley-town Knt. Widow of Tho. Bedingfield Eſq; (by whom ſhe had two Daughters) was ſecond Wife to Sir Henry Jernegan.—16. Henry Jerningham or Jernegan, of Coſſey Eſq; died 15 June 1619.—Eleanor Daughter of William Lord Dacres of Gilleſland.

* It ſeems as if Sir Henry, varied the Spelling of the Name, that his Family, might be diſtinguiſhed from the Somerley Jernegan's.

2. Will. Jernegan. 3. George Jernegan, Eſq; mar: a Dr. of Sir George Philpot's of Berkſhire, and had Iſſue.

4. Tho. Jernegan died ſingle.

5. Edward Jernegan.

17. Sir Hen. Jerningham or Jernegan, of Coſſey, created BARONET 6 Oct. 1621, buried at Coſſey in 1646.—Eleanor Dr. of Tho. Throgmorton, of Laughton in Warwickſhire.

Jeronyma Jernegan, married to Char. Waldegrave of Stanninghall in Norfolk Eſq; buried at Coſſey.

C

C

1. **Anne Jernegan**, died ſingle.
2. **Catherine Jernegan** married to **Francis Saunders**, of Shankſton in Leiceſterſhire.

18. **John Jerningham** or **Jernegan** Eſq; who died in his Father's Life-time.—:::: Daughter of Sir **Francis Moor** of Fawley Bart.

**Will. Jernegan** had 2 Wives, 1ſt Relict of **Lee.** 2d Relict of **Young.** I ſuppoſe he was Knighted, for he is often called Sir **William.**

**Tho. Jernegan**, I ſuppoſe was Knighted, for I meet with him called Sir **Thomas.**

19. Sir **Henry Jerningham** or **Jernegan** of Coſſey Bart.—**Mary** Dr. of **Benedict Hall** of High-Meadow in Glouceſterſhire Eſq.

**Francis Jernegan** Eſq; married to **Phillipa Crambleton** of **Newthom** in the North.

2. **Benedict Jernegan**, died at Paris un-married in 1668.

20. Sir **Francis Jerningham** or—**Jernegan**, of Coſſey Bart. buried in Coſſey Chancel.—**Mary** Daughter of Sir **Walter Blount** Bart. Siſter of Sir **Walter Blount**, buried by him.

::: **Jernegan** Dr. of Sir **Henry.**

21. Sir **John**—**Jernegan** Bart. ob. S. P.—**Margaret** Dr. of Sir **Henry**, & Siſter of the preſent Sir **Henry Bedingfield**, of Oxboro Bart. now living.

**Anne**, ſingle.
**Mary**, ſingle.

22. Sir GEORGE JERNINGHAM or JERNEGAN of COSSEY Bart. now living.—MARY Daughter of **Francis Plowden** of Worceſterſhire Eſq; by **Mary Stafford**, Siſter to the late Earl of **Stafford**, now living.

3 Charles Jernegan, M. D. mar: the Honble. Eliz. Roper, Dr to Lord Teynham. S. P. 4. Henry Jernegan, mar: Mary Jonquet de la Pine, who are both living, & have Iſſue, Francis, Henry, Charles, Nicholas, Hugh, Mary, Elizabeth, and Edwardina.
5. Edward Jernegan, marr. Eliz: Keitley, who are both living, & have Iſſue, George, & 1 Dr.
6. Francis Jernegan, died 1739. S. P.

1. **John.** 2. **William.** 3. **Charles-Edward.**

14. **Edward Jernegan** Eſq. his Son and Heir, who was afterwards Knighted, he had two Wives, firſt [z] *Margaret* Daughter of Sir *Edmund Bedingfield* of *Oxboro* in *Norfolk* Knt. by whom he had Sir *John Jernegan* of *Somerley-Town* in *Suffolk* Knt. who married *Bridget* Daughter of Sir *Robert Drury* of *Halſted* in *Suffolk* Knt. from whom the Jernegans of *Somerley Town* in *Suffolk* deſcended. And for his 2d. Wife, [a] *Mary* Daughter of *Richard* Lord *Scroop* Knt. of *Bolton* in *Yorkſhire*, and [b] Coheir to *Stephen* her Brother, who ſurvived him, and re-married to [c] Sir *William Kingſton* Knight of the Garter, who had Sir *Henry Jernegan* of *Huntingfield* Knt. the Founder of the *Coſſey* Family, Sir *Edward* died *Jan.* 6th. 1515, ſeized of the Manors of *Horham*, *Newton*, *Corton*, *Stonham-Jernegan*, *Somerleton*, *Wathe*, *Loweſtoffi*, *Eaſt*, *Weſt*, *North* and *South Lete* in *Gorleſton*, *Mutford*, *Askeby*, *&c.* and is ſaid to be buried in *Somerleton* Chancel by his Wife.

15. Sir HENRY JERNEGAN of *Huntingfield* in *Suffolk* eldeſt Son and Heir of Sir *Edward* by his ſecond Wife, he was a Favorite of Queen *Mary* the 1ſt. being the firſt that appeared openly for her, after the Death of *Edward* VI. [d] being with her at *Kenninghall* Place or Caſtle; and continued her truſty Friend, for which Services ſhe made him Vice-Chamberlain and Maſter of her Houſehold, and in 1547, [e] the ſaid Queen and King *Philip* her Huſband, gave him this Manor of *Coſſey*, with the whole Park and Deer therein, with all it's Members, Rights, Priviliges and Appurtenances in *Coſſey*, *Erlham*, *Bowthorp*, *Eaſton*, *Colton*, *Merlingford*, *Baber*, *Eſton*, *Honingham*, *Thorp*, *&c.* in the ſaid County, to be held by him and his Heirs in *Capite*, by Knights Service; from which Time it hath paſſed in a lineal Deſcent, in this antient Family: He married *Mary* Daughter of Sir *George Baynham* Knt. and died in 1571, leaving

The Lady Jernegan his Wife the Eſtate for Life, who this Year was found to be poſſeſſed of it, in 1572,

16. HENRY JERNEGAN Eſq. their Son and Heir was Lord of *Coſſey*, *Veales*, *Silebam*, *Wingfield* and *Lowiſtoft* Manors in *Suffolk*, he married 1ſt. *Eleanor* Daughter of *William* Lord *Dacres* of *Gilleſland*, and after that *Frances* Daughter of Sir *John Jernegan of Somerleton* Knt. Widow of *Thomas Bedingfield* Eſq. in 1602, he had an Act paſſed to ſell certain Lands in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and died *June* 15. 1619, and was buried in St. *Margaret*'s Church *Weſtminſter*.

17. HENRY JERNEGAN Eſq. his Son, was created Baronet 16 *Oct.* 1621, he married *Eleanor* Daughter of *Thomas Throgmorton* of *Laughton* in *Warwickſhire* Eſq. and dying 5. *Sept.* 1646, was ſucceeded by

18. Sir HENRY JERNEGAN of *Coſſey* Bart. his Grandſon, his Father

19. JOHN JERNEGAN Eſq. dying in his Grandfather's Life Time, who in 1619, married a Daughter of *Francis Moor* of *Fawley* Bart.

This Sir Henry married [f] *Mary* Daughter of *Hall* of *High-Meadow* in *Glouceſterſhire* Eſq. who left

20. Sir FRANCIS JERNEGAN of *Coſſey* Bart. who was Lord in 1693, he married *Anne* Daughter of Sir *Walter Blount* Bart. and Siſter of Sir *Walter*, by whom he had ſeveral Children.

21. Sir JOHN JERNEGAN Bart. his eldeſt Son ſucceeded him, and married *Margaret* Daughter of Sir *Henry Bedingfield*, of *Oxboro* Bart. Siſter to the preſent Sir *Henry Bedingfield* who is now living, but at the Death of Sir *John* without Iſſue *Coſſey &c.* went to his Brother,

22. Sir GEORGE JERNEGAN Bart. the preſent Lord, who reſides at his Seat here.

The *CHURCH* was dedicated in Honour of the Holy King *Edmund*, and had three Gilds in it, one of St. *Edmund*, another of St. *Mary*, and the third of St. *John Baptiſt*, and a

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(z) She is buried in Somerleton Chancel, the Braſs is now loſt, but Mr. Weaver fo. 784, hath the Inſcription, which was this,

> Margaret Jernegan the Wyef of Edward Jernegan Eſquyer, Doughter of Sir Edw. Bedingfeilde Knt. which Margaret dyed the xxiiii of Marche Anno M.D.IIII.

The Arms of Jernegan impaling Bedingfield remain, but her Effigies is gone.

(*a*) In 1547, Mary Kingſton Widow died ſeized of the Hundreds of Lothingland and Mutford, and Lowiſtoft and Mutford Manors. Inquis. 5 Nov. 2. E. 6.

(*b*) Her Siſter Eleanor married Sir John Windham of Crownthorp, Knt. who quarters Scroop.

(c) Sir William Kingſton, Knight of the Noble Order of the Garter, gave his Son Anthony Kingſton, ſix great Bowls of Silver, &c. to his Son-in-Law Sir Henry Jernegan 20l. and a Gown of Black Satten furred with Sables, which the King gave him, to his Son-in-Law Edmund Jernegan 20l. to his Brother George Kingſton, towards the Marriage of his Daughters 40l. to his Son Anthony, his Manors of Clopton and Ruſha in Berks, which he purchaſed of Leonard Rede Eſq; to Mary his Wife &c. the Will was proved in 1541, July 5. Regr. Alynger. in Cur. Preog: Cant. fo. 33.

(*d*) Stow P. 610. (*e*) Rot Pat. 1. 2. P & M.

(f) In Buckham Church in Surrey. Le Neve's Monnuments ejuſd. anni.

> Here lyeth Mary Jernegan, Wife of Sir Henry Jernegan of Coſſey in the County of Norfolk Baronet, Daughter of Benidict Hall, of High-Meadow in the County of Glouceſter, Eſq; who died the 30 of April A° Dni. 1653, leaving him 2 Sons and 1 Daughter.
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> Deus Meus et omnia.

Portion of Tithes here was given by ALAN ſirnamed *The Black*, Earl of *Richmond*, to the Cell, of Monks which he founded at *Rumburgh* in *Suffolk*, and with that Cell, was given by him to the Abby of St. *Mary* at *York*, which was always Patrons of it, together with diverſe Services, the whole being valued at ſix Marks a Year; in 1282, the Abbot and Convent of St. *Mary* at *York* made a perpetual Compoſition, with the Maſter and Brethren of St. *Giles*'s Hoſpital at *Norwich*, for their Portion here, which conſiſted of two Parts of the Tithes of the Demean Lands of the Earl of *Britanny* in *Coſſey*, for which the Maſter and Hoſpital was to pay ſix Marks a Year to the Prior of the Cell at *Rumburgh*, which was conſtantly paid 'till the Diſſolution of that Cell by Cardinal *Wolſey*; and in 20 of *H.* VIII. was granted to that Cardinal to ſetle on one of his Colleges either at *Ipſwich* or *Oxford*.

The Advowſon of the Church, with thoſe of *Huningham*, *Bawburgh*, and the Mediety of *Berford*, and 10 *l. per An.* Rent out of *Coſſey* Manor, were given by *Alan de Rohan* to the Abby of *Bon-Repos*, or *De Bona Requie* in *Brittanny* or *Normandy*, and it was confirmed by *H.* III. in 1226, and ſoon after the Abbot of *Bon-Repos* leaſed the Churches and the Advowſons to the Abbot of *Sautre* in *Huntingtonſhire*, *viz. Fulbourne*, *All-Saints*, *Fen-Draiton*, *Coſſey* and *Huningham* for ever, with all their Revenues there, except the 10 *l. per An.* out of *Coſſey* Manor, at 80 *l. per An.* and after this the Abbot of *Sawtree* for a Pention of 5 Marks a Year, confirmed and granted the Advowſon to the Maſter and Brethren of St. *Giles*'s Hoſpital in *Norwich*, who got it appropriated to them, before 1280. for it was returned to be held by that Hoſpital appropriated to them, there being a Houſe and 60 Acres of Land belonging to it worth 10 Marks, but 'twas not taxed, the Sinodals were 2 *s.* 2 *d.* Peter-Pence 18 *d.* Carvage 7 *d. ob.* it was then newly appropriated for the firſt and only Vicar that I find was not inſtituted 'till

1304, 13, Kal. *Sept.* and then *Robert de Bereford*, was inſtituted into the Vicarage, which was then to be aſſigned and ordained by the Biſhop, at the Preſentation of the Maſter and Brethren of St. *Giles*'s Hoſpital in *Norwich*, who prevailed with the Biſhop, who was Patron of the Hoſpital, to permit them to ſerve it by a Chaplain removeable at their Pleaſure, and ſo there was no Vicarage aſſigned, and conſequently no Preſentation afterwards.

I meet with the Name of one Rector only.

In 1213, WILLIAM DE GRAY the King's Chancellor, and afterwards Archbiſhop of *York*, was preſented to to it *Dec.* 3. being preſented to it by the King on Account of the Honour of *Brittanny*.

The 10 *l.* Rent that belonged to *Bon-Repos* Abby came to the Crown with the Revenues of the *Aliens*, and was granted with the Manor to the *Pole*'s, and was always taxed at 10 *l.* and ſo Paid 20 *s.* to every Tenth.

The Prior of *Rumburgh* always paid the Tenths of his Portion that he had from St. *Giles*'s Hoſpital, for the Farm of his Portion here.

The Abbot of *Langele* was taxed at 23 *s.* 6 *d.* for his Temporals here.

In 1380, *John de Foxele* and others aliened to the Hoſpital of St. *Giles* in *Norwich*, a Meſſuage, 48 Acres of Land and four Acres of Paſture in *Calthorp*, *Lodne*, *Mundham*, *Siſlond*, *Hardley*, *Coſſey* and *Reppes*.

This Town always paid 2 *l.* 10 *s.* to each Tenth.

At the Diſſolution the Impropriation went with St. *Giles*'s Hoſpital, which was refounded, and was given to the Corporation of the City of *Norwich*, who now hold it, as belonging to the Hoſpital, it being a Donative in their Gift, the Curate being paid 40 *l. per An.* for ſerving it.

In the Anſwers of the Parſons in 1603, *Thomas Cleybourne* Clerk was Curate, and there were 176 Communicants, the Benefice was returned to be impropriate, but was endowed with a Manſion Houſe (now in decay) and was called a *Donative*, the Impropriation belonged to the Hoſpital at *Norwich*, and was leaſed to the Curate.

## CURATES.

1448, *Jeffry Pitwyn* Chaplain, was buried in the Chancel.
1470, Sir *John Williams*.
1603, *Thomas Cleybourne*.
1605, *James Lovell*.

1625, Mr. *Crompton* Minor buried here 27 *Dec.*
1635, *Richard Wythe.*
1648, *James Shepherd.*
1670, *Samuel Stinnet* Minor, buried.
1672, *John Connold*, buried here.
1709, Mr. *John Laurence*, who had *Horſford.*
1739, The Rev. Mr. *John Burcham*, Rector of St. *Simon*'s in *Norwich*, is the preſent Curate.

The Church conſiſts of a Nave only, which is leaded, the Chancel is thatched, it hath a ſquare Tower and five Bells, on the Screens are the Arms of *Jernegan* carved; on a North Chancel Window are the Arms of *Ufford*, and an Emblem of the *Trinity* There are Graveſtones in the Chancel for,

*Charles Waldegrave* of *Catton* Gent. *July* 17. 1685.

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Here lieth the Body of Sir Henry Waldgrave of Stanning-Hall Bart. Son and Heir to Sir Edward Waldgrave Knt. and Bart. and Elenor his Wife, Daughter to Sir Thomas Lovell of Harling, he married Anne Paſton Daughter of Edward Paſton of Appleton Eſq. by whom he had VII. Sons and IIII. Daughters, and ſecondly he married Catherine Bacon, Daughter of Richard Bacon Gent. by whom he had ſix Sons and ſix Daughters, he died the 10th. of October 1658, aged 60 Years.

Walgrave's Arms and Creſt *viz.* a Plume of Feathers.

Here reſteth the Body of Frances Layer the Wife of Thomas Layer of Booton Eſq and eldeſt Daughter of Sir Edward Waldegrave of Stannynghall Knt. who left behind her 3 Sons, Edward Layer, Francis Layer and Charles Layer, who departed this Life upon the 26 Day of March 1629, whoſe Soule Jeſus reſts.

Englefield's Coat in a Lozenge, but falſely cut.

Hic jacet Dua: Elizabetha Englefield, illuſtri ex utreque parenti orta, proſapia ſed morum ſplendore illuſtrior, utpote antiquiæ Fidei Zelo, pietate in Deum, benignitate in pauperes, et in proximos omnes caritate inſignis, vitam Chriſtianam tranſactam Chriſtiano fine concluſit, nordovici Martij Die 16 Anno Dni: 1705, Ætatis ſuæ 70.
Requieſcat in Pace.

Martha Wife of John Hyrne Gent. Dec. 6. 1698. Æt. 60.

Martha Wife of John Turner Daughter of John Hyrne of Coſſey, Jan. 5. 1696 aged 20 Years.

*By the Chancel Door*

**Hic iacet Thomas Pargiter A° Dni. 1521 cuius Anime propicietur Deus Amen.**

*In the middle Iſle.*

*Anna* depoſitum, noli turbare Viator,
Pace frui liceat, pacis amica fuit;
Non *Browniſtarum* perverſo Dogmate Cœlos,
Mors ſed antiquo, ſcandere cura fuit,
Quam pluries ſimulant Pietatem, ſemper amavit,
*Brownea*, chara Viro, *Brownea* chara Deo,
Exemplum Pietatis habes Matrona pudica,
Vivere diſce, viro, vivere diſce Deo.
Obijt 28° Junii 1642.

Daniel Son of Ralf and Mary Palmer 8. Dec. 1669.

**Orate pro Anima Iſabelle Pemys cuius Anime propicietur Deus Amen.**

**Pray for the Soule of William Wood the helder the which deceaſed A° Dni: M°. vC. xxxiii. on whoſe Soule Jeſu have Mercy.**

John Hyrne of Coſſey Gent. 28 Febr. 1689. Æt. 65.

1575, Margaret Tilney buried.
1615, Frances Wife of Henry Jernegan Eſq. buried.
1616, John Waldgrave Gent. buried, 4. March.
1617, Robert Tilney and Agnes Roſe married.
1617, John Tilney buried 19. May.
1626, Jeronima Waldegrave, buried 4. Febr.
1646, Henry Jernegan Baronet, buried 5 Sept.
1654, Tho. Turner Senior of Norwich Gent. buried in the Church 5. Nov.
1676, Catherine Daughter of Richard Waldegrave Eſq. buried 23. Sept.
1685, Anne Widow of Mr. Charles Waldegrave of Catton buried 30 Sept.

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# *COLTON.*

OR the Town on the *Hill*, for ſo I take it's Name to ſignify, was always and ſtill is part of *Coſſey* Manor, the Lord of *Coſſey* being Lord here, there were 2 Freemen at the Conqueror's Survey, who held 30 Acres here, which belonged to *William* Earl *Warren*, which was all but what was included at that Time in *Coſſey*, and reckoned as part of it.

Terre Willi: de Warrenna (Domſ. fo, 94.) Feorhou. ħ. ⁊ dim.
In COLENTUNA ii libere homines xxx Acꝫ. terre, ⁊ ſunt in eodem pretio (ſc. de Bernham)

The Rectory is valued in the King's Books at 6 *l.* 9 *s.* 9 *d.* *ob.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 40 *l.* 12 *s.* 3 *d.* *ob.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, the Advowſon belonged to *Coſſey*, 'till 'twas given from it with a Tenement and Lands in *Colton*, to the Family ſirnamed *De Colton*, and in 1223, *John de Colton* releaſed the Advowſon, and confirmed the former Grant of it made by his Anceſtors in Alms to the Priors of *Windham*, who held it as a Vicarage, 'till *John* of *Oxford* Biſhop of *Norwich*, with the Conſent of the Prior of *Windham* diſappropriated it, on Condition the Rectors and their Succeſſors paid a Pention of two Marks yearly, to the Priory, but in 1228, after the Death of the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, who had confirmed it, *Robert de Nevile* then Rector, refuſed to pay it, and the Prior enter'd on the Church, but it was ſoon agreed, and the Pention ſetled to be payed and *William* Son of *John de Colton*, releaſed all his Right to the Prior, in the Advowſon, which he ſays, his Father *John* gave them, and the Prior renounced all his Right in the Appropriation to the Rector, and from that Time the Houſe of *Windham* was always Patron, 'till it's Diſſolution, and then it came to the King, and it hath remained ever ſince in the Crown.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Andrew*; the Rector had no Houſe nor Land, in *Edward* the III. Time, 'twas valued with the Portion of Tithes belonging to *Wimondham* at 15 Marks, Procurations 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Sinodals 23 *d.* Peter-Pence 19 *d.* Carvage 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and the Town paid 46 *s.* and 8 *d.* to each Tenth. There are now 22 Acres of Glebe; there were the Lights of St. *Andrew*, St. *Mary*, and St. *John Baptiſt*, in the Church. The Gild of St. *John Baptiſt* was kept at his Altar, aud St. *Peter*'s Gild, at the Altar of that Saint.

In the S. Chancel Window. *Az.* 3 Maids Heads cooped proper, crined *Or.* quarterly the 1st. is broken, the 2d and 3d. are *Az.* a Feſs *Or.* between 3 Bezants, 4 Party per Feſs *G.* and---a Griffin *Or.*

### *On a Braſs in the Church.*

Here lyeth the Body of Tho. Spendlove Gent. late Chief Conſtable of this Hundred, who died 22. April 1631. Æt: 45.

The Church is leaded, and the Chancel tiled, the Tower is ſquare, and hath 3 Bells, the Church is 26 Yards long and 10 broad.

Rogers Son of Rogers and Mary Spencer died June 3: 1662.

In a Lozenge, Pooley, *Or.* a Lyon Ramp. *Sab.*

Mrs. Mary Wife of John Pooley of Morley Gent. died 23. Dec. 1715.

Barry Wavy of 10, over all a Lyon rampant.

James Son of James Seaborne, late of Wymundham Gent. died 13 May 1710, Ætat 81. of great Prudence and Piety, a Father to his Relations, and a good Friend upon any Occaſion, to all about him, as looking for Eternal Life: and in the Vault under this Stone is interr'd, Mary his Relict, who died 28 March. 1722, Ætat. 72.

On a Mural Monument, with *Pooley's* Arms and Creſt *viz* a Demi-Lyon *Sab.*

M. S. In hope of an happy Reſurrection, underneath lyeth interr'd the Body of Philip Pooley Gent. June 17. 1715, an affectionate Husband, a good Father, a kind Maſter, a devout Frequenter of the Publick Worſhip, a true lover of the Clergy, a charitable Benefactor to the Poor, an obliging Neighbour, a generous Friend, a Pious Chriſtian, whoſe exalted Soul thro' the infinite Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, enjoys a bleſſed Immortality

Beatus ſervus ille, quem venerit Dominus, ejus invenerit ita facientem.

## RECTORS.

1317, Died Maſter *Tho. de Depham,* he held it united to *Eſton.*
1317, *Baldwin Poleyn.* The Prior and Convent of *Wymondham.*
1326, *William de Baumburgh,* O.
1328, *Adam de Brunham.*
1333, *Robert Wauncy* of *Kings Walden.*
1343, *Robert de Ryſeby.* by the Pope's Proviſion.
1361, *John de Stukele.* } Change with Wymondham.
1365, *Richard* Son of *John de Kimberle.* }
1365, *John Mey.* Change with *Bouthorp.*
1372, *Thomas Davy.*
*William Feſaunt.* } Change with Pakefield.
1474, *John de Creſſey.* }
1404, *William Cantele* of *Coſton.*
1406, *Robert Waleſwode.*
*Robert Elot.* R.
1418, *Robert Coope.*
1425, *Walter de Weſt-Walton.* Change with *Ruſhbrook,* 1426, buried in the Chancel his Name was *Walter Grey* of *Weſt-Walton.*
1426, *Thomas Dote.* R.
1441, *John Gray.*
1453, Brother *Nic. Bungey,* a Carmelite Frier. Lapſe R.
1458, *Robert Leek,* O.
1508, *Roger Salkeld,* JOHN Abbot of *Wimondham.*
1515, *Thomas Langar.* O. The laſt preſented by the Abbot.
1549, *Jeffery Turnour.* ROBERT AGGES of *Wymondham,* by Grant of the late Priory diſſolved. deprived.
1554, *Nicholas Appleby,* Lapſe.
1586, *Thomas Weſt.* A. M. the Queen.
1589, *John Cook,* Ditto. united to *Barford* Mediety. He was a licenced Preacher, and there were then 62 Communicants.
1638, *Nicholas Barwick.* }
1652, *Robert Harſnet.* } The Crown.
1702, *Henry Rix.* }
1728, *John Fairclough.* The KING.
1731, The Rev. Mr. *Samuel Carter* A. M. on *Fairclough's* Death, is the preſent Rector and holds it united to *Barford* Mediety. The KING.

# HINGHAM.

HINGHAM was the head Town of the *Deanry*, and at firſt contained 43 Pariſhes, the *Deanry*, was taxed at 30*s.* and 'twas in the Biſhop's Collation.

## DEANS.

1307, Mr. *THO. DE BYTERINGE.* Clerk.
1311, *THOMAS* Son of *JOHN DE BYTERINGE.* Prieſt.
*HENRY OWEN* of *Pultney* Clerk. reſigned.
1337, *THOMAS OWEN* of *Pulteney*, Clerk.
1340, *NICHOLAS EMYSE.* Clerk.
1343, *JOHN DE WELTON.*
1344, *HENRY* Son of *WILL. DE WINTERTON.* Clerk. R.
1346, Mr. *ANTHONY DE GOLDESBURGH.* Change with *Sudbury* Deanry.
1346, *JOHN* Son of *WILL. DE WINTERTON.* Clerk.
1361, Maſter *ROBERT DE TUNSTED.* A! M. a Shaveling.
1382, *PETER DE LEEGHES.* Clerk, on the reſignation of *ROBERT DE TUNSTEDE.* S. T. P. who exchanged for *Colneyſe* Deanry in *Suffolk.*
1398, *JOHN CUTET.* Clerk, reſigned.
1405, Sir *THOMAS REVELL*, Prieſt, who changed *Biſhop*'s-*Thorp* Rectory, with *Cutet* for this Deanry.
1411, *WILL. MULTON* Clerk, who gave *REVELL* the Rectory of *Heſe* in *Canterbury* Dioceſs for this.
1418, *JOHN ROO*, Clerk, on *Multon*'s reſignation.
1431, *JOHN BRETON* Clerk, who reſigned *Dunwich* Deanry.
1432, *WILL, SPENCER* Junior, *BRETON* having reſigned for *Waxham* Deanry.
1443, *JOHN ROOSE*, Clerk.
1459, *THOMAS MARKE*, reſigned.
1459, *JOHN SWYER*, Clerk, one of the Biſhop's Servants.
1467, *JOHN JOLLES*, Clerk.

The Church is a good Pile, the Tower being very tall and large, rhe whole was rebuilt by *Remigius de Hetherſete* Rector here, in the Time of King *Edward* the III. with the aſſiſtance of *John le Marſhal* his Patron, who contributed much to the perfecting of the Work; it is dedicated to St. ANDREW the Apoſtle, and had ſeveral Chapels in it, of which, the moſt remarkable were at the Ends of each Iſle, that on the North ſide, being dedicated to the *Holy-Trinity*, and that on the South ſide to the *Holy-Virgin*, the others were dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, the *Nativity of the Virgin*, and to her *Aſſumption*, there was alſo a St. *Mary*'s Chapel by the *Rood* Altar, and another of St. *Mary of Pity.* and there were no leſs than ſeven GILDS held in the Church, *viz.* of Saint *James*, *Corpus Chriſti*, St. *Andrew*, *Holy-Croſs*, *All-Saints*, Saint *John Baptiſt*, and St. *Mary*, and each having a ſtipendary Chaplain, ſerving at their Altars in the Church, conſtituted a Choir, for in 1484, [g] *Robert Morley* Eſq. of this Town, was buried in the Church, and gave ſeven Surplices to the Quire of *Hingham*; and without doubt this Church muſt make a fine Appearance in thoſe Times, it being adorned with the following Images, all which had Lights, either Lamps, Wax Tapers, or Candles, conſtantly burning before them in Time of Divine Service, and being diſperſed all over the Church, Chancel and Chapels, muſt make it in the Night Seaſon a fine Sight; the *Principal-Image*, of St. *Andrew* ſtood, (as the *Principal-Image* or *Patron* Saint of every Church did) in the Chancel, on the N. ſide of the Altar, and thoſe of St. *Peter*, St. *Michael*, St. *Mary*, *Corpus Chriſti*, St. *Margaret*, St. *Chriſtin*, St. *Edith* or *Sythe*, St. *Mary of Pity*, St. *Thomas*, the *Nativity* and *Aſſumption* of the *Holy-Virgin*, St. *Wulſtan*, St. *Appolonia*, St.

[g] Regr. Caſtone. fo. 223.

*Chriſtopher*, St. *Eraſmus*, St. *Julian*, St. *Anthony*, St. *John Baptiſt*, St. *Nicholas*, the *Holy-Trinity*, St. *Edmund*, St. *Laurence*, St. *Catherine*, St. *John the Evangeliſt*, St. *Valentine*, St. *Etheldred*, and the *Holy-Rood* or *Croſs*, which ſtood on the [b] *Rood-Loft*, between the Church and Chancel.

When *Norwich* Domeſday was wrote, the Patronage was late Sir *John Marſhal*'s but then the Lord *Morley*'s; the Rector had a [i] noble Houſe, and 20 Acres of Ground, the Living being then valued at 50 Marks, it ſtands in the King's Books at 24*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* and pays 2*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* yearly Tenths, and Firſt-Fruits every Vacancy, it being undiſcharged, the Sinodals are 2*s.* 8*d.* and Peter-Pence 1*s.* 2*d.* *ob.* The Town paid 7*l.* each Tenth.

## RECTORS.

1272, Maſter *Richard de Felmingham*. In this Year the Glebe lying Weſt of the Church, (on part of which the Parſonage is built) was given to the Rectory, by *John de Kirkebi* Biſhop of *Ely*, to keep his *Anniverſary*, and in 1290, *John* Son of *David de Rokeland* confirmed it, there being then, a Meſſuage and Grove upon the Premiſes; Sir *William de Mortimer*, Sir *Guy Buttetort*, Sir *Alexander de Elingham*, Sir *Edmund de Hemegrave*, Sir *Baldwin de Maners*, Sir *Andrew de Hengham*, *Jeffry* Son of *Walter de Hengham*, &c. being Witneſſes.

1307, 6. Kal. *Nov.* *John de Calton*, Lady HAWISE LE MARCHAL, Aſſignee of Sir *William Marchal* Knt.

1313, 17 Kal. *July* *William Wimer* of *Swanton*, Sir WILLIAM LE MARSHAL, Marſhal of *Ireland*.

1316, 12 Kal. *June*, *Remigius de Hetherſet*, was preſented by *John le Marſhal*, Marſhal of *Ireland*, he was of a good Family, being Son of *John de Hetherſet* and *Margery* his Wife, and only Brother to Sir *Simon de Hetherſet* Knt. one of the King's Juſtices, Lord of *Cringleford* &c. he built the Church and was a Man of great Note in his Time, being Truſtee and Feoffee for moſt of the beſt Families in the County.

1359, 14 *Sept.* Maſter *John de Ufford*, Son of *Robert* Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Margaret* his Wife, was preſented by Sir *Robert de Morley*, Marſhal of *Ireland*, [k] he had two Prebends, one in the Church of *Salisbury*, the other in *Lincoln*, by his Will dated *November* 1375, in which Month he died, he order'd his Body to be buried in this Chancel, on the North ſide, and left a Legacy to Dame *Maud Ufford* his Siſter, a Nun at *Campſey* in *Suffolk*.

1375, 3 *Dec.* Maſter *John de Derlington*, Maſter of St. *Giles*'s Hoſpital &c. Licenciate in the Decrees, was preſented by Sir *William de Morley*, Marſhal of *Ireland* [l] one of the Vicars General, in 1387, he was Doctor of the Decrees, and Arch-Deacon of *Norwich*. he exchanged *Hingham*, for the Archdeaconry with,

*William de Swynflet*, who became Rector here.

1388, 9 *April*, *Richard Gomfrey*.
1397, 21 *May*, *William Segher*.
1411, 12 *Feb*: Sir *Walter de Thefford*.
} THOMAS DE MORLEY, Lord Morley, and Marſhal of Ireland.

1441, 16 *Sept.* Sir *Thomas Codlyng* Prieſt, on *Thetford*'s Death. ISABELL Lady MORLEY, Relict of *Thomas* Lord *Morley* deceaſed: he held it with a Mediety of *North-Tudenham*, and at his Death in 1461, gave a Silver Chalice Gilt, worth 40 Marks, to be ſold, either to buy a white Veſtment, or to build a new Treaſury.

1461, Sir *Thomas Haſtyngs* Subdeacon; he died Rector in 1469.

1469, 20 *Febr.* Maſter *Simon Thornham*, LL. B. ISABEL Lady MORLEY.

Sir *Humphry de la Pole*, he died Rector.

1513, 15 *Febr.* Maſter *John Adcock*, he died Rector. ALICE HOWARD Widow of the Lord *Morley*.

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[b] So called becauſe the Rood or Croſs always ſtood on it.

[i] The new Parſonage was built by the preſent Incumbent, and ſtands a little South-Weſt of the Church.

[k] Regr. Haydone. fo. 118. a. at the end.

[l] Browne's Poſthumous Works, P. 49.

1553, 19 *April*, Mr. *Edward Thwayts*. S. T. B. ANTHONY THWYATS Eſq. by Grant of Sir *William Woodhouſe* Knt. and *Elizabeth* his Wife, late Relict of Sir *Henry Parker* Knt. deceaſed.

1584, 3 *Sept.* *Thomas Clarkſon*; THOMAS GRANGE of *Swafham-Bulbek* in *Cambridgeſhire*, by Grant of the Turn from *Matthew Trott*, A. M. who had it of the Honourable *Henry Parker* Knt. Lord *Morley*, who in his Life Time was true Patron. He died in 1605.

1603, Sir *Thomas Lovell* Knt. was Patron, and there were returned 500 Communicants.

1605, 7 *Jan.* *Robert Peck* A. M. THO. MOOR by Grant of *Francis Lovell* Knt. he was [*n*] " a Man of a very violent Schiſmatical Spirit, he pulled down the Rails, and levelled the Altar and the whole Chancel a Foot below the Church, as it remains to this Day, but being proſecuted for it, by Biſhop *Wren*, he fled the Kingdom, and went over into *New-England*, with many of his Pariſhioners, who ſold their Eſtates for half their Value, and conveyed all their Effects to that new Plantation, erected a Town and Colonie, by the Name of HINGHAM, where many of their Poſterity are ſtill remaining, he promiſed never to deſert them, but hearing that Biſhops were depoſed, he left them all to ſhift for themſelves, and came back to *Hingham* in the Year 1646, after 10 Years voluntary Baniſhment, he reſumed his Rectory and died in the Year 1656" his Funeral Sermon was preached by *Nathaniel Joceline* A. M. Paſtor of the Church of *Hardingham*, and was publiſhed by him, being dedicated to Mr. *John Sidley* High-Sheriff, *Brampton-Gurdon* and Mr. *Day* Juſtices of the Peace, Mr. *Church*, Mr. *Barnham*, and Mr. *Man*, Aldermen and Juſtices in the City of *Norwich*.

1638, 25 *May*, *Luke Skippon*, A. M. was preſented by Sir THOMAS WOODHOUSE Knt. and Bart. as on *Peck*'s Death, he having been abſent about two Years, and in

1640, 11 *April*, The ſaid *Luke* was re-inſtituted, the Living being void by Lapſe, it appearing that *Peck* was alive ſince *Skippon*'s firſt Inſtitution, and now two Years more being paſt, and he not appearing, it lapſed to the Crown as on *Peck*'s Death, but in

1646, *Peck* came again and held it to his Death, and then, in

1656, *Edmund Dey* held it without Inſtitution 'till the Reſtauration, and in

1663, 1 *April*, He was preſented by Sir PHILIP WOODHOUSE Bart. his Character is this in the ſame Letter, that he was " a Man of the ſame Piece with himſelf (that is with *Peck*) but a Man of lower Parts and meaner Capacity; with ſome difficulty he ſwallowed the Oaths at the Reſtauration " and continued 'till 1666, when he died, and in *January*

1667, *Robert Seppens* A. M. was preſented by the ſame Patron, who as the ſame Letter ſays, was " a very good Man, he was the Author of a Book called, *Rex Theolicus*, a Piece full of Learning and Loyalty, he printed (beſides ſome Sermons) a ſhort Controverſy between him and *Bayley* the Romiſh Prieſt, but by the extravagancy of his Sons, he was made very pore, and could never make any Figure in the World, after a Cronicall Diſtemper of the Palſie, he dyed in the Year, 1682.

1683, 11 *April*, *John Watſon* A. M. EDMUND WOODHOUSE Eſq. he held it firſt, united to the Rectory of *Wroxham cum Salowes*, and afterwards to the Rectory of *Scoulton*, he died Rector in 1727, and was ſucceeded in

1727, 19 *March*, By the Rev. Mr. *John Breeſe* A. M. ſometime Senior Fellow of *Cajus* College, who is the preſent Rector, and holds it united to *Bixton* Rectory, to both which he was preſented by Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE of *Kimberley* Bart. the preſent Patron.

**I find the following Perſons buried here, for whom there are now no Memorials remaining.**

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[*n*] From a Letter of Mr. Watſon's, late Rector here, Jan. 3. 1715.

1367, Sir *John Baker*, Chaplain; in the Church Yard.

1381, Sir *Richard Kempe*, Chaplain. In the Church.

1460, *John Croſs*. In the Church.

1469, *Peter Cooper* of *North-Wood* Hamlet in *Hingham*, was buried in the Church, and gave Legacies to ſeveral *Gilds*, and to the (then erected) *Gild* of St. *Peter*, and alſo towards building the *Virgin*'s Chapel in the Church.

1469, *Margaret* Relict of *Thomas Norwold* of *Hingham*, gave 13 Marks to buy a Silver Baſon for the Holy-Water, in memory of *William* and *Joan Willis*, her Father and Mother.

1483, *Simon Lyſter* of *Hengham*, buried here [o] " Item I Wyll my Cloſe in *Sculton-Saun-*" *ſey*, called *Ruttocks*, and ſix Acres and a half of Land Arable, and the Rent " called *Marketthouſe* Rent in *Hengham*, ſhall be put in Feoffment of xii Perſons " in the Town of *Hengham*, of moſt Godly and beſt diſpoſed Perſons, to th'in-" tent that *Roſe* my Wyffe ſhall have the Gydyng of the Almes-Houſes, called " *John Liſters* Alms-Houſes during her Lyfe, bearing all manner of Charges, " and Reparacons thereof, and to the entent to fynd and kepe a *Certain* in the " ſaid Church for ever, for the Sowles of *John Liſter* my Father, *Margery* my " Mother, *Will. Liſter* and *Katherine* his Wife, *Symond Blount* and *Maud* his " Wyffe, *Richard* and *John Liſter*, *Johane Ade* my Mother in Law, and the " Sowles of me and my Wyffe; and alſo to kepe an *Anniverſary-Day* for me " the ſaid *Symond*, and the Sowles yerly *in perpetuum*, upon *Paſſion* Sunday at " Afternoon, with *Dirige* and Maſs of *Requiem* be note, on the Monday next " following, and 13 *d.* to be diſtributed to ſix poor Perſons, or to 13 at *Dirige*, " and alſo for me by Name, and my Benefactors on *Holowmes-Day*, to be re-" herſid in the Comyn [p] *Beed:* And after the Deceſſe of the ſaid *Roſe*, the ſaid " Cloſe to remain in the ſaid Feoffees Hands, to the uſe aforeſaid, to be renew-" ed from Time to Time, when but ſeven of them are left."

1485, *Katherine* Wife of *Thomas Cauze* or *Caus*, of *Hengham* Eſq. was a Benefactreſs, ſhe was buried in *All-Saints* Church at *Blyford* in *Suffolk*.

1506, *John Pyſhode* Alderman of *Norwich*, order'd in his Will, that his Executors ſhould make a Croſs of Free-Stone, to be ſet up in the Croſs-Way in the Field of *Hingham* Wood, at the expence of five Marks.

1509, *Richard Heyhow* of *Hengham*, was buried in the Church, and gave 3 Acres and an half of Land [q] " for an *Obite* yerly, the overplus to the reparacon of the Church " of *Hengham*. Item to the Gilde of St. *Peter*, my Cloſe in *Hengham*, upon Con-" dition that the Brodirn of the Gilde of St. *Peter* forſeyd ſhal menteyn and kepe " up the Almſe Tabyll, and fynd and repar the Alms-Hous in the Church Yerd " at all Tymes, when nede is to repar them."

1543, *Simon Baxter* of *Hengham* Gent. was buried in the Church.

The Church, Chancel, two Iſles and ſquare Tower, are covered with Lead; there is a Clock, and ſix large Bells, the North Veſtry is down.

At the Weſt End of the Church, there lies a Stone, plated with Braſs, from which the Effigies of a Man and Woman are torn off, but that of their Son remains, and this,

Obijt 25 Februarij } { Obijt 30 Marcij
Anno Domini 1622, } { Anno Domini 1615
Anno Ætatis ſuæ 69° } { Anno Ætatis ſuæ 66

Sub hoc Tegmine marmoreo, jacent Sepulti Johannes Longe, et Margareta Uxor ejus, unicum relinquentes Filium Superſtitem, Robertum, qui hoc ultimum obedientiæ inſigne Memoriæ Sacrum dedit.

In the middle Iſle lies a Stone for, Elizabeth Wife of Stephen Baldwin, who died Aug. 20. 1709, aged 46.

*On a Mural Monument in the North Iſle.*

M. S.

Juſtorum Reſurrectionem manent Reliquiæ, **THOMÆ**, Filij **EDVARDI HEYHOE** de Hardingham Generoſi, cujus pietatem ſimplicem, ingenuam probitatem, cæteraſque

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[o] Regr. Gyllys fo. 10.

[p] On All-Saints or Hallow-Maſs Day, it was the Cuſtom for the common Beadroll of every Church to be read, and Maſs ſaid for all the Benefactors, whoſe Names were always enter'd in this Roll.

[q] Regr. Johnſon fo. 239.

Virtutes, Deus Cœlis remuneravit, et in terris charitatem in perpetuum largiendam, tum Roſtrum, cum pauperes, D. Thomæ Feſto quotannis celebrabunt.

Obijt Sept. 28. Anno { Domini 1709.
Ætatis 69.

### *On his Graveſtone.*

Hic jacet Corpus Thomæ Heyhoe, cujus monumentum ad parietem affixum habes.

In the Eaſt Window of Trinity Chapel are the Arms of Lord Morley, and *Arg.* on a Chev. Gul. between 3 Lions Heads eraſed *S.* 3 Bezants. The Tradition is, that this Chapel was made by the Maidens of the Town, and that this Window was glazed at their Coſt, which ſeems very improbable by the Arms, and the following fragment of an Inſcription now remaining.

Thys Wyndow ys y mad ………………… Hengham ……

### *On a Braſs Plate in the Chancel.*

Hic jacet humatus Thomas Moore, qui obijt undecimo die Novembris Anno Domini 1618, Ætatiſque ſuæ 78°.

### *On a Mural Monument on the North Side of the Chancel.*

Sacred to the Memory of Eliz: Negus Daughter of Mr. Samuel Gary. T. B. and Prebend of Norwich, firſt Wiſe to Wyatt Wright Gent. after married again to Mr. Henry Negus Merchant, ſhe was a Woman of a Religious and Pious Converſation, and of more than common Prudence in the Conduct and Management of Domeſtick Affairs, who departed this Life Febr. the 20. 1702, in the 92, Year of her Age. Alſo to the Memory of Mrs. Anne Wright, youngeſt Daughter of the ſaid Elizabeth, ſhe lived to the 65th. Year of her Age, a moſt exact Pattern of true Chriſtian Piety, Charity, Temperance and Sobriety, and died with an unblemiſhed Reputation, June the 15. 1706. Eliza. Watſon, Gratitudinis & Honoris Gratia, hoc Monumentum Materteræ tam Beneficæ, prorſus indignum, ſuo proprio ſumptu, erexit.

Gary or Geere, *Gul.* 2 Barrs *Or.* or ſometimes *Arg.* on a Canton *Az.* a Leopard's Face *Or.*

Negus, *Erm.* on a Chief Nebulee *Az.* 3 Eſcalops *Or.*

On a Free-Stone under it. Hic jacent ſupradictæ Eliza: Negus & Anna Wright.

Here lyeth attending it's Glorious Reſurrection, the Body of Caleb Shelley Gent. who died July the 6h 1689.

### *On a flat Marble.*

Amyas, *Arg.* a Boars Head cooped, between 3 Croſlets fitchee *Sab.*

Creſt, a Staggs Head eraſed.

Hic ſitæ ſunt Exuviæ *Franciſci Amyas*, Viri Cognitoris Officio Jure periti et æque probi, hujuſque pagi fuit diu parœcus, a Generoſa Familia, quondam de *Deopham* oriundus, nec non Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ Filius Pientiſſimus, Matrimonio duxit et reliquit *Mariam Copping*, conjugem olim chariſſimam, jam viduam ægre ſolandam, ſexque demum ſuperſtitibus (e quindecim relictis Liberis) migravit in Æternum, ſeptimo Die Auguſti, Anno Æræ Xnæ M. DCCX. Ætatis ſuæ 72.

### *On the Font is this Greek Anagram.*

ΝΙΨΟΝ ΑΝΟΜΗΜΑ ΜΕ ΜΟΝΑΝ ΟΨΙΝ.

On the *North* Side of the Chancel is a noble Monument againſt the Wall, reaching from the Floor to the Roof, it is of Stone, imbeliſhed with Imagery and Gothick Work, and formerly with many Braſs Plates, all which are pulled off; the following Arms are ſtill remaining, which ſhow me plainly to whoſe Memory it was erected, *viz.* Lord *Morley*, impaling *Marſhal*, *Bourchier*, *Haſtings*, *Molins*, and *De la Pole* quartering *Wingfield*; the two laſt of which quarter'd, impales a Chev'ron.

The Arms of *Morley* and *Marſhal* are often ſingle, and the former ſometimes with differences.

Morley, impales *Arg.* 6 Crowns *S.* and alſo *G.* a Bend *Ar.* quarters *Haſtyngs*.

From which it is plain that the Tomb was erected to the Memory of *Thomas* Lord *Morley*, who died about 1435, leaving *Iſabel* Daughter of *Michael de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, his Widow, who died in 1466, and was buried in this Chancel by her Husband, as her Will, which is to be ſeen in Regiſter *Jekky*'s fo. 50, informs me, from which I tranſcribed the following Account.

1464, Dame *Iſabell* Widow Lady *Morley*, made her Will in her Houſe in St. *Peters Mancroft* in *Norwich*, and was buried in the Chancel at *Hingham*, before the Image of St. *Andrew*, by her Lord her Husband. She orderd if ſhe died in *Norwich*, that her Body ſhould be carried to the Chapel of St. *Mary in the Fields*, and a Maſs ſaid for her, and then to be carried to *Hingham*, with 15 Torches born before her by 15 of her poor Tenants in black Gowns, and alſo five poor Women in black, ſhall bear each a Taper of 2 *l.* weight and place them before the Sacrament by her Grave, there to remain 'till they be burnt up. Every Prieſt at her Maſs of *Requiem* to have 4 *d.* and every *Clerk* 2 *d.* ſhe gave to St. *Peter of Mancroft*'s Altar 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to repair the Church 40 *s.* to ſuſtain the Holy Maſs of *Jeſus* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to *Chapel-Field* high Altar 20 *s.* to the high Altar at *Hingham* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to repair the Church 40 *s.* more, and a Tablet of Gold garniſhed with Perle, containing certain Reliques, with a Berill in the ſame Tablet, with two Images, one of the Reſurrection, and the other of our Lady, and the longeſt Carpet with white Flowers to lye before the high Altar, to her Siſter Dame *Katerine* Abbeſs of *Berkyng* 10 Marks, and Legacies to the high Altars and her poor Tenants of *Aldby*, *Buxton*, the Gild of St. *Andrew* in *Buxton*, of which ſhe was a Siſter, *Swanton*, *Worthing*, *Folſham*, *Bintre*, *Hokeryng*, *Mateſhale*, *Mateſhale-Bergh*, *Tudenham* and *Hingham*, and alſo Legacies to *John Haſtyng* her Son in Law, and *Anne* his Wife her Daughter, among which a Diaper Towell 18 Yards long, with Gifts to *Iſabell Boſwel* Daughter of the ſaid *Anne*, *Elizabeth* Siſter to *Iſabell*, Dame *Eleanor* her Grandaughter, the Lady *Morley*, Dame *Catherine Stapleton*, *Elizabeth Morley*, *Edward Bokenham*, Sir *William Strather* her Chaplain, *Edward Harſick* Gent. &c. all the Priſoners in the Caſtle and Gild Hall that lie there for their Fees only, to be diſcharged by her Gift; ſhe gave Money to Dame *Julian* Anchoreſs at *Carrowe*, and Dame *Agnes* Anchoreſs at St. *Julian*'s in *Cunsford*, beſides 53 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* to be paid as long as it laſts in a Stipend for a Prieſt to Pray for her and her Lord in *Hingham* Church, *John Heydon* to be Counſellor to her Executors, *John Haſtyng* her Son, *Edward Bokenham*, Sir *William Strather* Prieſt, and *Godfrey Joye* Alderman of *Norwich* were her Executors, her Nephew *John* Duke of *Suffolk* was Superviſor, who was to ſee a whole Veſtment of black Velvet given to *Swanton-Morley* Church.

It was [r] proved at *Norwich* before *William Pykenham* LL. D. the Biſhop's Official 1466, 28 *February*.

The Arms of *Mowbray*, *Brotherton* &c. were in the Windows of the Church, but are all gone.

*In Gilt Letters on the Pulpit.*

Neceſſity is laid upon me, yea Woe is unto me, if I Preach not the Goſpel. 1 Cor. 9. 16.

There was an ancient Family of the *Coopers* here, *Robert Cooper* owned a conſiderable Eſtate in 1382, in 1701, *Feb.* 7. *Elias Cooper* Gent. obtained a Faculty for a Seat in this Church.

This Town belonged to King [s] ATHELSTAN, and contained 60 Carucates or Hides of Land, all which he gave to

ATHELWOLD, Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, about the Year 966, and that Biſhop exchanged it with King

EDGAR, for 40 Hides and an half, which is now called St. *Etheldred*'s or St. *Audries Liberty*, and ſo *Hingham* came to the Crown again, and continued there ſome Time, for at the Confeſſor's Survey, that PRINCE held it, and had two Carucates and 25 Acres in Demean, 60 Villains, 18 Bordars &c. His Tenants had 15 Carucates among them; the whole was then of the Value of 7 *l.* 10 *s.* a Year, beſides Rents to the Value of 30 *s.* a Year, and three Sextaries of Honey; it remained in the Crown 'till the

CONQUEROR's Survey, when the ſame quantity of Land was held in Demean, but the Bordars were increaſed to 29, and the Value to 13 *l.* 10 *s.* beſides the Honey-Rent, it was half a League long, and as much broad, and paid 13 *d. ob.* Geld. It extended into *Kimberley &c.* and the *Soke* or Juriſdiction of the Hundred which belonged to this Manor, went over the Towns of *Hingham*, *Kimberley* in part, *Carleton*, *Depham*, half *Barford*, *Bernham*, *Morley* and *Witklewood* in part, beſides ſeveral other Places as we learn from Domſday.

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[r] "Teſtamentum &c. Nobilis Domine, Iſabelle Domine de Morley, nuper de civitate Norvici vidue defuncte et de nobili Genere procreate, et Arma Gerentis, cujus pretextu, ipſius Teſtamenti Probatio, Approbatio, et Inſinuatio, ad dictum Reverendum Patrem, et nos, ejus Nomine, de conſuetudine laudabili, legitimeque preſcripta notorie dinoſcuntur pertinere &c."

[s] Spelman's Icenia, fo. 157.

Feorhou H. & dim: (Domſday fo. 4.)

HINCHAM tenuit Rex E. ii Car. terre & xxv Acr. ſemper lx Vill: tunc xviii Bord: & dim: m° xxviiii ſemper i Car: in dnio. tunc xv Car: hom: modo xx. xliii Socm: m° xx. De reliquis habet Will: de Warrenna xii & comes Alanus iii. et Eudo Filius Clama hoc inde accep: viii° quos modo habet Radulfus de Bellafago, & illi viginti habent i Car: terre. et unus ex eis habet iii Bord. ſemper ii Car: & viii Acr: prati. Totum valuit tunc, vii li: & dim: Blancas cum conſuetudine xxx Sol: & iii Sextarios Mellis: m° xii li. ad penſum, & xxx Sol: de Gerſuma, & iii Sextarios Mellis cum eadem conſuetudine. & habet dim: [Leug] in longo, & dim in lato. & xiii den: & i obolum de Gelto.

Invaſio Baignardi (Domſday fo. 297) Feorhou H. In HINCHAM, xvii liberi homines, tenet Baignardus, de quibus ſuus Anteceſſor nec commendationem habuit &c.

King [t] STEPHEN granted this Manor and Hundred and half, and all their Appendages, with the Towns of *Stow*, *Chircheby* or *Kirkby*, *Racheda* or *Rackheith*, and *Herlekam* or *Erlham*, and the Hundred of *Taverham*, to

WILLIAM DE CAINEIO or *Cheney*, and his Heirs, in exchange for *Moleham*, on Condition that if he or his Son ſhould like *Moleham* better, they might renounce it, [u] which they afterwards did, and ſo it veſted in the Crown again, and the ſame King lett it to Farm to

HENRY DE RYE, Son of *Hubert de Rye*, Caſtellan of *Norwich*, who was ſecond Son of that *Hubert de Rye* who came with the Conqueror.

In 1195, WILLIAM DE ECCLESIA SANCTE MARIE, rendered an Account to King *Richard* I. of the Farm of *Heingham*, which

CARDO DE FRESHAVILE then farmed, and paid for it 25 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* it being granted to him by *Richard* I. when [x] he came to the Crown: In this King's Time we meet with ſeveral Perſons that paid the Farm to the King for this Manor, as *Hubert de Burgh*, *Ralf de Camois*, *Roger Fitz William &c.* but they had no Fee in it; another Record tells us that *Henry* II. gave the Church to *John de Bridport*, [y] and after that, King *John* gave it his Son for Life; and then it was to go with the Manor and Hundred to

JOHN LE MARSHALL. [z] This Town was always reputed the head of the Barony of RYE, ever ſince it's firſt Grant to *Henry de Rye* aforeſaid, and was always acknowledged as ſuch, by thoſe that farmed it; after the Death of *Henry de Rye*, *Hubert de Rye* had the Barony, but the Manor then belonged to

HUGH GOURNAY, a noble Baron, [a] who was made Captain of Caſtle GALLIARD, (which being built on a high Rock over the *Seyne*, which King *Richard* I. had made impregnable) he defended it nobly for 6 Months, againſt *Philip* King of *France*, doing him daily Damage, for which Reaſon King *John* ſuſpected him not, yet at laſt he eſcaped not the Blemiſh of Ingratitude and Infidelity, for he not only yielded up that Caſtle to his Enemies, but ſecretly in the Night brought them into the Caſtle of *Montfort*, which he betrayed unto them, not weighing his Faith to his Leige Lord, who had given him that Caſtle with the Honour, and all the Demeans thereto belonging, upon which he was proclaimed Traitor in 1202, and all his Revenues in *England* ſeized into the King's Hands, and granted the ſame Year to

JOHN MARSHALL Nephew to *William*, who married *Iſabell* Daughter and Heireſs of *Richard Strongbow* Earl of *Pembrook*, and Marſhal of *England* [b] and was called the *Old Marſhal Earl of Pembrook*, this *John* married *Alice* Daughter and Coheir of *Hubert de Rhye*, Baron of *Rhye* in *Norfolk*, who in 1204, gave the King three Palfrays to have the Livery of the Lands and Advowſons which were HUGH GOURNAY'S and HUGH DE AYER'S, and of *Cantley* and *Caſter*: in the Year 1207, he had a Grant of the *Marſhalſhip* of *Ireland*, and in 1210, had a further Confirmation of the Manor of *Hingham*, and the Hundred of *Forehoe* to cut off all Claim that the Heirs of *Cardo de Freſhavill* could make. In 1211, when the King's Scutage was raiſed, it appeared that the Barony of *Rhye* contained 35 Knights Fees, and that upon the Death of *Hubert de Rhye* the laſt Baron, it went to his two Daughters, *Alice* married to *John Marſhal*, and *Iſabell* to *Roger de Creſſi*, and each of their Husbands anſwered for 17 Fees and an half; but this Town and the Barony went to *Marſhal*, 'tho now half of the Fees were gone from it; and he was to hold the Hundred, Manor and Advowſon, as the head of his Barony at one Fee, and at the ſame Time, he obtained liberty of Free-Warren in thoſe 17 Fees and half, which now conſtituted the Barony: In 1215, he was Sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk* with *John Fitz Robert*, and had the Cuſtody of *Norwich* Caſtle. [c] *Le Neve* ſays he died in 1234, leaving

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[t] Madox's Formulare Anglic: fo. 144. ex Autog: in Cur: Augment.

[u] " Tali conditione, quod ſi Will: de Caiſneio per ſe vel per Filium, poterit recuperare Moleham aliquo modo, ego et Filius meus rehabebimus hæc predicta in Dominio noſtro, ſicut antea habuimus, et Willus: terram ſuam et Caſtellum ſuum. teſt. Daniele Abbate de Hulmo &c.

[x] Rot. pip. 1. R. 1. Norff.

[y] Teſta de Nevil per W. Mariſcall: Juniorem.

(z) See fo. 30.

(a) Speed fo. 501.

(b) Brook of Nobil: P. 13.

JOHN his Son and Heir, who had Livery of *Hingham*, *Folſham*, *&c.* the ſame Year, he died in 1242, having enjoyed the whole Barony of *Rhye*, *Iſabel* the other Daughter of *Hubert de Rye*, being dead without Iſſue by *Roger de Creſſi* her Husband; and this Year the King having raiſed a *Tallage* upon all the Demeans of the Crown in his own Hands, granted Writs to thoſe who held Manors of him, which formerly were antient Demean, and among others to the Lord of this Manor, to levy a reaſonable *Tallage* of his Men, as alſo to *John Lovell* for his Manor of *Dockyng &c.* he was ſucceeded by

WILLIAM LE MARSHALL his Brother, who this Year paid his relief, and had Livery of his Brothers poſſeſſions, except that part which *Avelina*, *Aliva*, or *Alice le Marſhal* Daughter of *Hubert de Rye* held in Dower; in 1263, the King directed his Writ to the Sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Ralf de Berri* Eſcheator, to reſpite *Aliva le Marſhall*'s Homage, which ſhe ought to do, as Siſter and Heir to *Iſabell de Creſſi*, and to take her Fealty and Relief, on Condition that if *Alice* the Widow of *Stephen de Creſſi*, Son of *Iſabell*, be with Child, then that half Part of the Barony to deſcend to that Child. In 1264, *William le Marſhal* had a Charter for a Fair here, when he was called Baron of *Rhye*, [d] and was conſtituted a Guardian of the Peace in *Northamptonſhire*, during the Kings Captivity, [e] and he was one of the Barons of the Exchequer; in 1266, *Alice le Marſhal* died, and *William le Marſhal* alſo, who left

JOHN MARSHAL Baron of *Rhye*, their eldeſt Son, a Minor about 10 Years old, upon which the Barony fell into the King's Hands, during his Nonage, who granted two parts of the Manor and Hundred to *Jeffery de Luziniaco* or *Luzinian*, and the third Part to *John de Britania*, but in 1274, *Luzinian* being dead, the two Parts remained in the King's Hands; but in 1279, *John le Marſhal* being of Age, paid the King a hundred Marks, for the Relief of his Barony, and Livery of his Lands, and 'twas then found by an Inquiſition, that he held

HINGHAM Manor and Advowſon with *Forehoe* Hundred, of the Barony at one Fee,

[f] And alſo the Manor of BUXTON, in *Capite* of the ſaid Barony, by the Service of Warding at *Norwich* Caſtle, from ſix Weeks to ſix Weeks, paying for the *Wayt-Fee*, 20*s.* *per An.* at 5*s.* each quarter.

The Manor of SWANTON, in Chief of the ſaid Barony, as a Member thereof,

And HOCKERING Manor was alſo part of the Barony and afterwards reckoned as head of it.

In 1281, he was ſummoned to attend the King in his Expedition into *Wales*, he died about 1283, leaving

WILLIAM his Son and Heir, a Minor about 3 Years old, whoſe Guardianſhip the King granted to *John de Boun*, who in 1286, held

BUXTON Manor of 100*l.* Value, to which belonged View of Frank-Pledge, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, Liberty of Free-Warren, and a common Gallows.

HINGHAM Manor and Advowſon with *Forehoe* Hundred, Value 100*l.* *per An.* to which belonged the ſame Liberties, and the Hundred paid 14*s.* *per An.* to the Exchequer.

SWANTON Manor and Advowſon, was held in Dower, by *Hawiſe* or *Alice*, Mother of *William*, and Widow of *John le Marſhal*, and was worth 60*l.* *per An.* to which belonged, Free-Warren, Weyf, View of Frank-Pledge, a Ducking-Stool, Aſſize of Bread and Ale, the Marriage of the ſaid *Hawiſe* belonging to the King, but the Eſtate at her Death was to deſcend to her Son.

*Foleſham* and *Hokering* Manors, and *Foleſham* and *Bintre* Advowſons belonging to the ſaid *William*.

It ſeems he had a younger Brother named *John* [g] who died a Minor, and was to have had *Bunham* Manor, if he had out lived *Hawiſe* his Mother, but dying before her, it came to *William*, by whom 'twas given to his Uncle Sir *Anſelm Marſhal* Knt. at whoſe Death it reverted to *William* again.

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[c] He gave Thimblethorp Church to the Canons of Walſingham.

[d] Pat. 48. H. 3. M. 12. d. Rymer's Leagues, Vol. 1. P. 793.

[e] Madox Hiſt. Excheq: P. 558.

[f] Buxton, Swanton Morley, &c. paſſed always with his Manor, 'till the Diviſion of the Lord Morley's Eſtate.

[g] See fo. 235.

After he came of Age he was poſſeſſed of all his Inheritance, and was ſummoned to attend King *Edward* the I. at *Curliſle*, to go with him into *Scotland* to conquer the *Scots*; and in 1300, was ſummoned to Parliament as a Baron, and ſubſcribed the Letter written to the Pope about the Succeſſion of *Scotland*, that 'twas not his Fee, and that he had no Juriſdiction in temporal Matters, he bare, as his Anceſtors did,

*Gul.* a Feſs Lozenge *Or*, as you may ſee, at fo 241.

In 1309, he was ſummoned to go againſt the *Scots* who had broken the Truce; he was Reſident here, and wrote himſelf Lord of *Hingham*, he gave the Advowſon of *Buxton* to the Abby of *Gilbertines* at *Sempringham*; in 1313, there being a quarrel between this *William* and *Nicholas de Segrave*, about the *Marſhalſhip*, which the King in the firſt Year of his Reign granted to the ſaid *Nicholas*; the King commanded them not to come armed, to the Parliament, nor no otherwiſe than as they uſed to do in King *Edward* I Time; he died in 1314, leaving his Eſtate to

JOHN LE MARSHALL his Son and Heir, who paid 100 Marks for the Relief of his Barony of *Rye*; in 1316, by an Inquiſition then taken, it was found, that *Forehoe* Hundred was worth 6 *l.* 4 *s.* 4 *d.* and that *Dioniſe* and *Hawiſe* were his Siſters and Heirs, but *Dioniſe* being juſt dead, *Hawiſe* was his ſole Heir, who was married to *Rob de Morley*, [h] this *John* died in 1316, and *Ela* his Wife, who afterwards married to *Robert Fitz Pain*, had this Manor aſſigned her in Dower, when the Fiſhery was worth 13 *s.* 4 *d.* *per An.* there was a Windmill and Watermill and Alder-carr at *Northwood*, and the Rents were 54 *l.* 15 *s.* *per An.* he died ſeized of *Hingham*, *Aldby*, *North-Tudenham*, *Hokering*, *Buxton*, *Folſham*, *Forehoe* and *Eynsford* Hundreds, and the Advowſons of all thoſe Churches, Lands in *Brandon*, the Churches of *Mateſhall*, *Mateſhale-Burgh*, *Brandon*, *Norton*, and many Knights Fees, as Parcel of the Honour of *Rye*, in *Alby*, *Thelvetham*, *Wortham*, *Elingham*, *Tunſtal*, *Depham*, *Morley*, *Snitterton*, *Shropham*, *Newton*, *Brugham*, *Hevingham*, *Draitons* Manor in *Scarning*, *Barford-Franceys*, *Dunham*, *Salle*, *Mulkeberton*, *Brundal*, *Wroxham*, *Lexham*, *Kilverſtone*, *Dockyng*, *Gayton*, *Chediſtan* and *Giſlingham* in *Suffolk*, by which it appears all theſe were held of the Honour, and beſides theſe he had the *Marſhalſhip*, and a great Eſtate in *Ireland*, the whole of which came to

ROBERT DE MORLEY and HAWISE his Wife, and their Heirs.

Sir **ROBERT DE MORLEY** Knt. and *Hawiſe* his Wife, Siſter and Heir of *John le Marſhal*, paid their Relief for the Barony of *Rye*, in the Year 1323. *viz.* a hundred Marks for the Barony, and a hundred Shillings for *Hingham*; and in 1326, he ſetled 8 *l.* Lands in *Hingham*, with the Manors of [i] *Roydon* and *Sheringham*, on *William de Morley* his Son, and *Cecily* Daughter of *Thomas Lord Bardolf* his Sons Wife, and their Heirs, and for want of Iſſue on *Robert de Morley* his Son and his Heirs Male, which Rent, *William de Swathyng* and *Thomas de Weſton* held for Life; in 1333, being then *Marſhal* of *Ireland*, he granted Lands in *Walkerne* in *Hertfordſhire*, to *William de Berry*; in 1335, *Ela* Relict of *John le Marſhal* was living, and then the Wife of *Robert Fitz Pain*, [*Filius Pagani*] and held the Manor of *Hingham* in Dower, which was to go at her Death to *William* Son of Sir *Robert de Morley* Knt. which *William* then was to have 19 *l.* *per An.* out of the Manor, becauſe it ſo much exceeded her Dower, but *Robert de Morley* his Father was to have it for Life, by the Courteſy of *England*, and Sir *Robert* had granted it during his Life to Sir *Anſelm Marſhal* Knt. by Deed dated at *Swanton Morley*, where Sir *Robert* then reſided; in 1337, Sir *Robert* was Lieutenant of *Norfolk*, and [k] in 1340, was ſent into *Britanny*, in Company with *Walter de Manny*, *John Bardolf*, *John Tiptoft*, and others, and had the Wages for themſelves and their Men at Arms, paid at the Exchequer, before they ſet Sail. [l] and at the latter end of the ſame Year, the King ordered him by Letter to repair to him at *Newcaſtle* upon *Tyne*, with 40 Men at Arms, either to go into *Scotland*, or ſtay on the *Marches* to hinder them invading *England*. In a Deed dated this Year, Sir *Robert* is called Couzin and Heir of Sir *Robert de Montealt*, formerly Steward of *Cheſter*; in 1342, *Nicholas de Taterfeld*, and *Thomas de Wyrham*, held a Meſſuage and 20 Acres of Land in Capite of *Hingham* Manor, by the Service of finding one Man at Arms, in the Retinue of the Lord of *Hingham*, whenever he carried his Men to the King's aſſiſtance, this was firſt granted by the Lord, to Sir *John de Camois* Knt. who ſold it to *Ralf de Maneby*, he to *Alfric Watyn*, and he to *William*

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[i] See fo. 30. [k] Rymer Vol. 5. P: 29. [i] Claus. 15 E. 3. Part. 3. M. 9. D.

Fitte, who granted it to *Taterfield* and *Wyrham*; in 1342, Sir *Robert* on the Marriage of *Joan* his ſecond Wife, ſetled *Grimſtone* on her and Sir *Peter de Tye* Knt. (whoſe Daughter ſhe ſeems to be) in Tail; [m] in 1346, the King ſent him a particular Summons to tranſport himſelf and all the Men he could raiſe, and not ſtaying for the ſhipping of his Horſes, to repair immediately to him, then lying before *Calais*, beſieging the ſame, fearing leaſt the French King ſhould come with a great Army to raiſe the Siege; [n] in 1347, Sir *Robert* was Heir to *Baldwin de Manerijs*, whoſe Arms he granted to *Rob. de Corby*, by Deed dated *Jan.* 6. 22. *E.* III. he died in 1359, in *France*, and *Joan* his Wife became a profeſſed Religious, but died ſoon after, in the ſame Year, and

Sir WILLIAM DE MORLEY Knt. his Son and Heir inherited, who in 1355, was one of the Attendants of *Robert* Earl of *Suffolk*, in the Kings Service in *Gaſcoign*, and had the Kings Letter of Protection on that Account. And at his Fathers Death inherited the Manors of *Morley*, *Hingham*, *Hockering*, *Swanton*, *Grimſtone*, *Buxton*, the Hundreds of *Forehoe* and *Eynesford*, and the Office of Marſhal of *Ireland*, with *Roydon &c.* in *Norfolk*, beſides diverſe great Eſtates, in other Counties, and in *Ireland*; in 1360, he confirmed his Fathers Donations of Lands in *Pintre*, *Folſham*, *Geyſt*, and *Geyſt-Wey*, to the Prior of *Walſingham*, and the ſame Year among others had the Kings Letter, to attend *Lionel* the Kings Son, Earl of *Ulſter*, into *Ireland*, to recover that Kingdom: This Manor was after ſetled by Sir *William*, on himſelf for Life, remainder to *Thomas* his Son and his Wife *Joan*, who ſeems for a *Gournay*, to be Truſtee; the Hundred of *Forehoe* ws then under a Grant for Life to *John de Herling*, who after obtained a Grant for Life of part of *Hingham*, [o] by his Will dated at *Halingbury*, in *London* Dioceſs *March*, 9. 1379, and proved the 26 of *May* in that Year, he order'd his Body to be buried in the [p] *Auſtin-Friers* in *Norwich*, leaving his Eſtate to

Sir THOMAS his Son and Heir, who was ſummoned to Parliament in 1381, and in 1384, was one of thoſe Barons, whom the King ſummoned to meet him at *Newcaſtle* upon *Tyne*, compleatly armed, with his whole Service due from him, to accompany him into *Scotland*; in which Expedition *Edenburgh*, and many other Towns were burnt, without any Battle offer'd by the *Scots*, who were ſpoiling *Cumberland*, in the ſame manner; in 1391, he had Licence to accompany the Duke of *Glouceſter* into *Pruſſia*; [q] in 1395, *Oct.* 20. there was a Cauſe in the Court of Chivalry, between Sir *John Lovell* Knt. Plaintiff, and this Sir *Thomas* Defendent, concerning the Arms of the Family of *Morley*, which they had born for ſome Time, *viz. Arg.* a Lyon rampant *Sab.* crowned and armed *Or.* which as the Plaintiff declared in his Libel, belonged to the Lords *Burnel*, whoſe Heir he was, as he proved in the following manner. Sir *Philip de Burnel* Knt. Lord of *Burnel*, bare the ſaid Arms, and had Iſſue Sir *Edward Burnel* Knt. who died without Iſſue, leaving *Maud* his Siſter his ſole Heir who married Sir *John* Lord *Lovel*, and had Sir *John* Lord *Lovel* the Plantiff; the Lord *Morley* pleaded that the Arms belonged to his Anceſtors from the Conqueſt, Time out of Mind, without Impeachment, except by *Nicholas* Lord *Burnel*, at the Siege of *Calais*, who claimed againſt Sir *Rob. de Morley* his Anceſtor, to whom the Arms were adjudged by the Conſtable and Marſhal, and after *Robert*'s Death, his Son *William* bore them, and the ſaid *Thomas* had born them in diverſe Expeditions, with the King's Uncles, being his Lieutenants; upon this, the Plantiff allowed, that Sentence was given for Sir *Robert* at *Calais*, but ſays, they were adjudged to Sir *Robert* for his Life only, being to revert to the Lords *Lovel* and *Burnel*, and their Heirs; to which the Defendent anſwered, that the Judgment was then given for Sir *Robert Morley* who was his Grandfather, that Sir *William Morley* his Father always bore them, and that he himſelf had hitherto done ſo, and that his Grandfather died in *Edward* the III. Time, in the *French* Wars, and Sir *William* his Father was in *France* at the ſame Time with his Father, and that neither he nor his Grandfather was ever impeached for them; in the Pleadings it was argued, that the Triplication of the Plantiff, ſhould be admitted this Time, but not for the future, in any other Cauſe, it being contrary to the Cuſtom of the Court, and it was ordered that none but Lords, Knights, Eſquires of Honour, and Gentlemen having knowledge of Arms, ſhould be admitted as Witneſſes, and no other Commoners, and all to be ſworn, except the Dukes of *Lancaſter*, *York*, *Glouceſter*, and the Earl of *Derby*; they had full Liberty to make Proof by Deeds, Chronicles, Monuments, Witneſſes of Abbots, Priors, and other Men of Holy Church, and other Honourable Perſons that knew their Anceſtors. Sir *Walter Blout* Knt. was *Lovell*'s firſt Witneſs, who ſwore poſitively that the Arms belonged to the Lords *Burnel* and their right Heirs, that he remember'd Sir *Michael Burnel* challenged them from Sir *Robert de Morley* at the Battle and Siege of *Calais*, in the Church of St. *Peter* by that Town, when King *Edward* III. took the Cauſe into his own Hands, and the Arms were adjudged by *William de Bohun* Earl of *Northampton* Conſtable, and the Earl of *Warwick* Marſhal, to Sir *Robert Morley* only for his Life, for his valiant Deeds performed, and his Heirs and Kindred excluded from bearing thereof, they being to belong to the Lord *Burnel* afterwards. Sir *Ralf de Theyne* Knt. aged 47, who had bore Arms 30 Years, ſwears the ſame, and that he was preſent in the great Inroad in *France*, towards *Orleans*, with *Edward* III. where Sir *Robert Morley* likewiſe was, and in which he dyed, and at his Death ordered his Banner to be delivered to the Heirs of the Lord *Burnel* as belonging to them; *Robert Cobb* Eſq. aged 60, and had born Arms 50 Years ſware the ſame, and that he had been in 7 mortal Battles, and that Sir *John Sully*, Sir *Thomas Hakefield*, the Biſhop of *Durham*, *Thomas* Duke of *Lancaſter*, and many others, were preſent at the Judgment at *Calais*.

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[m] Rot. Franciæ. 21. E. 3. Part. 1. M. 10. Rymer Vol. 5. P. 563. [n] Mr. Neve ſays, "this tho' done at this Time "cannot be done at this Day, or have the Incorporation of the "Officers of Arms, becauſe the Queen hath delegated her "Power to the Kings of Arms, who grant only to the Iſſue of "the Body." [o] Regr. Heydon fo. 160. b. [p] Cecily his Wife was alſo buried there. [q] From the MSS. of the Cauſe. Pen. P. L. N.

*John Moleham* Eſq; aged 70, having bore Arms 44 Years, ſwore the ſame, and that he was Servant to Sir *Will: Bohun* Earl of *Northampton*, and Conſtable of *England*, at the Siege of *Calais*, and that he was aſſigned Clerk for the Court of *Chivalry*, for the Conſtable, that he was preſent when Sir *Nich. Burnel* petitioned the Conſtable, and Sir *Tho. Beauchamp*, then *Marſhal* of *England*, and challenged the Arms of Sir *Robert Morley*, and there were no leſs than 20 Witneſſes that proved the ſame; beſides this, the Plaintiff produced ſeveral old Shields, Banners, Paintings on Walls and Glaſs, about the Conventual Church, and Houſe of the Friers *Auſtins* under *Candich* by *Oxford*, as belonging to Sir *Philip Burnel*, buried there. Sir *Tho. Blount*, the elder of *Oxfordſhire* aged 64, having born Arms 50 Years, in *England*, *France*, and *Scotland*, ſwore to the Right of the Arms of *Burnel*, and ſays particularly, that he was with King *Edward* III. at the Battle of *La Hoge*, where he heard that a Lord *Burnel*, challenged the Arms of Sir *Robert Morley*, then being in a Coat of thoſe Arms, at which Time there were ſeveral other Challenges of Arms, but the King conſidering the great Miſcheifs which might ariſe by ſuch Challenges, commanded the Conſtable and Marſhal to make Proclamation, that all Challenges ſhould ceaſe, 'till the King ſhould come to a Place where they might be determined, and after the Battle of *Creſſi*, the King came to beſiege *Calais*, when Sir *Tho. Blount* was wounded in the Knee, afore *Tiroven*, and was forced to keep his Bed in his Tent, where Sir *Tho. Weſt* came to him, and told him that the Arms were adjudged by the King's Command, with the Aſſent of the Lord *Burnel*, by the Conſtable and Marſhal, to belong to Sir *Robert* for Life only, for the Honour he had done thoſe Arms, remainder to the Lord *Burnel*'s Heirs. *Will. Wollaston* Eſq; aged 96 Years, was in Arms, firſt at the Battle of *Strivelin* in *Scotland*, where he ſaw Sir *Edward* late Lord *Burnel* bear thoſe Arms, as alſo in *France* and *Brittany*. *Rich. Bruns* Eſq; ſwares the ſame as the Former, but adds that *Maud Burnel* after the Death of her firſt Husband *John* Lord *Lovell*, married one Sir *John Hadlo* Knt. and had by him Sir *Nicholas*, who was called Sir *Nicholas de Burnel*, on whom his Mother *Maud* ſetled all ſhe could. Fryer *Alex. Kyngham*, of the Conventual Church of St. *Auſtin*, of *Candich* by *Oxford*, ſware that he took the Paintings on the Church Walls, and in the Glaſs, to be the Arms of Sir *Philip Burnel*, who was reputed one of their Founders, and was buried in their Quire. Sir *Nich. Stratford*, Canon of *Oſney*, having his Abbots Licence, depoſed that Sir *Rob. Burnel*, was buried in their Church, and that his Banner of theſe Arms hung up there. Sir *Hugh Camois* Knt. ſwares the Arms belonged to *Burnel*, for that he was at a Town called BURNELL in *Normandy*, where he ſaw theſe Arms round the Tombs of the Lords *Burnel*, that he lived with Dame *Alayn* Widow of Sir *Edw. Burnel*, Son and Heir of Sir *Philip Burnel*, and that if any Perſon hath a Right to many Arms by diverſe Cauſes, he may uſe and leave out others, and yet not renounce the Arms he leaves out, and that this was the Cuſtom and Right of Arms. *Edw. Acton* Eſq; ſwares that Sir *Edward* Son of Sir *Philip Burnel*, lies buried in the Abby of *Blidewas* in *Shropſhire*, with the Arms in Queſtion, and that Arms cannot be aliened according to the Law of Arms. *Ralf de Chinebury* Eſq; depoſed, that the Manors of *Sparkeford*, *Upton*, and *Cheriton* in *Somerſetſhire*, *Enham* in *Hampſhire*, 500*l.* Rent in *Nantwich*, and the Manor of *Capenhale* in *Cheſhire*, came to the Lord *Lovell*, by the Match with *Maud Burnel*: The Defendant on the other Side produced divers Grants, Deeds, &c. with the Seals of a Lyon rampant on a Shield, affixed thereto, and in particular the Deed of Sir *Matthew de Morley*, mentioned at fo. 27, but none of them had a Crown upon the Lyons

Head, and indeed 'tis certain that the moſt antient Arms of *Morley* are *Arg.* a Lyon ramp. *Sab.* ſometimes double quevee, or double tail'd, and are the Arms of *Roger de Creſſi*, aſſumed by the *Morley*'s, as I have obſerved at fo. 30, but notwithſtanding this, the *Morley*'s having uſed them ſo long, and without Claim at the Death of Sir *Robert*, according to the Judgement at *Calais*, Sir *Thomas* and his Generation ever after uſed the Arms contended for, and the *Burnel*'s generally uſed the ſame with the Diſtinction of a Bordure *Az.* In 1396, the Men of Hingham were diſcharged from paying *Toll*, as Tenants in antient Demean, [r] in 1402, in the Cloſe Rolls, this Sir *Thomas*'s Will is inrolled, upon the Marriage of *Robert* his Son and Heir, with *Iſabell* Daughter of *Michael de la Pole*, Earl of *Suffolk*, by which he ſetled the Manor of *Swanton-Morley* on them and their Heirs, and ordered his Feoffees to ſettle all his Manors, except *Buxton*, *Hingham*, and *Forehoe* Hundred, (which they were to retain to pay his Debts) on his Son and his Heirs, and after the Debts were paid, they were to be conveyed to him alſo; in 1402, this *Thomas* was found by Inquiſition then taken, to hold the Manors of *Hingham*, *Morley*, *Swanton*, *Buxton*, *Hockering*, and *Aldby*, with the Hundreds of *Forehoe* and *Eynsford* in *Norfolk*, *Great-Halingbury* in *Eſſex*, *Walkerne* in *Hertfordſhire*, and *Aſlakby* in *Lincolnſhire*, by the Service of the third Part of the Barony of *Rhye*, but he and his Anceſtors, were always to pay 100 Marks Releif for the whole Barony, they having undertaken upon diverſe Alienations, to Anſwer the whole.

This Sir Robert Morley Knt. died before his Father Sir *Thomas*, and *Iſabell* ſurvived him, for in 1405, by the Name of *Iſabell* Widow of Sir *Robert Morley*, Knt. Sir *Philip la Vache* Knt. her Relation, on her behalf ſealed the Marriage Articles, with *Rich. Berners* Eſq; who ſetled on her diverſe Manors in *Eſſex* as her Jointure. In 1407, *Thomas* Lord *Morley* Knt. was a great Friend to Sir *Edward Haſtyngs* Knt. his Neighbour, being Pledge for him in the Cauſe between him, and the Lord *Reginald Grey* of *Ruthyn*, in the Court of *Chivalrie*, where he was a Witneſs for him, being then 60 Years old, he ſwore that he knew Sir *Edward*'s Father and Grandfather, and that the Counteſs of *Pembrook* laſt deceaſed, told him at *Framlingham* Caſtle, that *John Haſtyngs*, Brother of Sir *Hugh*, Father of *Edward* the Defendant, came to that Place, and the Counteſs declared, that Sir *Hugh Haſtyngs*, the Valiant Knight, was her Son's Heir, and that he, and Sir *Hugh*, the Defendant's Father, in King *Edward* III. Time, were at the Relief of *Rochell*, where he bore the *Haſtyngs*'s Coat with the Label, and at the Voiage for the Relief of *Breſt*, of St. *Malos del Iſle*, the Earl of *Buckingham*'s Journey into *France*, the Voyage into *Scotland* by King *Richard* II. that he heard *John Maperley*, in the Preſence of *John Birlingham* Parſon of *Roydon* ſay, that Sir *Edward*'s Evidences were burnt, and that Bribery was uſed to procure Inquiſition for *Grey*, in *Notinghamſhire*, the Sheriff receiving 10*l.* and that this was done in hopes that by Reaſon of the ſhort Lives of the *Haſtyngs*'s Family, he might come to be Heir to the Earl of *Pembrook*; and *Thomas Lucas*, of *Eaſt-Dereham*, ſwore in the ſame Cauſe, that *(Robert)* the Son of the Lord *Morley*, who died in his Fathers Life-Time, was buried in the Friers *Auſtin*'s Church in *Norwich*, and had his Father's Arms with a Label of 3 Points on his Sepulchre, as a Proof that the Heir apparent always bears the Label; In 1408, he procured an Exemplification of the Grant of the Office of Marſhal of *Ireland*, made by King *John*, to *John le Mareſchal* and his Heirs, in 1412, he reſided at his Manor of *Alby*, and licenced *Thomas Fouldon* of *Welbourne*, to incloſe Lands in his Hundred of *Forehoe*; in 1414, he obtained a Writ under the King's Seal, directed to the Major, Sheriffs, and other Officers of the City of *Norwich*, telling them that *Hingham* and *Foulſham*, were antient Demean, and that the Tenants by Vertue thereof, were excuſed paying *Toll* in all *England*, and therefore he commanded them, that they ſhould demand no *Toll* of any of the Tenants in *Hingham* or *Foulſham*, for any Goods bought or ſold in their City, nor diſturb any of them on that Account. This is entred in an antient Court Book of Mayorality, begun 3 *H.* 5. This *Thomas* Lord *Morley* was ſummoned to Parliament from 1381, 5 *R.* 2. to 4 *H.* 5. 1415, in which Year he died, on the 25th of *September*, after he had eſcaped all the Dangers of the Sea Fight, before *Harflew*, where he behaved with great Courage: and coming to K. *H.* 5. at *Calais*, after 10 Days ſickneſs of a Flux or high Fever, he died there, and was buried at St. *Maries* Church at *Calais*, the King of *England*, and *Sigiſmond* the Emperor, being at his ſolemn Exequies. *Anne* his ſecond Wife Daughter of *Edward* Lord *Diſpencer*, and Widow of Sir *Hugh Haſtyngs* of *Elſing*, and *Greſſenhall*, Knt. ſurvived him, and died ſeized of the Manor of *Clopton* and *Blaxhall*, in *Suffolk*, about 1426. At his Death, his Eſtate went to his Grandſon,

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[r] Rot. Claus. 4. H. 4. Mr. Neve obſerves this to be the ſecond Will he found inrolled in theſe Rolls.

Sir Thomas Lord *Morley*, Baron of *Rie*, and Marſhal of *Ireland*, then 23 Years of age: In 1414, he was retained to ſerve *H.* V. in his *French* Wars, and was to be at *Dover May* 23, with 10 Men at Arms, and 30 Archers on Horſeback, and was to be paid a Quarters Wages down in *Engliſh* Gold, or other Money currant in *France*, by the Treaſurer at War there, and on *May* 1 1420, he covenanted with the King, to have all the Priſoners he and his Men could take, except Kings, Princes, Kings Sons, and eſpecially *Charles*, who called himſelf *Dauphine de Vienne*, and other great Captains of Royal Blood, and other Captains and Lieutenants under the ſaid *Charles*, except alſo all thoſe who murdered the Duke of *Burgoyne*. The Seal, to this Indenture are the Arms of *Morley*, but the Lyon is not crowned, the Creſt is a Bears Head muſled, the Circumſcription,

“ Sigillum Thome Morley Mareſcalli Hibernie.”

He lived 'till 14 *H.* VI. 1435, and then died ſeized jointly with *Iſabell* his Wife, of the whole Eſtate, and was buried in the Chancel of *Hingham*, under a Noble Monument againſt the North-Wall, which ſtill remains, the ſaid *Iſabell* his Wife being buried by him, as is before obſerved. At his Death,

Robert Lord *Morley* his Son was 16 Years old, who in 1440, confirmed to *Iſabell* his Mother all her Right in this Manor and Advowſon, and the Fiſhery called *Semere*, in the Manors and Advowſons of *Alby*, *Hokering*, *Foulſham*, *Swanton*, *Morley*, and *Eynsford* and *Forehoe* Hundreds, with the Advowſons of *Brandon-Parva*, *Bintre*, *Mateſhall-Burgh*, and and *Hadesco-Thorp*. This *Robert* died in 1442, *Elizabeth* Daughter of *William Ros* his Wife, ſurvived him, by whom he had only one Daughter and Heireſs, then forty Weeks old named,

Alianora or *Eleanor*, who inherited his whole Eſtate, *Elizabeth* her Mother holding her Dower for Life, ſhe afterwards married

William, a younger Son of *William* Lord *Lovell* of *Tichmerſh*, who in her Right became Lord *Morley*, and in 1466, had his Homage reſpited for ſome Time; he was poſſeſſed of the Eſtate, and died ſeized of it, *July* 23 1475, and *Eleanor* his Wife died *Aug.* 20, the ſame Year, leaving,

Henry Lovell Lord *Morley*, their Son and Heir, then 11 Years old, and in 1487, he had a ſpecial Livery to enter all his Lands, in 1489, he ſetled *Hingham*, *Buxton*, and *Forehoe* Hundred, on [s] Truſtees to pay his Debts, and this very Year he was ſlain at *Dixmue* in *Flanders*, leaving no Iſſue by *Elizabeth* his Wife, who was Daughter to *John de la Pole*, Duke of *Suffolk*, for which Reaſon his Eſtate deſcended to

Alice his only Siſter, 21 Years old, then the Wife of

WILLIAM PARKER of *London* Knt. who had Poſſeſſion of the Manors of *Hingham*, *Foulſham*, *Hockering*, *Swanton*, *Morley*, *Alby*, *Mateſhale*, *Buxton*, *North-Tudenham*, the Hundreds of *Eynsford* and *Forehoe*, the Advowſons of *Hingham*, *Swanton-Morley*, *Bintre*, *Folſham*, *Windel*, *Morley*, *Hockering*, and *Brandon*, in *Norfolk*, *Halingbury* Manor and Advowſon in *Eſſex*, *Stanlak* Manor and Lands in *Oxfordſhire*, *Walkern* Manor, and *Chalkworth* Manor and Advowſon in *Hertfordſhire*, *Eaſt-Cleydon* in *Buckinghamſhire*, and 50 Marks Rent out of *Shobingdon* Manor in the ſame Shire, ſaving to *Elizabeth* Widow of Sir *Henry Lovell* her Dower. After the Death of Sir *William Parker* Knt. ſhe re-maried to [t] Sir *Edward Howard*, ſecond Son of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife; he was elected Knight of the Garter, but never inſtalled, for being Admiral of *England*, he was killed before *Breſt*, *April* 25, 5 *H.* 8. This *Alice* at her Death, which happened about 1518, was buried in this Chancel, and by Will ordered 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be expended for a Graveſtone to be laid over her.

Henry Parker, Son and Heir of Sir *William Parker*, and the ſaid *Alice*, was firſt Knight of the *Bath*, and afterwards in 21 *H.* 8. 1529, was ſummoned to Parliament by the Title of Lord *Morley*, Baron of *Rhie*, he married *Alice* Daughter of Sir *John Bletſo*, Knt. in 1523, 18 *Aug.* this *Henry* (who was then called Lord *Morley*) *Edward Lee*, Archdeacon of *Colcheſter*, Sir *William Huſſey* Knt. and *Thomas Wriotheſley* Garter, were appointed Commiſſioners to carry the Garter to *Ferdinando* Infant of *Caſtile*; in 1536, upon the Marriage of Sir *Henry Parker* Knt. his Son and Heir, with *Grace* Daughter and Heireſs, of Sir *Robert Newport*, of *Pelham* in *Hertfordſhire*, he got an Act of Parliament paſſed to enable himſelf and Wife, to ſetle diverſe Lands and Tenements on the ſaid *Grace* in Jointure: This Sir *Henry* the Son, had Iſſue by the ſaid *Grace* his firſt Wife, *Henry* Lord *Morley*, and by

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[s] Sir William Boleyn Knt. Thomas Woodhouſe Senior Eſq; &c.
Dug. Bar. Vol. 2. P. 272.

[t] Regr. Fetteplace in Cur: Prerog: Cant. f. 18

*Elizabeth* his ſecond Wife, who was the ſole Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *Philip Calthorp* Knt. he had Sir *Philip Parker* of *Arwarton* Knt. whoſe Son Sir *Calthorp Parker* Knt. was Great Grandfather to the preſent Sir *Philip Parker* of *Arwarton* Bart. who is by lineal Deſcent intituled to be Lord *Morley*, the Iſſue of the firſt Wife failing, in *Thomas* Lord *Morley*, and *Monteagle*, who died in 1697. In 1547, *Henry* Lord *Morley* was poſſeſſed of *Hingham* with all it's Members, diverſe ſmall Manors or Free-Tenements being now purchaſed in, and united to the Manor, Sir *Henry Parker* Son and Heir to the Lord *Morley*, died about 1550, and about a Year after, *Elizabeth* his Widow married Sir *William Woodhouſe* Knt. at the Death of *Henry* Lord *Morley*, Father of the laſt mentioned *Henry*, who out-lived his Son, and died in 1556,

HENRY PARKER Knt. his Grandſon inherited, who by an Inquiſition taken at the Shire-Houſe at *Norwich*, was found to be Lord *Morley*, Baron of *Rhye*, and Heir to the Hundreds of *Forehoe* and *Eynsford*, *Hingham*, *Buxton*, *Swanton-Morley*, &c. being then about 24 Years old, in 1561. Upon his Marriage with *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir of *Edw. Stanley* Earl of *Derby*, he ſetled the Hundred of *Forehoe* &c. on *Henry Stanley* Lord *Strange*, her Truſtee, and by the ſaid *Iſabell* he had

EDWARD Lord *Morley*, who married *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir of *William Stanley*, Lord *Monteagle*, in whoſe Right *William* their Son became Lord *Monteagle*. This *Edward*, was ſummoned to Parliament 23, *Eliz.* by the Name of *Edward* Lord *Morley*, Baron of *Rye*, and had the Manors of *Hingham*, *Buxton*, *Forehoe*, *Mateſhale*, *Tudenham*, *Folſham*, *Eyneſford Hundred*, beſides others in *Eſſex* and *Hertfordſhire*: [u] at the Death of Sir *William Stanley* Knt. Lord *Monteagle*, who died 10 *Nov.* 23 *Eliz.* at *Skypton* in *Yorkſhire*, *Elizabeth* Wife to *Edward* Lord *Morley* Baron of *Rye* was found his Heir. 'twas this *Edward*, that divided and ſold moſt, if not the whole of the antient Eſtate of the Lord *Morley* in this County, and this Manor, Advowſon and Hundred of *Forehoe*, about 1583, belonged to

Sir THOMAS LOVEL of *Eaſt-Herling* Knt. who left it to

Sir FRANCIS LOVEL Knt. his Son and Heir, who owned it in 1620, in which Year, by Deed dated 2. *April*, he aliened the Manor of *Hingham*, *Waters*, *Andrews*, and *Baconſthorp*, with their Appurtenances in *Hingham*, *Hardingham*, *Runhall*, *Barnham-Broome*, *Eaſt-Tudenham*, *Wramplingham* &c. with the Hundred of *Forehoe*, to

Sir HENRY BEDINGFIELD Knt. in Truſt, who the next Year joined with the ſaid *Francis Lovell*, and conveyed them abſolutely to

Sir THOMAS WOODHOUSE Knt. and his Truſtees, by Deed dated *April* 1. in whoſe Family they have continued ever ſince.

Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE of *Kimberley* Bart. being now Lord and Patron.

This Manor is ſtill intituled to all the Privileges of ancient Demeſne, the chief of the Lands are Freehold, and all Fines and Recoveries of the Freehold Lands held of the Manor, are levied and ſuffered in the Court here, Fines and Recoveries at common Law are void, and have been ſet aſide. There is a *Mere* called *Semere*, which belongs to the Lord; the Courts are held by the *Inſoken* and *Outſoken*, and there were ſeperate Juries for the ſeveral united Manors of, *Baconſthorp*, *Waters*, and *Andrews*, the *Lete* belongs to the Manor, at which the Conſtables and four *Heywards* or *Meſſors* are choſen; there is a weekly Market on *Saterday*, and three annual Fairs, viz. on St. *Matthias*'s Day, *Feb.* 24, on St. *Mathew*'s Day, *Sept.* 21, and on *Whitſun-Tueſday*. The *Atlas* fo. 308, tells us, that "this Town hath had the bad Fate to be burn'd down, but is ſince re-built in a finer Form, and the Inhabitants ſuitable to the Place, are taken Notice of as a Gentile ſort of People, ſo faſhionable in their Dreſs, that the Town is called by the Neighbours *Little-London*.

## Sr. ANDREW's MANOR in *Hingham*,

Was originally Part of the Capital Manor, granted by the Lords thereof, to the Family ſirnamed de HENGHAM, and moſt likely to that Sir *Andrew de Hengham* Knt. who confirmed the Gifts of his Father, and Anceſtors, of Lands in *Burgh*, and *Thurton*, to *Langley* Abby, from whom the Manor received it's Name; he was Father of

Sir RALPH DE HINGHAM, Knt. who was Juſtice of the King's Bench, and held that Poſt 16 Years, and in 1270, had 40*l. per Ann.* Fee. He was Canon of the Church of St. *Pauls* in *London*, Juſtice Itinerant in 1271, 72, 74, &c. and was chief Commiſſioner for the Government of the Kingdom, in the abſence of *Edward* I. when he went into the *Holy-Land*, but after that King's return, he was one of the Judges that was caſt out of his Place for Bribery and Corruption, being fined 7000 Marks, a prodigious Sum in thoſe Days, which being not immediately paid, he was impriſoned, and after baniſhed, with nine more of his Bretheren, two only eſcaping, *viz. John de Metingham*, and *Elias de Bekingham*; but after his Fine paid, he gave ſuch Signs of true Repentance, and ſuch Satiſfaction to the Publick for his Faults, that he was made Chief Juſtice of the Common Pleas, 1 *Edw.* II. 1308, and dying that Year, was buried under a Nich in the Wall of the North Iſle of St. *Pauls* Cathedral, as may be ſeen in Mr. *Dughdale*'s Hiſtory of that Church, fo. 47, 100, 101. an Account of him we alſo meet with in Mr. *Weever*'s Funeral Monuments, fo. 367, and much of him may be ſeen in the *Cronica Series*, *&c.* at the End of Mr. *Dughdale*'s *Origines Juridiciales*, from fo. 24, to 34. In 1278, he gave a Houſe in *Holme*, by the Common of *Rungeton*, to which Pariſh *Hulme* then belonged, to the Parſon of St. *Mary* of *Rungeton*, and his Succeſſors for ever, with an Acre of Land belonging to it; in 1282, he was ſummoned with the other Judges to be at *Salop*, to adviſe with the King about the *Welſh* Affairs: This Parliament was held at *Acton-Burnel*, as appears from Mr. *Rymer* Vol. 2. P. 258. it appears that Sir *William de Hengham* Knt. was his Uncle; in 1298, he conveyed part of *Hingham* Wood, which belonged to this Manor, to *William* Son of Sir *John le Marſhal* by Deed, to which is fixed a Seal of a Shield, on which are five Martlets between two Chev'rons 2. 2. 1. the Legend is, Ave Maria: Gratia plena. he had another Uncle called *Adam de Hingham*, who had two Sons, *William* and *Richard*.

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[u] Cole's Inquiſit; Vol. 5. P. 449.

In 1286, *Robert de Hingham* held this Manor by the Judge's Grant, and was preſented for holding a whole Knights Fee, and being of full Age and not knighted; It ſeems he died not long after, for

In 1296, *William de Hengham*, another Brother of the Judge, held it of him for Life.

In 1303, I find one *Andrew de Hengham*, whom I take to be Son of this *William*, married to *Amabil* Daughter and Co-heir to *Robert Burnel*, who preſented to the Church of *Bathele* this Year. Mr. *Neve* ſays, that in 1307, *Ralf de Hingham*, was ſummoned to attend the Coronation of King *Edw.* II. with the other Judges of the Realm, and of the King's Council. This Manor, immediately after, if not before the Judge's Death, was conveyed to the Lord of the Head Manor, and now it continues a Member of it.

There are diverſe other ſmall Manors, now included in the great Manor of *Hingham cum Membris*, as

BACONSTHORPE, ſo called from *Robert de Bacons-Thorpe*, Lord in 1314, who then held it at half a Fee.

ROTHING-HALL, of which I find nothing more, but that it was held at the fourth Part of a Fee in 1239, by *Peter de Laringſete*, and ſeems to belong to *John de Wyſam*, who had Free-Warren granted him here in 1327, 'twas called *Rothyng*, no doubt from ſome of it's ancient Lords.

WATERS, belonged to *Will. de Calthorp*, who had Free-Warren granted him in 1270, and ſeems to belong to *William de Blundevile* of *Newton*, in 1275,

WYLBY Manor belonged to *Oliver de Vaux*, one of the Rebellious Barons, who held it of the Capital Manor, in 1215, 'twas ſeized by the King, and was after Sir *Will. de Huntercomb*'s, in right of *Alice* his ſecond Wife, whoſe ſecond Son *Thomas* inherited it, in 1290, *Bald. de Manerijs* had Free-Warren granted him here, in 1330, *Rob. de Manerijs*, and *Remigius* Parſon of *Hingham*, ſetled a Meſſuage, 50 Acres of Demean, the Manor *&c.* on *John de Snitterton* of *Norwich*, and *Maud* his Wife, and in 1357, *Reginald de Eccles*, *John de Stoke* of *Norwich*, and *Alice* his Wife and others, ſetled it on *Adam de Hautboys* Parſon of *Cockfield*, *&c.* and then it contained two Meſſuages, 80 Acres of Land, 9 Acres of Meadow, three of Paſture and Wood, and 9 s. Rent. In 1413, *John Wylby* was Lord, from whom it took it's preſent Name, and he it was, that conveyed it to the *Morley*'s.

## GURNEY'S MANOR,

Was Part of the great Manor, granted to a younger Branch of the Family, before the Forfeiture, it continued always in the Family of that Name, reſiding at *Barſham* and *Great-Elingham*, in this County, (ſee fo. 328.) *Henry Gurney* was Lord in 1572, how it paſſed afterwards I don't find, but in 1715, it was owned by Mr. *Larwood* of *Norwich* Merchant.

ELINGHAM-

## ELINGHAM-HALL MANOR

Took it's Name from it's Owners; in 1292, *Ralf de Bukenham*, Parſon of *Great-Elingham* as Truſtee, ſetled the Manor, which contained 12 Meſſuages, 100 Acres of Land, 6 of Meadow, 24 of Wood and Paſture, and 20*s.* Rent, in *Hingham*, *Sathbergh*, *Hardyngham*, *Rymerſton*, *Little-Elingham*, *Woodriſing*, and *Honingham*, on *Alex. de Elingham*, and *Beatrice* his Wife, they added to it by purchaſing many Lands of *Roger de From*; it was held by half a Fee of the Earl *Marſhal*: in 1345, *Ralf de Elingham* had it, and *John de Snitterton* held a fourth part of it of him, and in 1401, *Rich. Caus* held it, it being conveyed in 1383 by *Robert de Aſhfield* and *John Pyeſhale*, to *Thomas Cauſe* of *Hockham*, Father to the ſaid *Richard*.

The MORLEY's were concerned here, long before they were poſſeſſed of the Manor, *Ingulph de Morle*, who was a Witneſs to the Foundation Charter of *Windham* Priory, held Lands of the Head Manor, in 1198, *Robert de Morlai* had Lands here, and after the Head Manor went out of the Family, there was a good Eſtate remained in a younger Branch of it, which paſſed with that Branch as *Roydon* did, (ſee fo. 30.) to the *Ratcliffs*; in 1482, *Rob. Morley* Eſq; who was buried in *Hingham* Church, ordered his beſt Horſe, Sadle, and Bridle, to be led before his Body at the Day of his Burial, and to be delivered at the Church, to the Curate or his Deputy, in the Name of a *Mortuary*, *Elizabeth* his Wife and *Emma* his Daughter are mentioned. (*Reg, Caſton.* fo. 223. A.)

There is a Free-Shcool here, and N. Weſt of the Church, about four Furlongs Diſtance, is a handſome Seat, built by Mr. *Bullock* the preſent Owner, and about a Furlong S. Weſt, ſtands a good Parſonage Houſe, built by the preſent Rector, and ſomething more South, is a neat Houſe, in which dwells Mr. *John Amyas*, Attorney at Law, to whoſe Family, I find the following Arms were granted, which he now bears, *viz.*

*Arg.* a Boars Head cooped, between 3 Croſs Croſlets *Sab.*

## *HUNINGHAM.*

HOE-ING-HAM, or *Honingham*, that is, the Village on the Side of the Hill by the Waters, which anſwers exactly to it's Situation. The Church is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and hath a ſquare Tower and four Bells, the Nave, S. Porch, and Chancel are leaded.

On Braſs Plates in the Nave.

**Pray for the Sowle of Richard Vinſent.**

**Pray for the Soule of Katherine late wife of Richard Vincente, on whoſe Sowle Jeſu have mercy. M° CCCCC° forti fouer.**

**Pray for the ſoule of Richard Venſent on whois ſoule Jeſu have mercy Amen Anno dni: M° CCCCC° xl° iiii°.**

BLAKNEY *Sab.* a Chev. *Er.* between 3 Leopards Faces *Or.*

**Orate pro Anima Johannis Blakney Armigeri cuius anime propicietur Deus.**

*Elizabeth* his Wife was buried by him in 1515.

**Orate pro anima Thome Vyncent qui obiit xxx° die Julii A° dni: M° ccccc lvi°. cuius Anime propicietur Deus.**

*Sam. Uncles*, Servant to Lord *Richardſon* died 23 *Sep.* 1658, and left *John* his Son.

In a North Window, Cateline, Party per. Chev: *Az.* & *Or.* 3 Lyons paſſant Gardant counterchanged, on a Chief of the 2d. a Creſcent for difference, impaling *Spencer*, quarterly *Arg.* & *Gul.* in 1 & 4. on a Bend *Sab.* 3 Mullets *Arg.* in the 2d. & 3d. a Frette *Or.*

There were alſo the Arms of *Calthorp* and *Barry.*

Rider, *Az.* 3 Doves, volant proper, crowned *Or.* impaling
Baylie, *Az.* 3 Creſcents *Or.*

M. S. Priſcilla Relict of Mr. Richard Baylie of London Merchant, Daughter of Sir William Rider of London Knt. died 19 March 1712, Æt. 62.
Virtute et Pietate, acquiritur æterna Fœlicitas.

There are two Braſs Plates faſtened to the Chancel Wall, on the North Side, on which are theſe Inſcriptions.

1. Munere, Gaudæo junctus, Virtute, Labore,
Temporibus, Patria, Fortuna, Moribus, Annis,
Funere conjunctus, Terras Catalina reliquit.
Fœlices ambo, pariter quos Vita beatos
Fecerat, & ſimili pariter Mors Funere merſit,
Corpore major eras Gaudæe, minuſque timebas
Cætera cum Socio, Socius Catalina tenebat.
Orba ſuis luget, Norfolcia mœſta, Patronis,
Et dolet amiſſas, geminato Vulnere, Vires.

2. Hos Mariæ Regni florentes viderat Annus
Tertius, Auguſtus conjunxit Funere Menſis.
Vos quibus eſt Juris noſtratis propria Cura,
Vivite Juſticiæ memores, Mortiſque futuræ,
Gracia non violet, non ulla potentia Leges,
Ut Catalina jacet, Sic cætera Turba jacebit.

This Epitaph is taken out of the Reverend and learned Mr. Plowden his Book of Reports.

Between the two Braſſes is a mural Monument, with the Arms of *Catline* and *Spencer*, as before, only on the Chief of *Catline*'s Coat, are three Snakes *Sab.* his Effigies is in Scarlet Robes, with his 3 Sons kneeling behind him; and her's in Black, with her 3 Daughters behind her; a Fald-Stool is between them, at which they kneel.

Over their Heads.

Sixty Yeares ſince heere ſtood but now decay'd,
The Tombe were Serjeant Catelyn then was lay'd.
Though that demoliſht be, his higheſt Fame,
Still laſts: Sage Plowden doth ſupporte the ſame.
Barbara his Wife, Spencer by Byrth, did Place
That Pile; ſhee to him living, was a Grace,
And after did ſoe well his Orphans reare,
Their Offſpringe now, his beſt memorialls are,
Thomas their Sonn, by her at Lakenham plac't,
Doth thus renew the Tombe that Time defaced.
Anno Dom: 1618.

Over the Sons Heads.

1. **Richard, married Dyoniſe Daughter of Tho. Marſh, Clerke of the Starr Chamber.**
2. **Thomas, married Judith Daughter of Edward Elyinton of Thoyden Boys, Chief Butler of England.**
3. **Ralph, married the Daughter and Heire of Richard Cole of Barfold Gent.**

Over the Daughters Heads.

1. Ann, married to Tho. Dereham of Weſt-Dereham, Eſq.
2. Elizabeth, married to Tho. Townſend of Teſterton Eſq.
3. Lettice, married to Will: Guybon, then of Fincham Eſq.

On a Stone in the Chancel, are the Arms, Creſt, and Supporters of the Lord *Richardſon*, and this,

> M. S. Hic jacet Thomas Richardſon Inclytus Baro de Cramond apud Scotos, Vir invicta Fide, et Fortitudine, Qui nullis Fanaticorum Factionibus infectus, in corruptiſſimo ſeculo Integer continuit, et ſuum Commodum præ cauſa Regali poſt habuit, obijt Maij 16, Anno Dom: 1674, et Ætatis ſuæ 47.
>
> Here alſo lyeth the Body of Anne his Lady, who died January 31,
> Anno Domini 1697.

The whole Town of *Huningham*, with the Hamlet of *Thorp*, (now called *Huningham-Thorp*) belonged to the Manor of *Coſſey*, as you may ſee at fo. 655, when *Huningham* was ſix Furlongs long, and five broad, and *Thorp* was five Furlongs long, and four broad, and both paid 6 *d. ob: Gelt.* The whole continued with *Coſſey* ſome Time, 'till the Lords thereof granted diverſe Fees and the Advowſon of the Church from it, tho' great Part of it with the Paramountſhip, belongs to *Coſſey* at this Day, having always paſſed along with it: the Parts granted off, conſtituted the Manors of *Horfordhall*, *Curſon*'s or *Huningham-Hall*, and *Branſton*'s-*Hall* or *Huningham-Thorp* Manor; in 1434, *John Shepherd* Bailiff of *Coſſey*, and *John Baroghby* Foreſter, accounted for 68 *s.* Quit-Rent, Rents of a Fulling-Mill, Water-Mill, and Dove-Houſe, for 2000 Arrows ſold at 10 *s.* which coſt five Shillings the making, and for repairing the Common Oven, which the Lord maintained for his Tenants in this Town to bake in.

## HORFORD-HALL MANOR.

Was granted from *Coſſey* in *R.* I. Time, to *Will: de Orford* or *Horford*, who granted a Part of it to *John le Botiler*: In 1286, *Rob. de Horford* then Lord, ſued the Abbot of *Bon-Repos* for the Advowſon, and proved ſo plainly, that *William* his Anceſtor preſented *Boecius* to a Moiety of the Rectory, before it was given the Abby, that he had a *Duel* granted him, by the Itinerent Juſtices, againſt his Adverſary, but the Abbot not liking the Judgement, paid him 120 Marks, and got his releaſe, and Confirmation of the Advowſon to him and his Succeſſors; during the Diſpute which laſted a long Time, *John de Ferreby* held it in *Commendam.* In 1315, *John de Horford* was Lord. In 1318, *Will: de Horford* held Part of it of *Coſſey* Manor, by the Rent of 33 *s.* 5. *d. ob:* Yearly, and Suit of Court at *Coſſey*, from 3 Weeks to 3 Weeks, and the other Part, of *Will: Buteler*, and left *Chriſtian* his Daughter and Heir. In 1323, *John de Morele* of *Aſhele* Chaplain, and *Brian de Horford*, ſetled it on *Ralf de Botiler* and *Alianor* his Wife, in 1507, *Tho: Blakeney* left it to *Elizabeth* his Wife, 'till his Son *John* came of Age, and if he died before, it was to go to *Roger Townſend* Eſq; In 1546, *John Blakeney* was Lord, and in 1586, *Tho. Marſhe* Eſq; ſold it to *Rich. Catelyn* Eſq; and ſo it was united to *Huningham-Hall*.

## BRANSTON-HALL, *or* HUNINGHAM-THORP MANOR.

*Conſtantia* or *Conſtance*, Daughter of Earl *Conan*, Dutcheſs of *Britanny*, and Counteſs of *Richmond*, gave to *Chriſtopher* her *Pantler*, (*Panetario Suo*) for his good Service done her, the Land of *Thorp*, (now *Huningham-Thorp*) with the Appurtenances, *viz.* 100 Acres of Land, and 6 of Meadow, a Meſſuage and a Fald-Courſe, to be held by the 20*th* Part of a Fee, and the ſaid *Chriſtopher* conveyed it to *Margaret* Counteſs of *Richmond*, for 40 Marks, which *Jeffry* Son of King *Henry*, Duke of *Brittain*, and Earl of *Richmond*, gave him for ſo doing; ſhe gave it to the Abby of St. *Mary* at *Sautree*, in *Lincolnſhire*, and *Alan* Viſcount of *Rohan* confirmed it, *viz.* all his Land in *Huningham*, in the *Soc* of *Coſteſſey* called *Thorp*, and *Jeffry* Viſcount of *Rohan* confirmed it alſo, paying to *Coſſey* 10 *s. per Ann.* the Abbot granted it off in Parcells to be held of him; in 1202, *Jeffry Fitz-William* ſetled two Carrucates of Land, Part of it here, and in *Eſtun*, on *William de Eſtun*, and the ſame Year, *Jeffry de Eſtun* and *Haviſe* of *Poitou*, ſetled another Part on him; in 1249, *Jeffry Peytevin* was poſſeſſed of them, and ſetled them on *Richard* Son of *Philip de Branteſton*, whoſe Name the Manor ſtill bears: in 1273, *Will. de Branteſton* gave *Rich. de Branteſton* and *Emma* his Wife many Lands and Tenements here, which much enlarged the Manor, which before 1442, was united to *Huningham-Hall.*

## HUNINGHAM-HALL *or* CURSON's MANOR,

Was part of *Coſſey*, granted to the *Tateſhals* Lords of *Bukenham-Caſtle*, and after the Diviſion of the Eſtate of that Family, was always held of *Hetherſet* Manor, by Knights Service, it paying at this Day, a Rent of 3*s.* 4*d.* a Year, to the Manor of *Hetherſet Cromwell's*. In 1279, Sir *Rob. de Tateſhale*, and *Mary de Nevile* held it, and paid the ſame Caſtle-Ward to *Richmond* Caſtle, as Sir *Ralph Fitz-Ralph* did, who lately held it, it came afterwards to the *Curſon's*, in 1345, Sir *Rob. de Curſon* held it at half a Fee, of the Heirs of *Rob. de Tateſhale*, in 1379, *John Curſon* Lord here, died Inteſtate, in 1401, *Euſtace Rous* held it as Truſtee to *Katerine* Daughter of *John Curſon*, then Wife of *Nicholas Norman* of *London*, and in 1442, the ſaid *Catherine* ſetled *Curſon*'s and *Branteſton*'s Manors here, on her Son *John Norman*, whoſe Brother *John Norman* then an Eſquire in the Kings Houſehold releaſed them alſo, in 1465, this *John* was married to *Emma* Daughter of *Robert Morley* Eſq; upon whom he ſetled this Manor, *John le Brun*, Rector of *Rockland Toftys* St. *Peter*, and *John Yatys* of *Huningham* Chaplain, being Truſtees; his Seal is his Arms, with an Annulet, *viz. Arg.* a Chev. between 3 Martlets *Sab.* Her's is *Morley*'s Arms, but the Lyon hath no Crown; they left one Daughter *Jane*, married to *Will. Dogget* of St. *Faith*'s Gent. whoſe Son *Edmund* married *Elizabeth* Siſter of Sir *Henry Sharnbourn* of *Sharnebourn* Knt. and in 1547, the ſaid *Edmund Dogget* and *Anthony* his Son, ſold the Manors to

RICHARD CATLYNE Eſq; of *Huningham*, Reader of *Lincoln's-Inn*, and in 1558, the Queens Serjeant at Law; before his Death he ſold them to

THOMAS BARROW of *Newton* in *Suff.* who died ſeized in 1590, leaving them to

WILLIAM BARROW his Son and Heir, 40 Years old, tho' *Mary* his Mother, who was one of the Daughters and Heirs of *Henry Bures* Eſq; had part ſetled on her for Life.

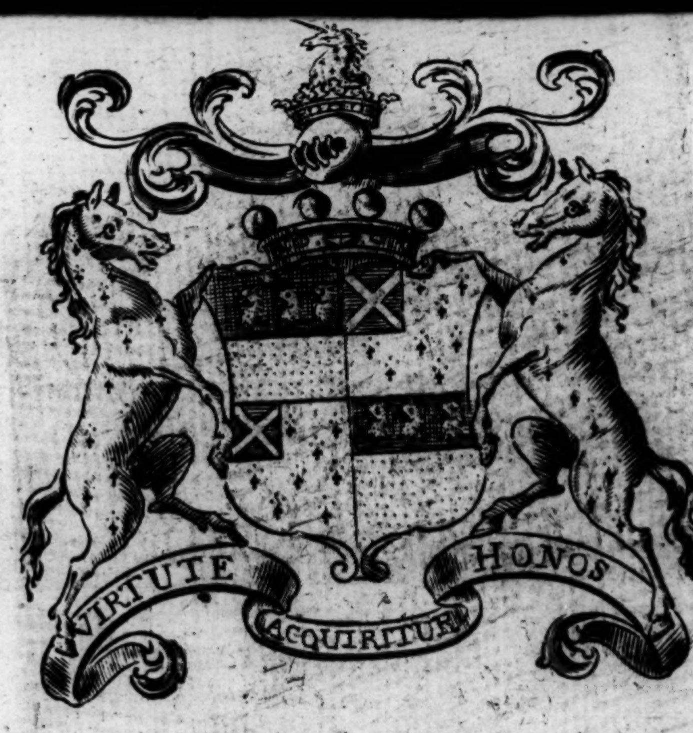
This *William* firſt married *Frances* Daughter of Sir *Rob. Wingfield* Knt. by whom he had no Iſſue;

By *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Tho. Dandy* Gent. he had four Children, of which *Maurice* and *Frances* ſurvived him, he died 24 *Dec.* 1613, and is buried in *Weſthorp* Church in *Suff.* but before his Death, *viz.* about 1600, he ſold his whole Eſtate here to

THOMAS RICHARDSON Eſq; afterwards Lord Chief Juſtice, in which Family it continued, as by the Pedigree appears, 'till

THOMAS Lord RICHARDSON his Grandſon, ſold it to

RICHARD



**Urſula Daughter of John Southwell of Barham-Hall in Suffolk Eſq; was his firſt Wife, by whom he had five Sons and ſeven Daughters, of which, one Son and four Daughters, ſurvived him.**

**Sir Tho. Richardson Knt. Son of Doctor Thomas Richardſon, was born at Hardwick, and was baptized 3 July 1569, was Recorder of Bury, Under-Steward of the Dean and Chapter of Norwich, and afterwards Recorder of that City, and Reader of Lincolns-Inn in 1612, in Michaelmas Term the Year following, was made Serjeant at Law, then Chancellor to the Queen, and after that the King's Serjeant, was Speaker of the Houſe of Commons in 1620, was knighted whilſt he was Speaker, and on Nov. 28 1626, was made Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common-Pleas, by King Char. I. and in 1631, 24 of Oct. Lord Chief Juſtice of the Kings Bench, and died Feb. 4 1634, at his Houſe in Chancery Lane, and was buried on the S. Side of the Quire of Weſtminſter Abby, where his Monument remains, the Inſcription of which, is printed at P. 195. of Keep's Monuments of that Abby, and under Mulberton in the Norfolk *Atlas.***

**Elizabeth Daughter of Sir Thomas Beaumont of Stoughton in Leiceſterſhire, Widow of Villiers, was his ſecond Wife, and after his Death re-married to Sir John Aſhburnham of Suſſex Knt. after her Marriage with the Lord Chief Juſtice, ſhe was created Baroneſs of Cramond in Scotland for Life, by Letters Patents bearing Date 28 Febr. 1628. by which Sir Thomas Richardſon Son and Heir of the Lord Chief Juſtice, was created Baron of Cramond after her Deceaſe. She was buried in Weſtminſter-Abby, and had no Iſſue by the Lord Chief Juſtice.**

1 Urſula Richardſon, married Sir William Yelverton of Rougham in Norfolk Knt. and Bart.

2. Mary Richardſon married John Webb of Breccles in Norfolk Eſq. ſhe died March 10, 1656, aged 56. and was buried at Breccles. (See fo. 559.)

Elizabeth Daughter of Sir William Hewet Knt. his firſt Wife, by whom he had, ſeven Sons, and one Daughter, of which John only died before his Father.

Sir Thomas Richardſon Knt. created Heir apparent to the Barony of Cramond, but never lived to enjoy it, for he died in 1642, aged 45, before his Mother in Law, and lies buried in Honingham Chancel under a black Marble, in the Altar Rails, with this Inſcription.

Deo. optimo. maximo.

Depoſitum Thomæ Richardſoni de Honingham, in Comitatu Norfolciæ Equitis aurati, Baronis Scotiæ deſignati, obijt Anno Ætatis 45, Salutis 1642. Martij 12.

And againſt the South Chancel Wall, is a Mural Monument of black and white Marble with his Buſt, and the Arms of his two Ladies, as in the Copper Plate, may be ſeen at large.

Dame Mary Sandys Widow and Relict of Sir Miles Sandys Knt. was his ſecond Wife, married in 1642.

3. Elizabeth Richardſon married Robert Wood of Brakene-Aſh in Norfolk Eſq.

4. Suſan Richardſon.

5. Mary, died March 1638, aged 3 Years, buried in the Altar Rails, at Hunningham

2. William Richardſon, Serjeant at Law. his Will dated 8. Mar. 1681, Abigail Relict of Chandler was his Relict. he was buried in St. Laurence London. S. P.

3. Charles Richardſon married Daughter of - - - - Wiſeman, and had Charles, Anne, Urſula, and Margaret.

4. Henry Richardſon, died Sept. 6. 1663. aged 30. and is buried at Hunningham.

Thomas Lord Richardſon, Baron of CRAMOND in Scotland, dyed 16 May, 1674. buried at Hunningham.

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Anne Daughter of Sir Richard Gorney Lord Mayor of London buried at Hunningham in 1697.

5. John
6. John
7. Richard } all died Young.

Elizabeth Richardſon, married Richard Manſell of Weſt-Leke in Derbyſh. and had Thomas, Millicent, Elizabeth, and Joyce.

1. Henry Lord Richardſon, Baron of CRAMOND. born Oct. 1650. died 5 Jan. 1701. no Iſſue. buried at Hunningham in the Altar Rails with this.

Memoriæ Sacrum. Henrici Richardſon, Baronis de Cramond apud Scotos, qui obijt 5° Januarij 1701.

Frances Daughter of Sir John Napier alias Sandys of Luton-Hoe in Bedfordſhire, Relict of Sir Edw. Barkham, of South-Acre, ſhe is buried at South-Acre in Norfolk.

2. Thomas Richardſon, born May 20th 1652, died Oct. 1696 at London, is buried at Piſhoebury in Hertfordſhire. S. Iſſue. he married a Daughter of Salmon M. D. in the Strand, London. Widow of Bourne of London and Kent.

1. Elizabeth Daughter and Heireſs of Robert Earkham of South-Acre, who died without Iſſue, 28 September 1711, aged 54 and is buried at Eaſt-Walton.

WILLIAM Lord Richardſon, was born 2. Auguſt 1654. died 7. March, 1719, and is buried at Eaſt-Walton in Norfolk.

2. Elizabeth Daughter and Heireſs of James Daniel of Norwich Goldſmith. ſhe died 8. Dec. 1722, aged 37 is buried at Eaſt-Walton.

Mary Richardſon, born 23, December, 1655, died 1 Auguſt 1666.

Angelica Richardſon born 24, March 1663, died ſingle, 1716, and is buried at South-Acre

William Lord Richardſon, born February 1714, died ſingle 28 July, 1735, and is buried at Eaſt-Walton.

William Jermy, only Son of John Jermy of Bayfield in Norfolk Eſq. married in Aug. 1735, to

Elizabeth Richardſon only Siſter and Heir to William Lord Richardſon.

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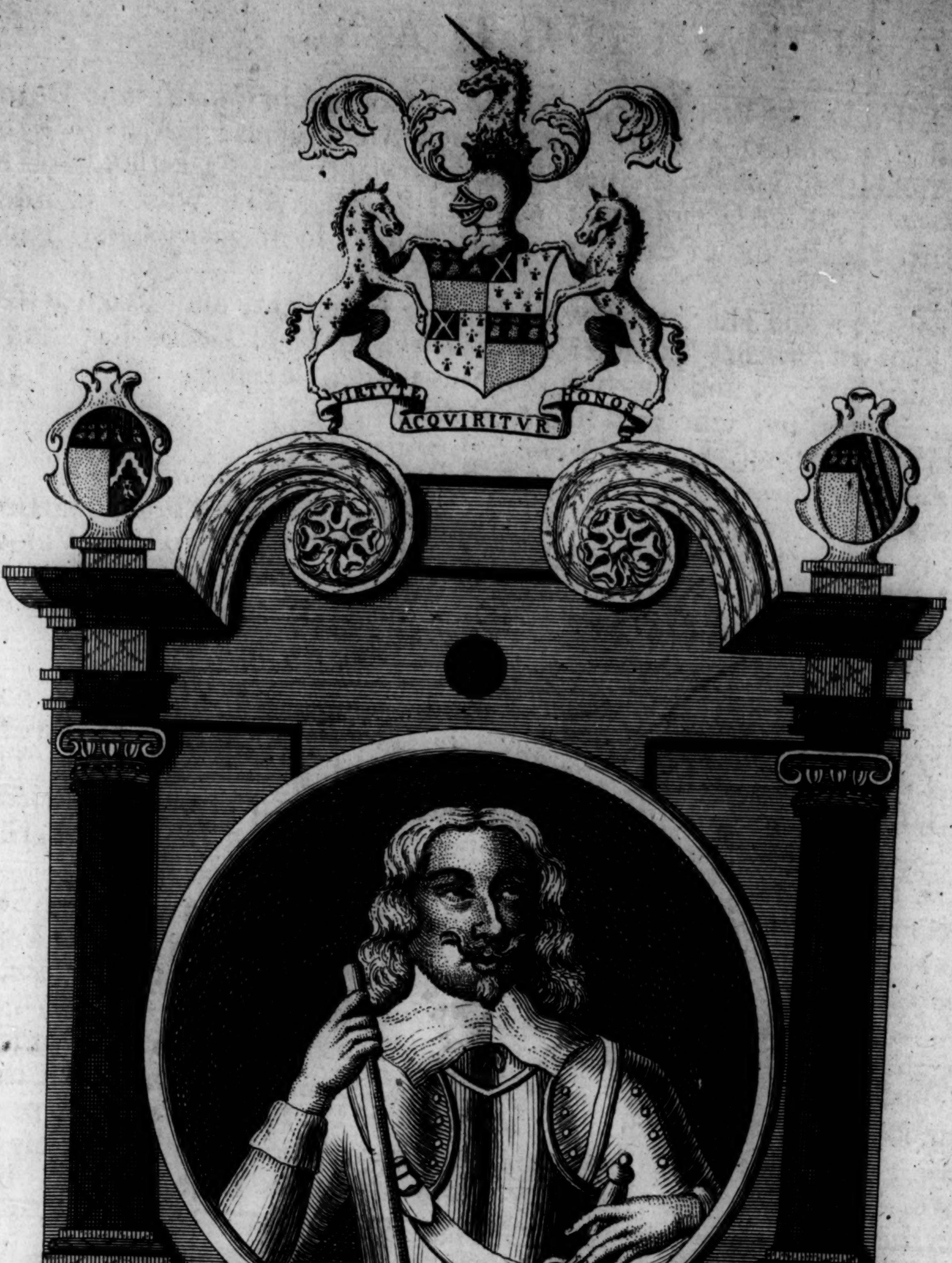
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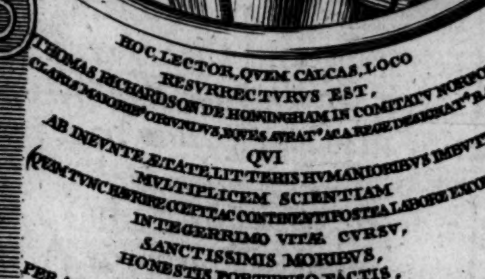
HOC, LECTOR, QVEM CALCAS, LOCO
RESVRRECTVRVS EST,
THOMAS RICHARDSON DE HONINGHAM IN COMITATV NORFOLCIÆ
CLARIS MAIORIBVS ORIVNDVS, EQVES AVRAT' AC A REGE DESIGNAT' BARO,
QVI
AB INEVNTE ÆTATE, LITTERIS HVMANIORIBVS IMBVTVS
MVLTIPLICEM SCIENTIAM
(QVAM TVNC HAVRIRE COEPIT, AC CONTINENTI POSTEA LABORE EXCOLVIT)
INTEGERRIMO VITÆ CVRSV,
SANCTISSIMIS MORIBVS,
HONESTIS FORTIBVSQ FACTIS,
OMNI VIRTVTVM GENERE,
PER ANNOS QVADRAGINTA QVINQ FOELICITER EXPLICAVIT
EGREGIAM SVI MEMORIAM
AC NVMEROSAM SOBOLEM
(OCTO NEMPE FILIOS, AC TRES FILIAS)
POSTERITATI IMPVTATVR.

*To the Honourable* *M^rs Jermy this*
*Plate is humbly* *Inscribed by*
*Francis Blomfield.*


SPLENDIDUM
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R. Parr Sculp.

March: 25. 1739.

RICHARD BAYLIE, D. D. Preſident of St. *John*'s College in *Oxford*, and Dean of *Sarum*, who married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Jo: Robinſon* Archdeacon of *Notingham*, who married a Siſter of Archbiſhop *Laud*'s; he lies buried in a Vault under a little Chapel built by himſelf, at St. *John*'s College *Oxford*, in 1667, Æt. 82, his Wife who was Siſter of Sir *John Robinſon*, Bart. Lieutenant of the Tower, was buried in *Magdalen* Church in *Oxford* in 1666, leaving,

RICH BAYLIE their Son and Heir, who was an *India* Merchant, and lived at *London* and *Huningham*, he married *Priſcilla* Daughter of Sir *Will: Ryder* of *London* Knt. and was created LL. D. and died in 1675, and was buried by his Father, leaving

WILL. BAYLIE of *Huningham*, who died ſingle, and
PRISCILLA BAYLIE a Daughter, who ſold *Huningham* to
Mr. *Charles Cotton*, of *Gracious-Street London*, Mercer, who ſold it to
WILL: TOWNSEND Eſq; a younger Son of CHARLES Lord TOWNSEND, he married
The Honourable HENRIETTA Daughter of WILLIAM Lord PAWLET, whoſe Widow ſhe now is, and holds the Manor for Life,
CHARLES TOWNSEND Eſq; their Son, now a Minor, being Heir in Revertion.

*HUNINGHAM* Vicarage, is valued in the King's Books, at 8 *li.* 12 *s.* 6 *d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value, of 44 *l.* 3 *s.* 10 *d.* *ob:* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, it paid 18 *d.* Sinodals, 13 *d.* *ob.* Peter-Pence, and 16 *d.* *ob.* Carvage; The antient Cuſtom of this Pariſh being, that when any Woman is churched, every married Woman in the Pariſh, pays the Vicar an Half-penny a-peice, and the ſame at every Pariſhioners Wedding, as the Biſhop of St. *Aſaph*'s Collections inform me.

This Rectory belonged to the Manor of *Coſſey*, 'till 'twas given to the Abby of *Bon-Repos*, in *Brittany* in *France*, which was founded in the Year 1184, *June* 23, in the Pariſh of *Mur*, in the Dioceſs of *Quimxer*, by *Alan de Rohan*, Son of the Viſcount of *Rohan*, with the Conſent of *Conſtance* his Wife, as *Lobmeau* in his Hiſtory of *Bretaigne*, (p. 168) informs us, to which Abby the ſaid *Alan* gave this Advowſon, *&c.* as is before obſerved at fo. 662, notwithſtanding which, in 1234, King *Henry* III. claimed the Advowſon againſt the Abbot, alledging that King *John* as Gaurdian to the Lands of the Earl of *Bretagne*, preſented *Alan de Baſſingbourn* to the Rectory, as belonging to *Coſſey* Manor, and that at his Death, *Alex. de Baſingbourne* his Son, was preſented by the King on the ſame Account, but the Claim dropt, upon the Abbot's proving that the Manors of *Coſſey* and *Huningham*, were the Inheritance of *Conan* Earl of *Britain*, who gave them to *Alan* Viſcount of *Rohan*, in Marriage with *Conſtance* his Daughter, which *Alan* gave the Advowſons to the Abby, as the Deeds proved, and the Jury alſo found, that this Church formerly had 2 Moieties, which were conſolidated by *Pandulf* Biſhop of *Norwich*, and that *Conan* preſented *Alan* of *Baſingbourne* to the whole Church, before he gave it to *Alan de Rohan*, and that then, one *Jeffry de Huningham* held one Moiety of it, but at his Death *Alan* had the whole as conſolidated, who perſwaded the Biſhop to admit his Son *Alexander de Baſingbourne*, to a Moiety, as Vicar under under him, paying 2 *s.* Pention to *Alan* his Father as Rector, at whoſe Death the ſaid *Alexander* had the whole, and as an whole Church or Advowſon, 'twas given to the Abby, and afterwards was leaſed to the Abbot of *Sautre* for ever, paying the Rent, who got it appropriated, and had the Houſe, a Carrucate of Land, and a Manor thereto belonging, and 6 Acres of the Vicars Land aſſigned to the Convent, with the great Tithes, and for this Rectory the Abby was valued to the Tax at 25 Marks; The Vicar had a Houſe, 60 Acres of Land, and all ſmall Tithes aſſigned to him, the Abbot was laid at 4 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.* for his Temporals here. At the Diſſolution the Impropriate Rectory and Manor thereto belonging, with all the Temporals of *Sawtre* Abby and the Advowſon of the Vicarage, came to the Crown, from whence they were afterwards granted, in 1544, to Sir *Richard Williams* alias *Cromwell* Knt. who the ſame Year ſold them to *Tho. Holl* Gent. of *Hegham* by *Norwich*, he died ſeized *April* 30 1557, leaving them to *Thomas* his Son and Heir, then 25 Years old, In 1571, *Thomas Southwell* had it for Life, and at his Death it went to the *Catylyns*, and ſo became join'd to the other Manors, as it ſtill continues.

The Revenues of the College of St. *Mary in the Fields* at *Norwich*, lying in this Town, were granted to *Theophilus Adams*, and *Tho. Buteler* Gent.

In 1202, *Will. de Eſtun* gave a Tenement and Lands in *Huningham*, and *Thorp*, to *Rich.* the Prior, and the Canons of the *Holy-Sepulchre* at *Thetford*, for which that Houſe was laid at 4 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Tax, in 1428.

## RECTORS.

*Boecius* Rector of a Mediety in *R.* I. Time. *Will. de Horforth.*

*Jeffry de Huningham*, Rector of a Mediety. *Conan* Earl of *Bretagne*

*Alan de Baſingbourne.* *Conan* Earl of *Bretagne*, Patron of the whole, the Moieties being united perpetually.

*Alex. de Baſingbourne* his Son. King *John*, as Gaurdian to the Earl of *Bretagne.*

## VICARS.

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| 1311, | *Will. de Baldeſwell.* The Abbot of *Sautre*, as perpetual Proctor or Leſſee, preſented to the Diſſolution, only the Biſhop of *Norwich* on the Appropriation, reſerved the Nomination to the Vicarage every other Turn. |
| 1311, | *Will. de Chevele*, (inſtituted by Proxy, as was very common formerly.) |
| 1311, | *Will. de Oxwick.* |
| 1322, | *John de Tuttington.* |
| 1329, | *John Wippoſeyl* of *Houghton.* |
| 1376, | *Will. Schenche* of *Spalding.* |
| 1376, | *Will. Norton.* |
| 1379, | *Will. Riebred* of *Spalding.* |
| 1394, | *Will. London*, O. |
| 1421, | Sir *John Styward* Prieſt, reſ. |
| 1425, | Sir *Rob. Whyte* Prieſt, reſigned. |
| 1428, | *Rich. Palmer* Prieſt, reſigned. |
| 1432, | Sir *Rob. Kyng*, Prieſt. } Change with *Wulterton.* |
| 1437, | *Rob. Wymond* Prieſt. } |
| 1442, | Sir *Henry Pottell* Prieſt, reſigned. |
| 1462, | Sir *Will. Bokkyng* Chaplain, reſigned. |
| 1463, | Sir *John Yates* Chaplain, reſigned. |
| 1496, | Sir *Henry Plumbe* Prieſt. buried in the Chancel, in 1528. |
| 1528, | Sir *John Baille.* Sir *John Awdeley* Knt. by Grant of *Sawtre* Abbot. O. |
| 1545, | Sir *Will. Gibſon* Chaplain. *Tho. Holl* of *Heigham* by *Norwich* Gent. |
| | *Will. Powle*, O. |
| 1560, | Mr. *George Michell* Prieſt. *Tho. Holl* Gent. |
| 1587, | *Tho. Weſt* A. M. united to *Colton.* *Rich. Catlyn* Eſq. |
| 1592, | *John Rogers* A. M. on *Weſt*'s Reſignation. *Will. Barrow* Eſq; he returned 96 Communicants here, A°. 1603. |
| 1634, | *Chriſt. Rogers*, on *John*'s Reſignation. Sir Thomas Richardson Knt. Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common-Pleas. |
| | *Samuel Withers*, died Vicar. |
| 1672, | *Nath. Shute*, A. M. Thomas Lord Richardson, Baron of Cramond in *Scotland.* |
| 1680, | *Tho. Wilkins* A. M. on *Shute*'s Reſignation. *John Sheldrake* Goldſmith of *London*, Mortgagee in Poſſeſſion. |
| 1690, | *Tho. Sydner* Clerk, on *Wilkins*'s Death, who held it united to *Hempſtead* Rectory. *George Griffith* Gent. Mortgagee in Poſſeſſion. |
| 1738, | The Rev. Mr. *George Howes*, is the preſent Rector, on *Sidner*'s Death, who holds it united to *Wiclewood.* The Honourable Henrietta Townsend, Widow. |

*WELBORNE*

# *WELBORNE*

CHURCH is dedicated to *All the Saints*, the Rector had a Houſe and 20 Acres of Land, valued with the whole Living at 12 Marks, Procurations *6 s. 8 d. 16 d.* Sinodals, Peter-Pence 12 *d.* In 1671, the Rector had Licence not to repair all the Chancel, but to leſſen it, and in 1684, he was diſcharged of Dilapidations. Here was a Gild of St. *John Baptiſt.* *John Bygot* of *Welborne* died in 1437, leaving *Alice* his Wife, his Adminiſtratix.

## RECTORS.

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| 1289, | *Thomas de Hengham.* | |
| 1304, | *James Daunger.* | Sir ROB. DE BACONSTHORP Knt. |
| 1320, | *Rob. de Welburne.* | Sir ROB. DE HINGHAM Knt. |
| 1323, | *John de Ayleſham.* | Sir ROB. DE BACONSTHORP Knt. |
| 1328, | *Walter de Stanes* of *Elveden.* | Sir EDM. DE BACONSTHORP Knt. |
| | Maſter *Stephen de Rughton.* R. | |
| 1339, | *Rich. de Bergh.* | |
| 1345, | *John Ive* of *Geſtweyt.* | |
| 1349, | *John Scot* of *Suſtede.* | |
| 1394, | *Will. Strykere.* | NIC. DE WICHINGHAM. |
| 1396, | *Rich. Shroesbury.* R. | |
| 1402, | *John Purs*, Change with St. *Laurence Poulteney*'s Chantry in *London.* | |
| 1402, | *Will. Roos* of *Schelyngton.* | |
| 1416, | *John Champeneys* Rector, | |
| 1437, | *Will. Langford*, O. | WILL. BILLINGEORD Eſq. |
| 1485, | Mr. *Will. Backe* R. | EDMUND JENNEY and THO. BANNYARD. |
| 1486, | *Will. Manes.* | *Ditto.* |
| 1532, | *Tho: Candeler.* | |
| 1541, | *Rich. Garnet* deprived. | EDM. BILLINGFORD Eſq. |
| 1554, | *Andrew Deane*, S. T. B. | AUSTIN STEWARD Alderman of *Norwich.* |
| 1555, | *James Proctor*, O. | |
| 1556, | *Rich. Garnet* again. united to *Matiſhal*, *Aug:* 9 1558. | |
| | *Nich. Corker.* O. | |
| 1585, | *John Barnard.* | WILL. STEWARD Eſq. he returned 63 Communicants. |
| 1624, | *John Leggat*, A. M. | ROBERT CRASKE of *Norwich* Eſq., united to *Barnham-Broom.* |
| 1646, | *Richard Alfield* Clerk. A. B. on *Legat*'s Reſ. | WILL. FISHER of *Wisbitch* Eſq. |
| | *Jeſſop Webb* Reſigned. | |
| 1688, | *Nic. Barwick* Clerk. united to *Colton.* | JESSOP WEBB Eſq. |
| 1692, | *Peter Copping* Clerk, on *Barwick*'s Death. united to *Carleton.* | |
| 1694, | *John Hardy* Clerk. on *Copping*'s Reſignation. united to *Elſing.* | |
| 1697, | *Tho. Pateſon*, on *Hardy*'s Reſignation. | |
| 1700, | *Edward Heyhoe* Clerk on *Pateſon*'s Ceſſion. | JESSOP WEBB. |
| 1719, | *Edw. Heighoe* Clerk. | Lapſe. united to *Matiſhall Bergh.* |
| 1720, | *Rob. Godrick* Clerk, on *Heighoe*'s Reſignation. | EDWARD HEIGHOE Gent. true Patron. |
| 1722, | *James Stagg* Clerk, A. B. on *Godrick*'s Ceſſion. | EDW. HEIGHOE Senior Eſq; united to *Gerveſton.* |
| 1734, | The Rev. Mr. *Grigſon Heighoe*, on *Stagg*'s Reſig. | EDW. HEIGHOE Clerk his Father, Patron in Fee. united to *Yaxham.* He is the preſent Incumbent. |

This Rectory is valued in the King's Books at 5 *l.* 18 *s.* 4 *d.* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 43 *l.* 12 *s.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths; but the Pariſh paid 18 *s.* each Tenth. The Temporals of the Prior of *Windham* were valued at 6 *d.* the Pariſh was valued at about 300 *l.* *per Ann.* of which *Peter Le Neve* Eſq; at his Death had a third Part in Free, and Coppyhold Land, but no Manor.

The Steeple here is round, and hath three Bells, there is only a Nave, which is thatched, the Chancel is tiled, there is only one modern Inſcription for *Frances Grime.* There are no Arms in the Windows.

**Terre Willi de Warrenna. Forhou hundret. ⁊ dim.**

**In WALEBRUNA x liberi homines, T. R. E ⁊ xl Acras: modo ſunt xx liberi homines. ſemper iiii Car. ⁊ iii Acr. prati.**

WALEBRUN OR WELBOURN, at the Conqueror's Survey belonged to *William* Earl *Warren,* and was held of the Caſtle of *Lewes,* and afterwards of *Caſtle-Acre.*

In 1267, *James de Welborne* held a whole Fee, and was not a Knight, but was obliged to take that Honour, in 1280, by the Name of *James de Thorp* of *Welborne,* he conveyed the Manor to Sir *Robert de Hengham,* with Lands in *Baconſthorp,* in Truſt; in 1304, Sir *Rob. de Baconſthorp* was Lord; in 1315, Sir *John de Baconſthorp,* and in 1323, Sir *Rob. de Baconſthorp*; in 1327, *Edmund de Baconſthorp* and *Margaret* his Wife, ſetled the Manor and Advowſon on themſelves in Tail, I find him to be the ſame Perſon called *Edm. Bacon* of *Greſham*; in 1344, *Edmund de Baconſthorp* ſetled it on *Will. Fraunſham* Maſter of *Mettyngham* College, *Roger Townſend* of *Reynham, Will: Langford* Rector here, *John Welles* and others.

In 1390, *John de Brunham* or *Barnham,* and his Parceners were Lords, and held it at a Quarter of a Fee of the Earl of *Arundel,* and in 1401, he infeoffed *Nich. de Wichingham, Henry Maupas* Clerk, *Simon Gaunſtede* Clerk, *James Billingford, Jeffry Somerton, John Alderford, Will. Chaumpeneys* Junior, and *John Wiſſingſete*; In 1425, *Will: Billingford* held his firſt Court, in 1435, *Edmund Playter* Gent. held his firſt Court. *Tho. Wetherby* was Lord in 1440, when his firſt Court occurs; in 1449, *John* Son and Heir of *Will: Byllingford* had his firſt Court, In 1563, it was in the Hands of *Tho. Playter* Gent of *Saterly* in *Suff.* who died ſeized of this, *Saterly,* and *Uggeſhall* in 1479, and *William* was his Son and Heir: in 1485, *Henry Heydon, John Paſton,* and *Ralf Shelton* Knts. *Edmund Jenny, Will. Gurney, Rob: Drury, Tho: Jenny, John Yaxley, Will: Jenny,* and *Will. Mekylfield* Junior, kept their firſt Court; In 1527, it belonged half to *Plaiters,* and half to *Billingford,* and in 1530, *Edm. Billingford,* and *Tho Billingford* Gent. his Son and Heir, *Edmund* and *Chriſt. Platers,* and *Anne* his Wife, *Rob: Whiting* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Anthony Poley* and *Joan* his Wife, *Roger Docking* and *Margaret* his Wife, all joined and ſold the Manor and Advowſon to

AUGUSTINE STEWARD, Citizen and Alderman of *Norwich,* he married firſt *Elizabeth* Daughter of *William Read* of *Beceles,* ſecondly *Alice* Daughter of *Henry Reppes* of *Weſt-Walton* in *Norfolk,* by whom he had

EDWARD STEWARD of *London,* and two Daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Alice,* married to *John Aldrich* of *Mangreen*; by his firſt Wife he had

WILL. STEWARD of *Gaulthorp-Hall,* in *Swerdeſton,* Lord thereof and of *Welborne,* in 1566, when his Father died; he married firſt *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *Chriſt. Jenny* of *Great-Creſſingham,* by whom he had

AUGUSTINE STEWARD of *Linn,* their Son and Heir, but he did not inherit this Manor, for by his Marriage Settlement dated 13 *Dec:* 1575, he ſetled on *Edw. Sulyard, Tho: Edon, Rich: Edon,* Eſqs; *Tho: Sotherton, Rob: Wood, Chriſt. Layer,* Citizens and Aldermen of *Norwich, Ralph Shelton* Eſq; *Henry Bird* S. T. P. and *John Sotherton* Junior of *Norwich* Grocer, in Truſt for his ſecond Wife, *Griſſild* Daughter of *Tho. Edon* of *Sudbury,* and her Iſſue, ſhe had two Sons *Thomas* and *Edward*; and accordingly

THOMAS STEWARD of *Swardeſton* and *Welborne,* her eldeſt Son, inherited; he married *Mary* Daughter of *Henry* Lord *Grey* of *Groby,* who ſurvived him; ſhe was buried in St. *Stephen*'s Church in *Norwich,* 5 *Sept:* 1650, and had iſſue, *Henry, Mary,* and *Anne*; he was buried in that Church in 1637.

In 1619, *John Mingay* Citizen and Alderman of *Norwich,* held his firſt Court, as Truſtee to *Steward,* he joined with *Thomas Steward* and ſold it to *Robert Crask* Citizen and Alderman of *Norwich, Tho. Atkin* Gent. and *Rich. Crask* of *Wendling*; the ſaid *Robert* in 1638, gave the Revertion to *Rob. Allen* and *Jane* his Wife, and *Robert* their Son, in 1639, the ſaid *Rob.* and *Jane* held their firſt Court, the ſaid *Rob.* ſold the Advowſon from the Manor, which by his Will he gave to *Tho. Allen* his Kinſman, who was only Son of *Tho: Allen* of *Norwich* Clerk *Robert*'s eldeſt Brother, whoſe Will was proved in 1693, and the ſaid *Tho. Allen* about 1705, ſold it to Mr. *John Hook* of *Norwich* Surgeon, who is the preſent Lord.

MARLINGFORD

# *MARLINGFORD,*

WAS given according to all the Regiſters of *Bury* Abby, to that Monaſtery, by *Syſled* or *Syſleda*, a famous *Virago*, when ſhe went beyond Sea, in the Time of *Edward* the Confeſſor: In the *Black Regiſter*, and in the *Sacriſt*'s Regiſter, both which are now among Biſhop *Moor*'s Books in the publick Library at *Cambridge*, her Will is recited at large, which 'tis evident was made before that Monarch's Survey, for then it belonged to the Abby, and contain'd one Carucate in Demean; At the Conqueror's, 'twas alſo found to be in the Hands of that Monaſtery, and to contain two Carucates, there being then a Walk for 130 Sheep and nine Goats, 'twas worth 40 *s.* and was a League long, and three Furlongs and an half broad, and paid 6 *d. ob.* Gelt, but others held Lands here at that Time, *viz.* two Socmen which belonged to *Coſſey* Manor, as you may ſee at fo. 655, and theſe Socmen and their Lands, always paſſed with *Coſſey*.

Terra ABBATIS de Sancto EADMUNDO. (Domſ. fo. 178) FEORHOU. H. MARTHINGEFORDAM tenuit S. E. t. r. e. ſemper iiii vill. & i ſerv. tunc i Car. mº ii & i Car. & dim. hom. Silva viii Porc. vi Acr. Prati ſemper ii Mol. ii Runc. xxii An. viii Porc. cxxx Oves ix Capr. & iii Socm. ſemper val. xl s. Habet i Leug. in longo et iii quar. & dim. in Lato & vi d. ob. de Gelto; Alii ibi tenent.

It continued in the Abby 'till [a] *Sampſon de Totington* A. M. a Monk of this Monaſtery was made Abbot, who was confirmed at *Werewelle*, by *Richard* Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, 2 *Cal.* of *March* 1182, and took Poſſeſſion of the Abby 12 *Cal.* of *April* in that Year, and died 3 *Cal. Jan.* 1211; He it was that infeoffed moſt of the Knights that held of the Abby, and among others, he infeoffed

OSBERT DE WACHESHAM in this Town, and half *Wortham* in *Suff.* which belonged to the Abby, and was to be held by him and his Heirs, at one Fee, he being to pay 20 *s.* to every Scutage, and Caſtle-Gaurd to *Norwich* Caſtle, two Parts of it laid here, and a third Part in *Wortham*. In 1207, *Gilbert de St Clare*, in ſome Records called *De Marlingford*, releaſed all his Right in it, to *Oſbert de Wacheſham*, which ſhows that he and his Family had held it under the Abby, before *Osbert* was infeoffed.

In 1234, GILES or GERARD DE WACHESHAM, Son and Heir of *Iſabell de Wacheſham* of *Wacheſham* in *Suff.* had it; he had to Wife *Elizabeth*, and in 1247,

GILES his Son had it, he was Witneſs to a Grant of *Theobald* Son of *Will. de Leyſton*, by which he gave the Manor of *Suwode* to *Bury* Abby, and had a Charter for Free-Warren in his Manors of *Marlyngford*, *Wortham*, *Stanſted*, *Wacheſham*, *&c.* In 1267, *Giles* his Son and Heir was 40 Years old, and *John* his Brother was of Age and had half a Fee given him by *Elizabeth* his Mother, in 1272, *Giles* the Father died,

And GILES the Son and JOAN his Wife inherited, in 1290, he was Sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and died in 1294, leaving

GILES his Son his Heir, who paid 6 *l.* 5 *s.* for relief of his Father's Lands, *ſc.* a Fee and a fourth part in *Stanſted*, [b] 20 *s.* for *Wacheſham* in *Suffolk*, which he held by the Serjeantry of jumping, belching, and farting, once in the Year before the King, as appears from the *Memoranda* of the Exchequer, Aº. 21 *E.* 1. This *Giles* or *Gerard*, in 1300, ſetled *Wortham* on himſelf for Life, and then on

GILES his Son and *Amy* his Wife, and their Heirs, in 1310, *Gerard* ſetled the Advowſon and Part of the Manors on

JOHN his Son, and *Joan* his Wife, in 1315, *Gerard* was Lord of *Stanſted*.

In 1317, *Walter le Clerk* of *Giſlingham*, and *Joan* his Wife, Heireſs, (I ſuppoſe) of *John Wacheſham*, ſetled the Manor and Advowſon on

Sir GILES DE WACHESHAM, and ſo the whole was united again.

In 1345, *Sir* ROB. DE WACHESHAM was Lord and Patron, and in 1358, a Fine was levied between Sir *Robert* and *Joan* his Wife, Daughter of *Simon de Hetherſet*, and *Ralf de Dunton*, and others, by which the Manor and Advowſon, with the Manors of *Wacheſham*, the Advowſon of *Stanſted*, the Manor of *Wortham*, and Moiety of the Advowſon, were ſetled on themſelves and their Iſſue, Remainder to *John de Wacheſham* and *Margery* his Wife: his Son *Robert* left only one Daughter, *viz.*

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[a] From a MSS. in the Hands of Mr. Tho. Martin, containing an Epitome of the Lives of the Abbots, &c. with the Life of St. Edmund in Metre.

[b] Rot. Pip. 19. 20 E. 1.

ELIZABETH, married to Sir *Thomas Gerbridge*, in whom the whole of this Town was united, he having in his own Right a Part of it: for 2 *H.* III. a Fine was levied between *Jordan de Sakvile* and *Clemence* his Wife Querents, and *Margaret de Cheſneto* Tenent, Siſter of the ſaid *Clemence*, whereby *Margaret* releaſes all her Right in this and diverſe other Manors, which were the Eſtate of *William de Cheſneto*, or *Cheyney*, their Father. In 1279, *Rob. Fitz-Roger* had it, when it was ſaid to be *Hugh Creſſi*'s before 'twas *Cheyney*'s, and that it contain'd a Carucate and 8 Villains, in 1315, *John de Horsford* had it, in 1387, Sir *Thomas Gerbridge* Knt. ſetled it on Sir *Edmund Thorp* Knt. and *Andrew*, Parſon of *Mateſhale*, in Truſt for *Elizabeth* his Wife, and their Heirs, by which it was effectually join'd to the *Wacheſham*'s Manor, and hath been Part of it ever ſince.

They left only one Daughter,

ALICE, who married Sir *Edmund Barry* or *Berri* Knt. who made his Will in 1433, in which he ordered his Body to be buried in the *Carmelites* or White Friers at *Norwich*, he left two Daughters his Heirs,

AGNES married to Sir *William Paſton* of *Paſton*, (afterwards Judge *Paſton*) and

ALICE to Sir *Tho. Bardolph*, who in 1454, releaſed their Right to *Agnes* and *William*, in the Manor and Advowſon, and in a Manor in *Eaſt-Tuddenham*, and in the Manor and Advowſon of *Stanſted*, and it continued in the *Paſton*'s, (of which Family I ſhall treat under *Oxned*) 'till after 1572; about which Time it was ſold to

ROB. JERMY of *Norwich*, who gave it to

THO. JERMY his ſecond Son, who ſetled here and married *Conſtance* Daughter of Sir *John Phippes*, who left

CLEMENT their only Son, he married *Mary* Daughter of *William Robinſon* of *Norwich*, and left

EDMUND JERMY of *Marlingford*, who married *Sarah* Daughter of *Tho. Buxton* of *Chanons-Hall* in *Tibenham*, who left it to

FRANCIS JERMY of *Marlingford*, and CLEMENT JERMY of *Bawburgh*, who ſold it to

RICH. CLARK Apothecary in *Norwich*, who died in 1682, and by *Suſanna Cotes* his Wife had three Children,

THO. CLARK Councellor at Law, the eldeſt, was Lord and Patron here, but dying unmarried, in 1731, it deſcended to

CHRIST. CLARK his next Brother, Archdeacon of *Norwich*, who is now Lord and Patron. *Rich. Clark* the third Brother, married a *Pett*, went Surgeon in a Ship to the *Weſt-Indies*, and there died Iſſuleſs.

The Fine is certain at 4*s.* an Acre.

The Church is dedicated to the *Aſſumption of the Virgin Mary*, who had a Gild here; the Rector had a Houſe and 30 Acres of Land, valued at 5 Marks, but not taxed, the Procurations were 3*s.* Sinodals 18*d.* Peter-Pence 8*d. ob*: Carvage 4*d. ob:* there are 24 Acres of Glebe. The Rectory is valued at 7*l.* 12*s.* 8*d. ob:* and being ſworn of the clear yearly value of 31*l.* 6*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation; the Town paid 38*s.* to each Tenth.

The Church is 35 Feet long, and 15 broad, the Chancel 28 Feet long, and 14 broad, the N. Iſle 22 Feet long, and 10 broad, the Tower is ſquare, there are three Bells, and the Nave and Chancel are thatched.

On a Braſs in the Church.

Orate pro Anima Thome Davy, cuius Anime propicietur Deus.

In a S. Window. *Arg.* a Feſs, in chief 2 Creſcents *Gul.*

On the Lattices between the Church and Chancel.

1. *B.* 3 Griffins paſſant regardant *Arg.* in Pale, beaked and armed *Gul.* WITHE.
2. *Arg.* & *Gul.* Bendy of 6 Pieces.
3. *Gul.* a Croſs ingrailed *Arg.* quarters *Gul.* a Croſs recercele *Arg.* BEKE.

4. *Az.* 3 Creſcents *Arg.* THORP.
5. *S.* a Feſs between 2 Chev. *Arg.*
6. *France* and *England.*
7. *Arg.* a Feſs and 2 Creſcents, in chief *G.* WACHESHAM.
8. A Chev. between 3 Bears Heads cooped *S.* muzel'd *Or.* BARRY.
9. *Az.* a Leopard Saliant *Or.* HEDERSETT.
10. PASTON and BARRY quartered.
11. *Arg.* on a Bend cotiſed *Az.* 3 Martlets *Gul.*
12. *Sab.* & *Az.* Lozenge, ſix Flower De-Lis's.
13. SCALES.
14. *Az.* a Lyon ramp. *Arg.*

1466, *John Crane* was buried in the Church.

On a Stone over a Vault in the Chancel,

CLARKE, *Arg.* on a Bend *S.* between 3 Pellets, as many Mullets *Or.* impaling COTES, Per-Pale *Or.* & *S.* 2 Dolphins endorſed counterchanged. CLARK's Creſt is a Demi-Dove.

Hic jacet Richardus Clarke Generoſus, Medicus, et Pharmacopeus præſtantiſſimus, utpote Magni Illius apud Norwicenſes Æſculapij, Thomæ Browni, Equitis aurati, fidus Miniſter et Comes, qui poſtquam per tot Annos reſarciendis Corporum morbis diligenter incumbens, non minus proſperam alijs, quam utilem Sibi Medicinam fecerat, tandem Anno Ætatis Suæ 52. Opum et Famæ Satur, pie ac placide in domino obdormivit, A°. 1682. Hic etiam jacet Suſanna uxor prædicti Rici. Clarke, quæ obijt decimo die Martij A. D. 1722, A°. Ætat. 93.

Sub marmore Ric: & Suſ: Clarke jacet, Tho: Clarke Filius prædict: Ric: & Suſ: primogenitus, Conciliarius, unus Magiſtorum de Banco Hoſpitij Grayenſis Londini, et Theſaurarius, obijt die xxii Octobris, A° Dni: 1731, Ætatis Anno lxviii.

CULLYER *Arg.* a Clubb erected, in Pale *Sab.* impaling JERMY.
John Son of John Cullyer, and Mary Jermy his Wife, 1640.
1670, Mary Daughter of Clement, Son of John Cullyer and Jane Hutton his Wife.
Mary Wife of the ſaid John, and Daughter of Clement Jermy of Marlingford, Gent. died 30 Aug: 1672.

On a Braſs Plate half gone formerly, and now wholly loſt, was this:

**Pꝛay foꝛ the Sowle of T. ::::: t ::: his Wife and Robert :::: Father, on whoſe Sowles ::: A°. Dni: M°. ccccc°. foꝛ.**

In the North Iſle.

COLBY *Az.* a Chev. between 3 Eſcal. in a Bordure ingrailed *Or.*
Samuel Colby of Brockford in Suff: Gent. 20 Nov. 1705, Eliz. his Wife 18 July 1697.

On a Mural Monument.

LIFE, *Or* on a Bend between 3 Martlets *Sab.* 3 Hearts of the Field, impaling VINCENT or VINSENT, *Az.* 3 Quaterfoils *Arg.* they were an antient Family. In 1367, *Robert Vincent* owned an Eſtate here, in 1374, *Nicholas* his Son married *Margaret* Daughter and Heireſs of *Tho. Leverich* Citizen of *Norwich.*

Juxta hoc Marmor depoſitæ ſunt Exuviæ Nathanielis Liſe Armigeri, et Mariæ uxoris ejus, Filiæ primogenitæ Phillipi Vincent Armig: nuper defuncti, per quam tres filios, totidemque filias habuit, horum unus, illarum duæ ſuperſunt Soboles, obijt ille 20 die Novemb: 1727, Æt. 41, illa 31° die Maij 1728, Æt: 39.

## RECTORS.

1303, *Walter de Hiltone.* Sir *Gerard de Wacheſham* Knt.
1304, *Edmund Pundrick* of *South-Creik.* *Ditto.*

1305, *Will. Wymer* of *Swanton*. *Ditto.*

1311, *William* Son of *Alan de Gyſelingham*. *John* Son of Sir *Gerard de Wacheſham*, and *Walter*, Son of *Alan de Giſelingham*.

1316, *Tho. de Grundesburgh*. *Walter* Son of *Alan de Giſelyngham* Clerk, and *Joan* Relict of *John de Wacheſham* of *Marlingford*. Change with *Sheldeſley Worceſter* Dioc.

1332, *James Samſon*. Sir *Giles de Wacheſham*.

1342, *Henry de Langham*. Sir *Robert de Wacheſham* Knt. Change with *Midleton*, *London* Dioc.

1349, *Hugh Bandon* of *Joxford*. *Ditto.*

1349, *Rob. Brokedyſch*.

1379, *John* Son of *Henry Mariot* of *Narburgh*. Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, Sir *Robert Corbet* &c.

1390, *Rob. Bokkebroke*. R.

1410, *John Erle* Shaveling. Sir *Tho. Gerbrigge* Knt.

1459, Sir *Henry Bozoun* Prieſt, on the Death of the laſt Rector. *Agnes Paſton* Widow.

Sir *John More* died Rector.

1507, Sir *John Jermyn*. *Will. Paſton* Eſq.

1513, Sir *Jeffry Pariſh*. O.

1520, Sir *Peter Petit* Prieſt. *Will: Paſton* Eſq; O.

1552, Sir *Roger Powle* or *Powell*, died Rector.

1568, Sir *Will: Mathew* Clerk, at *Powell's* Death. *Clement Paſton* Eſq.

1571, *Tho: Downes*, on *Mathew*'s Death, he died Rector.

1581, *Rob. Alleyn*.

1594, *Rob. Gobert*. united after, to *Melton* St. *Mary*. In 1603, he returned 66 Communicants, and that the Patronage belonged to *Alice*, Widow of *Clement Paſton* Eſq. *Clement Paſton* Eſq.

1664, *Euphemy Porter*, A. B. by the Ceſſion of the laſt Incumbent. The King by Lapſe.

1676, *Tho. Scamler*, on *Porter*'s Death. Sir *James Ruſhout* Bart.

1697, *Jeremias Revans*, on *Scamler*'s Deprivation. *Suſan Clarke* Widow, and *Tho: Clarke* Eſq. united to *Eaſt-Tudenham*.

1700, *Tho: Patteſon*, A. M. on *Revans*'s Reſignation. *Ditto.*

1723, *David Fleming*, on the Ceſſion of *Patteſon*. *Tho. Clarke* Eſq.

1728, The Rev. Mr. *James Alanſon* Clerk, A. B. on *Fleming*'s Ceſſion, he is the preſent Rector. *Thomas Clarke* Eſq.

# *WICLEWOOD*

HAD two Churches, the firſt was dedicated to

## *All the Saints.*

*Thomas de Blundevile* Biſhop of *Norwich*, in 1226, [c] appropriated to the Monks of *Norwich*, a Moiety of this Church, which *Agnes de Riſlei* gave them, [d] after the Deceaſe, or Ceſſion, of *Rob. de Brokedyſs* Parſon of the Mediety, and *Will: de Riſley* then Vicar, and in [e] 1235, the ſame Biſhop appropriated the other Mediety to them, which they had of the Gift of *Nigel de Hapesburgh*.

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[c] Regr. Pr. W. fo. 81.  [d] Regr. Pr. II 17.  [e] Ibid. 85.

When Domeſday was wrote, 'twas held by the *Almoner* of *Norwich*, who had a Houſe, Manor, and Carucate of Land, belonging to the Rectory, which with the Vicars Portion, was valued at 8 Marks, and paid 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Procurations, 1 *s.* 1 *d.* *ob*: Sinodals: 4 *d.* *ob*: Peter-Pence, and Carvage with St. *Andrew*'s Church, 3 *d.* 3 *q.* the Vicarage being not taxed.

The Terrier hath a Houſe and 32 Acres of Glebe: in 1690, they had Licence to ſell a Bell, and in 1697, the Vicar was diſcharged for delapidating a Barn.

King *H.* VI. A°. 1440, granted [*f*] a Market and two Fairs to the Town of *Wiclewood*.

## St. *Andrew*'s CHURCH,

Is now delapidated, it ſtood in the ſame Church Yard, 'twas in the Patronage of the Abby of *Bromholm*, the Rector had no Houſe, but 16 Acres of Land, 'twas valued at nine Marks; paid 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Procurations, Sinodals 13 *d.* Peter-Pence 4 *d.* *ob*: and Carvage as above: In 1341, *Edm. Ufford le Frere*, (or the Earl of *Suffolk*'s Brother) was Patron, and had Licence to ſetle it on the Prioreſs and Nuns of *Campſey*; but that Licence being not confirmed, [*g*] in 1364, the King licenced *Edmund* aforeſaid, to give it to the Prior of *Norwich*, and appropriate it to the *Almoners* Office, which took effect, and *Thomas*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, appropriated it accordingly, in this Year *July* 6.

## RECTORS of St. *Andrew*.

1202, *Will de Nuiers* and *Tho. de Mountcorbin*, Patrons of a Mediety, ſold it to *Thomas* Son of *Henry*.

1219, *Michael de Thurſton* and *Agnes* his Wife, ſold the Advowſon to *Nicholas le Ewe*.

1341, *Reginald Purs*. *Edm. de Ufford*, Brother to *Robert* Earl of *Suffolk*.

1342, *Rob. de Coneweſton*. *Ditto*.

1349, *Nigel Shirreve*. The Prioreſs of *Campſeye*.

1364, 'Twas appropriated as above.

1367, 23 *June*, *Thomas* Biſhop of *Norwich*, conſolidated it to *All-Saints*, and united them both to the *Almoners* Office; there was no Vicarage aſſigned to this Church, becauſe both Churches were in one Yard, and St. *Andrews* which was much decayed, was ſoon after demoliſhed, on Condition the Vicar ſhould find a Chaplain in *All-Saints* Church, to celebrate for the Pariſhioners of St. *Andrews*, and therefore there was 18 Acres of Ground belonging to St: *Andrews*, and all the Altarage of the Church added to the Vicarage.

1424, *John* Biſhop of *Norwich*, diſpenſed with the Vicar, and releaſed his finding a Chaplain as aforeſaid for ever, and thus the whole became one Vicarage, as it ſtill remains.

## VICARS of *All-Saints*.

1300, *John de Wiclewood*. The Prior of *Norwich*, who preſented 'till the Diſſolution.
1338, *Rich. atte Haghe*.
1339, *Will: Grey*, R.
1352, *John Lenn*.
1356, *Hen: Fort*. } Change with
1356, *John Heryng*. } *Catton*.
1356, *Walter Spilwind*, R.
1357, *Rich: Muriel*.
1361, *Will. Lewyn*. In his Time the whole was united.
1414, *Will: at Fenne*. } Change with
1416, *John Blakenham*. } *Hardgrave*.
1417, *John Tilly*, R.
1421, *John Richer*.
1424, *John Taylor*.
1426, *Tho. Andrew* R.
1438, *Tho: Brown* R.

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[f] Cart. N. 35. [g] Reg. Pr. III. 156.

1440, *John Nevile* R.
1440, *Peter Bramſton* O.
1446, *John Borell.*
1447, *Rob: Theyn.*
1489, *John Gurle* R.
1502, *Tho: Toky*, the laſt preſented by the Prior.
1541, *John Emyſon.* Lapſe.
1555, *John Cottam.* Lapſe. *John Wadmoll* Pariſh Chaplain.
1564, *Rich: Godfry.* *Rob. Multon* Eſq.
1594, *Chriſt: Garey.* *Tho: Bradbury* Eſq.
1600, *Ignatius Holderneſs*, in 1603, he returned, that there were 100 Communicants here, and that the Impropriation was worth 30 *l. per An.* and the Advowſon belonged to it, with a Court called *Ampners.*
1613, *Rob: Cowell*, *Tho: Skipp* Gent.
1652, *Eliſha Ket.* *John Skipp* Gent. O.
1688, *Rich: Clark.* *John Jubbs* Gent. R.
1697, *Will: Hawys.* *Martin Jubbs* Gent. O.
1701, *John Echard.* *Martin Jubbs* Eſq.
1734, The Rev. Mr. *George Howes* on *Eachard*'s Death, who is now Vicar, and holds it united to *Hunningham.* CHRIST. BAILEY Gent. who is the preſent Patron.

There were the Gild and Tabernacle of St *Andrew*, the Gild of St. *John Baptiſt*, and the *Sepulchre* and *Virgin*'s Light, in the Church.

The Vicarage ſtands in the King's Books, by the Name of *Whittlewood*, alias *Wicklewood*, 'tis valued at 6 *l.* 3 *s.* 11 *d. ob:* but being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 28 *l.* 6 *s.* 7 *d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, but it ſtill pays Procurations, and 2 *s.* 3 *d.* Sinodals, and the Town paid 3 *l.* 14 *s.* to every Tenth. The Church now ſtanding, is that dedicated to *All the Saints*, it hath only one Iſle, which is covered with Lead, and there are two Bells. In 1465, *John Porteman* was buried in the Church, and gave 10 *l.* to repair it, and in 1535, *Tho. Dewe* of this Town, gave 20 *s.* to repair the Bells, and a Meſſuage and Croft by the Church, to the Church-Wardens, to keep his *Obit* Yearly for ever.

On a Braſs in the Church.

**Orate pro Animabus Johannis Doffeld et Augnetis uxoris eius quorum animabus propicietur Deus Amen.**

Hic jacet corpus Bartholomei Stone, nuper de Wicklewood in Comitatu Norfolciæ Generoſi, qui obijt nono die Julij, Anno Dni: 1708, atque Ætatis ſuæ 63.

A Stone in the Chancel with *Wright*'s Creſt and Arms, is laid, for *Rich. Wright* Gent. who died 13 *March* 1711, aged 24.

These Arms are in the Eaſt Chancel Window.

*Sab.* a Chev. *Erm.* between 3 round Buckles *Arg.* quartering WALCOTE.
*Arg.* a Chev. between 3 Cheſs-Rooks *Sab.*
*Gul.* 2 Bendlets *Or.* impaling *Arg.* a Bend *Az.* a Billet between 6 Croſs Croſlets *Or.*
*Arg.* 3 Pair of Wings *Or*, impales
GRIMSTON of *Eſſex*, *Arg.* 2 Feſſes *Sab.* on each 3 Mullets *Or.*

The Prior of *Canterbury* was laid for his Temporals here, at 13 *s.* 8 *d.* it being a ſmall part of his Manor of *Deepham*, that extended hither.

The Church of St. *Andrew*, was given by *Neel* or *Nigel de Ryſley*, with a Meſſuage, 40 Acres of Land, and the Services of divers Tenants, to the Prior and Convent of *Bromholm*, who conveyed the Advowſon to the *Ufford*'s, and ſold the Houſe and Lands to *Rich: Starcolf*, who owned them in 1328, but they reſerved the Rents to themſelves, for which in 1428, this Convent was laid at 7 *s.* 10 *d.* to the Tax.

*Agnes de Riſley*, gave the Monks of *Caſtle-Acre* two Acres of Land here, which were taxed at 3 *d.*

In 1286, the Prior of *Windham* had Free-Warren allowed him in his Lands here, for which he was taxed at 24 *s.* 2 *d.*

The Temporals of the Prior of St. *Faith*'s in *Wiclewood*, were valued at 11 *s.* 10 *d.*

In 1382, *Tho: de Flitcham* and others, aliened to the Priory of *Flitcham*, a Meſſuage, 4 Tofts, 133 Acres of Land, and 45 *s.* Rent in *Flitcham*, *Appleton*, *Hillington*, *Depham*, *Morley*, *Attleburgh*, *Wiclewood*, and *Great-Elingham*.

## AMPNERS, *or* ALMONERS MANOR,

Was ſo called, becauſe 'twas appropriated to the Office of the *Almoner*, in the Cathedral at *Norwich*; it was made up of diverſe Parts, *John* Son of *Will: de Caili* gave to *Roger* the Prior and Convent of *Norwich*, all his Land here, which *Walter Fitz-Robert* confirmed to *John de Caily*, and *John* purchaſed of *Nigel de Riſlei* Knt. who gave the *Almoner* the Service of *Roger* Son of *Hubert* of *Wiclewood*, with all his Family, and further, he granted the Monks a Free-Faldcourſe, Free-Bull, and Free-Boar, in his Manor here, and *Iſabel* his Daughter gave them the Service of *Stephen Eryne*, which her Father had given her, as I learn from the ſecond Regr. of the Prior of *Norwich*, now in the Hands of the Dean and Chapter, fo. 36, 38, *&c.*

The Prior had 24 Acres of the *Fitz-Walter*'s Fee, called *Tulland* or *Frelund*, which *Aymer* Son of *Walter Frelund* held in 1198, and perhaps gave it the Convent, which had 62 Acres in all, given them, which belonged to this Fee.

NIGEL DE HAPISBURGH Chaplain, gave to the Church of the *Holy Trinity* at *Norwich*, to the uſe of the *Almoner* there, one Meſſuage, and the Mediety of the Advowſon of the Church of *All-Saints* in *Wiclewood*, to be appropriated to the *Almoners* Office, who was bound out of the Yearly Profits, to find a Chaplain Daily, ſerving in the Chapel of St. *Catherine* in *Thorpwood* by *Norwich*, for his Soul, and thoſe of his Anceſtors, and *Robert*, Son of *Aunger* of *Wiclewood*, and *Robert*, Son of *Roger* of *Wiclewood*, confirmed that Gift.

GILBERT MALET, and *Agnes de Reſlei* his Wife, gave the other Moiety of that Advowſon, for their Souls, to the ſaid Church, *Rob: de Reſlei* her Son, and *Nigel de Reſlei* her Grandſon, confirmed her Gift, to which *Jeffry* Archdeacon of *Suff.* was a Witneſs; ſo that it was given about 1190, and 'twas confirmed by *Pandulf* Biſhop of *Norwich*, in 1219. [Regr. 2 Prior: *Norwic.* fo. 33.]

RICHARD, Son of *Nicholas de Aqua* of *Wiclewood*, gave to *Nicholas* Prior of *Norwich*, and his Convent, diverſe Lands in *Wiclewood*, which his Father held of the Church of *All-Saints* there; this was in 1267. The ſaid *Richard* gave alſo more Lands to *William* the Prior and his Convent, about 1272, and *Alice de Aqua* releaſed her Dower in it, and at this Time, another *Richard*, who was Son of *Stephen de Aqua*, (or *At Water*, now *Waters*) was a Benefactor.

ALICE, formerly Wife of *Ralf Horncaſtle*, of *Depham*, releaſed all her Right in Dower, in thoſe Lands that *Ralph* her Husband gave, to *Henry* the Prior and his Convent, about 1290; *Walter Horncaſtle* of *Depham*, *Ralf* his Son, and *John* his Son, confirmed their Anceſtors Gifts. (fo. 38.)

STEPHEN LE NEVE, Son of *Gilbert de Eſtwell*, gave the Prior the Field called *Northfield*, and *John* his Son confirmed it.

NIC. DE BRAMPTON Prior of *Norwich*, and the Convent there granted to *Roger* Son of *Hubert* of *Wiclewood*, for his Homage and Service, and 40 *d. per Ann.* Rent, all his Meſſuage, which the ſaid *Hubert* held of *Gilbert* Son of *Peter* of *Wiclewood*, and all that Tenement which they formerly held of *Nigell de Riſlei* and his Anceſtors. (fo. 85.)

Sir RALF URRI of *Depham* Knt. gave to *Nicholas* the Prior and Convent, for his own, and his Father's Soul, a Piece of Land in *Wiclewood*, about 1267, and *Robert*, Son of *Aunger* of *Wiclewood*, *Mabel*, *Baſil*, *Maud*, and *Dioniſe*, his Daughters, releaſed their Right. (fo. 86.)

CATHERINE Relict of *William Hubert* of *Wiclewood*, releaſed to *Robert* the Prior and Convent, all her Dower in thoſe Lands, which her Husband gave to the Convent, about 1318. (fo. 87.)

WILLIAM Son of *William Bardolf*, gave to the *Almoner* of *Norwich* Convent, 28 Acres of Land, which *Stephen* Son of *Gilbert Trine*, held of *Nigel de Riſlei*, of the Fee of the ſaid *William* in *Wiclewood*, and *Cringlethorp*, and the ſaid *William* engaged that he would indempnifie the Prior againſt the Earl *Warren*, from all Scutage and Aids, whither levied to make his eldeſt Son a Knight, or marry his eldeſt Daughter.

In 1347, the *Almoner* was diſtrained in the Court at *Morley*, by the Lord *Morley*, to ſhew by what Right he raiſed a Fald in *Wiclewood*, who proved his Right ſo to do, and to have in his Fald not only Sheep of the Inhabitants, but of Strangers if he pleaſed. (fo. 7.) In this Regiſter at the ſame Place, there is a Charter of King *Edw.* III. granting Free-Warren to the Convent in all their Demeans here.

The Spirituals of the Prior of *Norwich*, for *Wiclewood All-Saints*, were laid at 8 Marks. For St. *Andrew*'s 9 Marks.

The Temporalities in both Pariſhes 3 *l.* 7 *d. ob.*

It continued in the Prior and Convent, 'till King *Henry* VIII. exchanged and took away ſome of the Eſtates belonging to the Monaſtery, and then it went to the Crown, and in 1 *E.* VI. was lett for 9 *l.* 4 *d.* a Year clear, but in 1550, *William Ruggs* and *Peter Gering*, had a Grant of it.

In 1562, *Thomas Reeve* and *Ralf Sherman* had it, the Rectory and Advowſon of the Vicarage then belonging to it.

In 1563, *Rich: Robſon* had it.

In 1564, *Rob: Moulton* of *London*, Auditor for her Majeſty for *Wales*, owned it, and preſented to the Vicarage, he married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Thomas Woodford* of *Britwell*, in *Berkſhire*, and of *Alice* or *Mary* Daughter of Sir *Richard Blount*, Lieutenant of the Tower, ſhe was Widow of *John Fiſher*, of *Bantingford* Eſq; and of *George Weldon*, and by her he had two Sons, *William* his youngeſt, of *Moulton*, and *Thomas* his eldeſt, of *Wiclewood*, who married *Eliz: Gourney*; he ſold this Manor to

*Tho: Bradbury* of *Aſhill* Eſq; in 1595, and in 1600, *Martha Garey* had it.

In 1613, *Tho: Skypp* Gent. owned it, and in 1652, *John Skipp* Gent.

In 1688, *John Jubbs* Gent. owned it, and in 1701, *Martin Jubbs* Eſq; and now it belongs to

CHRISTOPHER BAILY of *Mendham* Gent. who is Lord, Impropriator, and Patron.

At the Time of the Survey there were two Manors, the biggeſt was held by OLF, a Free-Man in the Confeſſors Time, but the Conqueror gave it to *Ralf Bainard*, of whom *Ralf Sturmin* held it at the Survey, the *Soke*, or Superior Lordſhip, belonging then to the Manor of *Hingham*, as it now does to the Hundred, which is appendant to that Manor; 'twas worth 40 *s.* in the Confeſſor's, and 60 *s.* in the Conqueror's Time; the whole Town was a League long, and ſeven Furlongs and a Perch broad, and paid 18 *d.* 3 *q.* Gelt. The Church of *All-Saints* belonged to this Manor, which was held of the *Banyara*'s, and afterwards of the [h] *Fitz-Walter*'s, and their Heirs, at half a Fee, as of their Manor of *Hemenhall.*

Terre Radulfi Bainardi. (Domſ. fo. 258.) Feorhou. H.

WICLURDE tenuit OLFUS lib. ho: T. R. E. i Caꝛ: terre, mº tenet Radulfus Sturmin ſemper xi Vill: ⁊ viii boꝛd. tunc iii Serv. mº i. ſemper ii Car: in dnio: ⁊ i Caꝛ: hom: vi Acꝛ. pꝛati, ſemper i Mol. ⁊ viii Soc: xxiiii Acꝛ: terre, Soca in Hincham. ⁊ habent i Caꝛ: tunc i. tunc: tunc vii poꝛc. mº xxx. tunc vi Oves. mº iiii. vaſa apum. tunc ⁊ poſt val: xl Sol. mº lx. ⁊ habet i Leug. in longo ⁊ vii quar: ⁊ i percam in lato, quicunque ibi habeat ⁊ xviii d. ⁊ iiii Ferdingos de Gelto.

The other Manor belonged to *William* Earl *Warren*, was worth 20 *s.* at the Confeſſor's Survey, and 40 *s.* at the Conqueror's, the Advowſon of St. *Andrews* Church belonged to it, it was afterwards held of the *Bardolf*'s, as parcel of their Honour of *Wormegey*, at half a Fee, but the Paramountſhip belongs to the Hundred.

Terre Willi de Warenna, (Domſ. fo. 94.)

FEORHOU Hundret ⁊ dim. WICLEWRDA. i liber hom. i Caꝛ: terre ſemper xvii Boꝛd: ⁊ iii Caꝛ: ⁊ vi Acꝛ. prati, tunc valuit xx Sol. modo xl. tota Soca in Hincham Regis.

The Record called *Teſta de Nevil* tells us, that *Rob: Fitz-Walter* had a Fee here belonging to his Barony of *Baynard-Caſtle*, and that *Nigel de Riffley* held one half of it, and *Rob: Aungers*, or *Robert* Son of *Aunger* of *Wiclewood*, the other, and *Matthew de Morley* held two Fees in *Wiclewood &c.* which *Aliva Mariſchall* holds. The Roll of the Honour of *Wormgeye* ſays, that Sir *Neel* or *Nigel le Riffley* Knt. held Lands in Demean, and Services here, and in *Morley*, *Crungethorp*, and *Depham*, with the Advowſon of St. *Andrews* of *Wiclewood*, of the Lord *Bardolf*, Lord of that Honour, by half a Fee, and other Services, but he ſold ſeveral

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[h] See fo. 3, 4, &c.

Tenements Parcel of his Manor, that laid in *Hackford*, *Crownthorp*, *Windham*, *Morley*, *&c.* to diverſe Perſons, and gave a Meſſuage and 30 Acres of Land here, to the Priory of *Kerſey*, and that Houſe infeoffed *Roger*, Son of *Jeffry de Morley* in it, who was the Anceſtor of *Edmund de Norwiz*, who held it in *Edward* III. Time, when the Lord *Bardolf* made it Freeland, paying 12 *d.* Yearly, it being part of the Fees the Lord *Bardolf* held of the Earl *Warren*, as of his Caſtle of *Acre*. The Heirs of *William de Morley* and his Tenants, *viz. Rich. de Hales*, *Rich. de Aqua*, *&c.* held Lands here by Knights Service. *Hales*'s Manor, was held by a Quarter of a Fee of *Fitz-Walter*'s Fee, and a Quarter of *Bardolf*'s Fee.

In 1257, *John de Dugworth*, ſetled two Meſſuages, 60 Acres of Land, and 20*s.* Rent on *Michael de Newton* and *Iſabell* his Wife.

In 1274, *Rich. Goby* held a Free-Tenement here, which *Nigel de Riſley* formerly ſold to *Matthew de Morley*.

In 1302, *Rich. de Aqua* ſetled his Part on *Walter* his Son.

In 1306, *Richard de Hales* and *Alice* his Wife, purchaſed Lands and added them to their Manor.

In 1327, *Robert Fitz-Walter*'s Fees were devided as follow; *Will. de Hales* and his Tenants had half a Fee, *Rob. de Riſley* and his Tenants a 4*th* Part of a Fee, *Adam de Morley* a 4*th* Part of a Fee, *John Hochede* an 8*th* Part of a Fee, and the Prior of *Norwich* had the reſt.

In 1334, *Will. Jurdan* of *Leringſete*, ſetled the Manors of *Wiclewood* and *Warham*, and the Moiety of the Manor of *Teſterton*, with other Lands and Rents in diverſe Towns, on *Will. de Hales* and *Katerine* his Wife, with remainder to *Stephen*, *Richard*, and *William*, their Sons; *Wiclewood* to remain to the Heirs of *William*, the reſt, if Iſſue failed, to revert to *Katherine*, they being of her Inheritance, ſhe being Daughter of *Jurdan*.

In 1343, *Rob. de Hawe* of *Wiclewood*, confirmed to Sir *Thomas Uvedale* Knt. and *Richard*, *John*, *Thomas*, and *Ralph*, his Sons, and *Margaret* his Daughter, diverſe Lands here, but 'twas not a Manor.

In 1345, *Will. de Hales* held a Quarter of a Fee of *John Fitz-Walter*, which *Richard de Hales* lately held, and the Prior of *Norwich*, *John Cok* Chaplain, *Will. Randolf*, and *Thomas Phillip* held the 20*th* Part of a Fee of him; and *Rob. de Morley* and his Tenants, *viz. Will. de Hales*, *Rob. de Hagh* or *Hawe*, *Rich. de Aqua*, and the Heirs of *Ralph Wikes*, held a Quarter of a Fee of the Manor of *Hockering*, And in 1381, I find that many of theſe Tenants, were to have *Houſebote*, and *Haybote*, from *Wiclewood Foreſt*.

In 1401, *Tho: de Hales* held his Manor at a Quarter of a Fee of the Earl of *Rutland*; and the Prior, *John Cok*, and *John Skulton*, held their 20*th* part of a Fee, of that Earl, to whom it belonged in Right of his Wife, And then Sir *Rob: de Morley* Knt. and his Tenants, *viz. Tho: de Hales*, *Alice* late Wife of *Robert Hobert*. and the Heirs of *Ralf de Wikes*, held their Quarter of a Fee of the Manor of *Hockering*, which Sir *Thomas Morley* Knt. held of the King, as Parcel of his Barony of *Rye*.

In 1443, *Hales*'s Manor was ſold by *William Calthorp* and others, to *Will: Rookwood* Eſq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, who ſold it to

JOHN WINDHAM Eſq; who in 1466, ſetled it on himſelf for Life, remainder to *John Windham* Eſq; his Son, and *Margaret* his Wife, who was Daughter of Sir *John Howard* Knt. after Duke of *Norfolk*, and the Heirs of their Body, in whoſe Iſſue it ſtill continues. In 1547, Sir *Edmund Windham* was Lord, in 1570, *Rog. Windham* Eſq; and now, ASH WINDHAM of *Felbrigge* Eſq.

## *BRANDON,*

NOW called *BRANDON-PARVA* or *Little-Brand*, to diſtinguiſh it from *Brandon-Magna*, or *Great-Brand*, in *Suffolk*.

This Village belonged to, and paſſed with the Manor of *Coſſey*, both in the Time of the Confeſſor and Conqueror, as you may ſee at fo. 655, it being then called BRANDIM, it was afterwards granted by the Lord of *Coſſey*, to a Family who aſſumed the Name of the Town for their Sirname.

In 1196, *Roger* of *Brandon* was Lord, and Patron of a Mediety of the Church, the other Mediety belonging to *Bartholomew de Edisfeld* and *Maud* his Wife, Siſter of the ſaid *Roger*, on whom they ſetled their Part; at *Roger*'s Death it came to

*Richard* his Son and Heir, who in 1256, ſold the Advowſon and two Acres of his Demeans, to *Will: le Mareſchall* Lord of *Hingham*, and in 1281, *John*, and *Agnes de Bayſield* his Wife, and *Reginald de Waxtoneſham*, and *Joan* his Wife releaſed their Rights, and from this Time it paſſed with the Manor of *Hingham*, 'till it came to Sir *Thomas Lovell* of *Eaſt-Herling*, as you may ſee from fo. 673, to fo. 679, and from that Time it went as the Inſtitutions will ſhew you. This *Richard*, ſold diverſe Parcels of his Manor, which were erected into Free-Tenements, which after many conveyances, were either re-united, or elſe the Rents purchaſed off, and ſo extinguiſhed. In 1286, *Francis* of *Hackford*, and *Margery* Wife of *Henry Petericks*, had two Meſſuages, 36 Acres of Land, and 9 *s.* 6 *d.* Quit-Rent, which they ſold to *Nicholas* Parſon of *Yaxham*; and *Hervy de Stanhowe* and *Iſabell* his Wife, had a Meſſuage and 10 *s.* Quit-Rent, which he purchaſed of *John de Bayſield*: In 1298, there was an Action brought by the Abbot and Convent of *Langley*, againſt *Richard*, for a Rent of 16 *s.* a Year, payable out of ſeveral Lands called *Eſtone-Lond*, and upon the Trial, the Abbot produced a Deed made by *John de Eſtone*, by which it appeared that the ſaid *John*, gave to God and the Church of St. *Mary* at *Langley*, and the *Premonſtratenſian* Canons ſerving God there, an annual Rent of 16 *s.* payable on *Lady-Day*, out of all his Lands in *Brandon*, namely, 10 *s.* to feed a hundred poor People the Day before *Lady-Day*, 2 *s.* to find two Wax Tapers for the High Altar of the Abby Church, and 4 *s.* for a Pittance, or Augmentation of the Dinner in the Abby, on *Lady-Day*, upon which the Abbot recovered: This *Richard* was dead before 1304, for in that Year,

*Henry de Brandon* and *Iſabell* his Wife, had the Manor ſetled on them, by *Philip de Huningham* their Truſtee, it contained then five Meſſuages, a Mill, 180 Acres in Demean, beſides diverſe Acres of Meadow, Marſh and Paſture, and 26 *s.* 8 *d.* Quit-Rent, it extended in *Bernham*, *Runhall*, *Welborn*, and *Hargham*; how it went from them, whither by Sale, or by their Heireſs's marrying a *Baconſthorp*, I don't find, but in

1315, Sir *John de Baconſthorp* of *Baconſthorp* Knt. was Lord, from which Time it paſſed with *Baconſthorp* to the *Heydon*'s, and continued with it, 'till

Sir *Chriſt. Heydon* Knt. ſold it about 12 *Eliz.* to

*Miles Spencer*, LL. D. who the ſame Year by Deed, gave it to

*Rob. Conſtable* of *Baconſthorp* Gent. his Nephew, who by Deed dated 20 *March* 14 *Eliz:* conveyed a good Part of the Demeans to *Elizabeth Howſe*, to be held by a Free-Rent and Suit of Court; it afterwards belonged to the

*Cocks*, of whom it was purchaſed by

*Rich: Warner*, who left it to

*Rich: Warner*, his Son, who left it to

*John Warner* his Son, who held it to 1702, when he died, and gave the Manor and Demeans thereof, (which he charged with the Annual Payment of 10 *l.* every *Candlemaſs-Day*, to be divided among the poor of this Pariſh for ever) to his three Aunts,

*Suſanna*, married to Mr. *Nicholas Tidd* of *Wells*,

*Elizabeth* to Mr. *Tho. Stoughton* of *Hockering*, and

*Mary*, to Mr. *John Frary*.

*Suſanna* left Iſſue, *Frances Tidd*, who married Mr. *Rob. Chad* of *Wells*, and had Iſſue Mr. *Rob. Chad* of *Wells*, who is now dead, and his third Part is enjoyed by Mrs *Elizabeth Chad* his Widow, who was Daughter of *Charles Wright* of *Kilverſton* Eſq; as may be ſeen in *Wright*'s Pedigree, at fo. 369.

*Elizabeth* had Iſſue, *Roger Stoughton* of *Runhall*, who left his third part to *John Stoughton* his Son, who is lately dead, and *John Stoughton* his Son, now a Minor, is Lord of a third Part.

*Mary* left Iſſue, *Mary Frary*, who married Mr. *Edw: Tidd* of *Wells*, whoſe Son Mr. *John Tidd* of this Town, is now Lord of a third Part.

The Manor is held at this Day of *Coſſey*, by the Rent of 3 *s.* 4 *d.* *per Ann.* the Quit-Rents are 18 *l.* 14 *s.* a Year, the Fines are at the Lords Will, the remaining Demeans are about 80 *l.* *per Ann.* The Lord of *Coſſey*, hath the Paramountſhip of half the Town, but the *Lete* belongs to Sir *John Woodhouſe* Bart. in Right of the Hundred, who hath the Paramountſhip of the other half of the Town.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to *All the Saints*, when *Norwich* Domeſday was wrote, the Rector had a Grange or Barn, and 20 Acres of Land, and what is remarkable, there remains exact the ſame quantity at this Day; the whole was valued then at 10 Marks and an half, and paid 6*s.* 8*d.* Procurations, but no Sinodals, Peter-Pence, nor Carvage, it ſtands in the King's Books by the Name of BRAND, *alias* BRANDON-PARVA, was valued at 8*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* but being ſworn of the clear yearly Value, of 46*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of *Augmentation.* There were two Gilds kept here, one in Honour of St. *Peter*, and the other of St. *John Baptiſt.* The Pariſh raiſed 20*s.* to every Tenth. The Temporals of the Priory of *Windham* in this Town, were taxed at 11*s* and thoſe of the Priory of *Pentney*, at 54*s.* 8*d.*

The Nave, Chancel, and S. Porch, are all leaded, the Tower is ſquare, having in it 3 Bells, on which I found the following Inſcriptions.

1. Hac in Conclave, Gabriel, nunc pange Suave.

2. Sum Roſa pulſata Mundi, Maria Vocata.

3. IN HONORE SANCTE MARIE ET SANCTE CATERINE VIRGINIS.

There is a Black Marble in the Chancel, for Captain Joſeph Monck, who died June 29 1721, Æt: 72, and the Arms of

*Monk*, or *Monck*, *viz. Gul.* a Chev. between three Lyons Heads eraſed *Arg*: being the ſame Coat born by General *Monk.*

On a Stone almoſt illegible, on the South Side of the Chancel.

Hodie mihi. Cras tibi.

If pore Mens Prayers of rich *Jove* ware hard,
Happy thy bleſſed Soule, now thus preſer'd,
Ever beloved *Utting*,
Unto the Heavens thy Royal Hart was knowne,
To have a Part in him whom God doth owne,
No Faithfull Soule did er'e take more delight,
God, and his King, and Conttrye more to right,
J[*ohn*] V. [*tting*] Eſq. [*Æt*:] 76. 1658.
Tempus fugit.

On a Black Marble under the Communion Table.

Here reſteth the Body of Winifrid the Daughter of Richard Coſtivell Gent. and Abigail his Wife, who was the Daughter of Sir Arthur Jenny Knt. ſhe died 24 May 1671, aged about 14 Years, Elizabeth their Daughter died 13 July 1689, aged about 29 Years.

*Abigail Coſtivell* Widow, gave an Alms Houſe ſtanding on the Common, and 20*s.* a Year, towards keeping a Reading School in this Pariſh, to be paid out of the *High-Houſe* Farm, which is now owned by Mr. *Rich. Wright* of *Norwich.*

On the Chancel's Roof are the Arms of *Ufford*,
And in the Steeple Window, *Haſtyngs* quarters *Foliot.*

In the Church there are Marbles for,
Richard Warner Gent. of Brandon Parva, who died 27 *Dec*: 1684, aged 40 Years.
Richard Son of Richard Warner Gent. and Elizabeth his Wife, died June 7, 1684, aged 7 Years.

On a Mural Monument on the South Side of the Church.

Near this Place lyeth the Body of John Warner Gent. Son of Richard Warner Gent and Elizabeth his Wife, who among his many charitable Acts, did by his laſt Will and Teſtament, give to the Poor of this Pariſh, 10 pounds a Year for ever, he died 2 Feb: 1702, aged 21 Years.

Creſt, a Lyons Head eraſed *Or.* Arms, *Sab.* a chief and 3 Barrs Trimells *Or.* There is a Stone for him on the Floor.

In the Wall under the Monument.

Here lyeth the Body of Richard Warner Eſquier, who deceaſed the 10th Day of May A. D. 1587.

On a Braſs Plate.

Orate pro Anima Cristiane Buk, cuius anime propicietur Deus.

There are two Black Marbles, one, for Elizabeth who was firſt the Pious and Virtous Wife of Richard Warner Gent. and after of John Frary Gent. ſhe died 20 January 1722, aged 66, to whoſe Memory her two Nephews John Berney of Weſtwick and Rich: Berney of Norwich Eſqrs. placed this Stone. The ſecond is for John Frary Gent. who died 26 Dec: 1716, aged 72, being buried at the Right-Hand of Elizabeth Woodrow his Siſter, who died Oct. 12 1734, aged 76 Years.

## RECTORS.

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| 1301, 11 Cal: *April*, | *Ernald de Hegham.* | WILL: MARESCALL Knt. |
| 1307, Non: *Dec:* | *Henry de Lond.* | Lady HAWYSE LE MARCHAL Aſſignee. |
| 1317, 3 Cal. *Dec:* | *Will: de Brigham.* | ROB: DE MORLE. |
| 1327, 4 Cal: *April*, | *Roger Perbroun.* | Sir ROB: DE MORLE Marſhall of *Ireland.* |
| 1340, 16 *Oct:* | *John Godrych* of *Leringſete,* Change with *Hemesby.* | |
| 1346, 23 *March*, | *John de Outwell* R. | |
| 1354, 18 *Nov.* | *Will: Pete* of *Swanton.* | |
| 1355, 27 *April*, | *John de Upwelle.* | |
| 1370, 23 *July*, | *Will: Bate* of *Thurſton.* Change with *Mateſhale,* buried in the Chancel 1375. | Sir WILL: MORLE Knt. Marſhal of *Ireland.* |
| 1375, 11 *June*, | *Jeffry Swathyng* of *Hardyngham.* | |
| 1376, 25 *April*, | *Simon Gilbert* of *Holt.* Change with St. *Margaret's* in *Norwich.* | |
| 1388, 7 *Jan:* | *Peter Alfrith.* | Sir THO. MORLE Knt. |
| 1396, 17 *March*, | *Henry* Son of *Will: Henor* of *Swineſheved.* Change with *Weſtenyng, Linc.* Dioc. | Sir THO: Lord MORLE Marſhal of *Ireland.* |
| 1399, 14 *Oct:* | *John atte Hirn* of *Runhall.* | *Ditto.* |
| 1418, 1 *Jan:* | *John Sybton* of *Bernham.* | JOHN HOLM of *Carleton Fourhow*, this Turn, in right of the Manor of *Bayfield* in *Corſton.* R. |
| 1418, 17 *Feb:* | *John Verley*, O. | JOHN LANCASTRE, *&c.* |
| 1422, 22 *June*, | *Thomas Codling.* | THOMAS Lord MORLEY. R. |
| 1436, 8 *June*, | *Rich: Skot*, buried in the Chancel. | ISABELL Lady MORLEY. |
| | *Richard Yve* O. | |
| 1441, 11 *Oct:* | *Richard Trewthe.* | |
| | *Thomas Palmer* R. | |
| 1473, 7 *Dec:* | *Richard Daniel.* | WILL: LOVELL Lord *Morley.* |
| 1477, 23 *July*, | *John Kirkeby* R. | Lord MORLEY's Feoffees. |
| 1479, 19 *Jan:* | *Thomas Myllys.* | JOHN Duke of *Suff.* Gaurdian of *Henry Lovell*, Lord *Morley*, R. |
| 1487, 11 *July*, | *John Cupper* O. | HENRY LOVELL Lord *Morley.* |
| 1524, 18 *June*, | *Henry Fayr* R. | Aſſignee of HEN. PARKER Lord *Morley.* |
| 1526, 4 *Nov:* | *Rich: Pratt* R. | |
| 1543, 17 *Oct:* | *Will: Moreſon* O. | |
| 1550, 22 *Oct:* | *Will: Acre* R. | |
| 1554, 30 *June*, | *Rich: Spatchet* R. | |
| 1561, 26 *Feb:* | *Will: Kyrwood* R. | |
| 1572, 5 *Oct:* | *John Clerkſon.* | |
| 1578, 3 *June*, | *Rob: Utting.* | EDW: PARKER Lord *Morley.* |

1592,

1592, 18 *May*, *Thomas Okes*. Sir **Tho: Lovell** of *Harling*. In 1603 he returned 100 Communicants.
1631, 5 *Nov:* *Abraham Baiſt* R. **Rich: Neve** Clerk, this Turn.
1674, 2 *Feb:* *Jeſſop Webb* O. **John Berney** Eſq. united to *Welbourn*.
1710, 7 *March*, The Rev. Mr. *Rob. Stone*, the preſent Rector. united to *Hacford*.
**Tho. Berney** Eſq. whoſe Widow is the preſent Patroneſs.

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# *CORSTON*,

COMMONLY called *COSON*, is a ſmall Village in this Hundred, of which I find no Mention in *Domesday*, by the Name of *Corſton*, but take it to be that Town in *Domesday* called *Appethorp*, which belonged to *Alfere* a Free Man in the Confeſſor's Time, and was given by the Conqueror to *Robert the Archer*, it being the only Eſtate he had in this County; it was then worth 32 *s.* and was 4 Furlongs long, and 2 broad, and paid 5 *d. Gelt*.

Terre Roberti Arbaliſtarij. H. Feorhou. (Domſ. fo. 286.)
In Appethorp i Car. terre tenuit Alfere liber homo T. R. E. xxx Acr: terre pro Manerio tunc ii Vill: mº iiii. & xv Soc. ſemper iii Car: Silva xv Porc: et iiii Acr: prati mº v Porc. xx Ov: xx Capr: tunc valuit xx s. mº xxxii. & habet iiii quar: in long: & ii in lat: & v d. de Gelto.

It ſeems it afterwards came to the *Albany*'s, for the Regiſter of *Windham* fo. 107, ſays, that *William de Albany* the Founder, confirmed the Gift of this Advowſon made by *John* Son of *William Rothawe*, to that Monaſtery, by which it ſeems that the Town was infeoffed in either the *Rothaw*'s or ſome other Family, that they had it of, by the *Albany*'s; and after this, *Pandulf* Biſhop of *Norwich*, inſtituted *John de Suthwode* to the Rectory, on the Prior's Preſentation, which was dated at *Thetford* 1221. How it happened I know not, but 'twas ſoon after releaſed by the Prior, and joined to the Manor again, and ſo continued 'till 1267, when *Robert le Burſer* of *London*, Lord here, levied a Fine and ſetled it on *Roger de Skerning* Biſhop of *Norwich*, and *Alan de Freſton* Archdeacon of *Norfolk*, in which the Biſhop acknowledged that it belonged to his Church of *Norwich*, as for ever conſolidated and appropriated to the Archdeaconry, ſo that they can never be ſeperated or aliened, and for this Setlement they gave *Robert* 40 *s.* and an acknowledgement that they had no Claim in his Manor; this *Robert* was concerned in the Manor of *Little Wenham* in *Suffolk*, jointly with *Emma* his Wife, who ſeems to be one of the Co-heirs of *Roger de Holbrook*; it afterwards was divided into many Parts, for in 1315, the *Nomina Villarum* tells us, that Sir *John de Claveringe*, *Walter de Bernham*, *Rich. Byrks*, *John Ode*, *Iſabell Quitwelle*, *Will: de Stokeſby*, *Rob: de Wrthſtede*, *Will: de Carleton*, The Prior of *Weſt-Acre*, *Peter de Runhall*, the Maſter of *Kerbrook* Hoſpital, Sir *Conſtantine de Mortimer*, the Prior of *Windham*, and *John le Marſhal*, were Lords here, or had Manors that extended into this Town. In 1285, there were two Manors, one called *Corſton*, the other *Bayfield*, from *John de Bayfield* Lord thereof who left it to *Joan* his Wife, and at her Death to *Agnes*, *Katerine*, and *Mabell*, their Daughters, *Iſabell* their Daughter married *Hervy de Stanhowe*, and had a Meſſuage, 23 Acres, and 10 *s.* Quit Rent for her Part, but notwithſtanding this Diviſion, in 1396, the whole was united again, and *John Blythe* an Outlaw was Lord, and it afterwards was joined to the other Manor, which after diverſe purchaſes came to the *Browne*'s, by which Family they were again divided; in 1572, *Thomas Browne* Yeoman, was Lord of *Corſton*, and *Miles Browne* Yeoman, was Lord of *Bayfield* in *Corſton*, which were afterwards purchaſed by the *Woodhouſes*, and at preſent, Sir *John Woodhouſe* Bart. is Lord of the whole Town, and hath the Sole Paramountſhip, in right of the *Lete* which belongs to his Hundred of *Forehoe*.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Michael* the Archangel, was valued at 2 Marks, but is not in the King's Books, it being an Exempt belonging to the Archdeacon of *Norfolk*, ever ſince it's Appropriation and Annection to the Archdeaconry, in 1267; it pays no Sinodals Procurations, nor Carvage, and acknowledges no Viſitor, but it's Rector the Archdeacon, In *Edward* III. Time, it became the Archdeacon's Country Seat, there being a good Houſe, Toft, and ſix Acres of Land, in 1362, *William de Blythe*, obtained a Patent to enlarge his Houſe here, and a Licence of Mortmain to ſetle an Acre of Land on his Church; In 1373, at his Death the Biſhop collated Maſter *Rob: de Prees* Prieſt, to the Archdeaconry of *Norfolk*, with the Church of *Corſton* annexed, ſo that I need mention no-more of it's Rectors, but refer you to my Liſt of the Archdeacons of *Norfolk*, the Rev. Dr. *Salter* the preſent Archdeacon, now enjoys it.

It appears that during the Archdeacon's Reſidence here, which was 'till after 1600, they ſerved the Church themſelves, but ever ſince they found a Curate, who ſerves here once a Fortnight: The whole Town paid but 14*s.* to each Tenth, the Temporals of *Windham* Priory were taxed at 16*d.* thoſe of the Prior of *Norwich* at 12*d.* and thoſe of the Prior of *Weſt-Acre* at 11*d.* In 1627, Mr. *Will: Crompton* was Curate, and now, the Rev. Mr. *Wil. Gordon* of *Barnham-Broom*. The chief of the Land in this Pariſh, is owned by --- *Scot* Eſq; of *Ayleſham*.

The Church & Chancel are leaded, the S. Porch tiled, there is a ſquare Tower & 1 Bell, but no Memorial of any kind, ſave a large diſrobed Stone having loſt an Effigies and 2 Shields; whither this was laid over ſome Archdeacon buried here, (for the Effigies ſeems to have been in a Prieſts Habit) or over *John Foſter* of this Town Gent. who was buried in 1556, I can't ſay.

# *RUNHAL.*

THE *CHURCH* is dedicated to *All the Saints*, it hath a round Steeple, and three Bells, on the firſt of which is this,

**Fac Margareta nobis hec Munera leta.**

The Nave is leaded, the South-Porch tiled, the Chancel is quite ruinated; there is an imperfect Braſs Plate with this on it.

**:::::: icia Uxor eius quorum animabus propicietur :::**
**::::: God of his Mercy aquyte hem.**

On a Black Marble.

STOUGHTON, *Vert* a Croſs ingrailed *Erm.* CREST a Bird.
Roger Stoughton Gent. died in 1718, aged 60 Years, Iſabell his Wife July 27 1715, on which Day ſhe was 51 Years of Age.

John Stoughton died April 22 1730, aged 35 Years.

In 1416, *Margaret* Widow of *Rob. de Berneye* Knt. was buried in the Church, before St. *Catherine*'s Altar, to which ſhe gave a Picture of St. *Catherine*, it appears by her Will in Regr. *Hyrning* fo. 5, that *Roger de Welſham* was her firſt Husband, and that ſhe gave her Houſe and Lands which ſhe purchaſed here, to her Daughters, *Cicily* and *Katherine*, ſhe gave a Gold Cup to her Brother *Edmund*, and Legacies to *John Berney* her Son, and *Elen Bedingfield* her Siſter.

In 1505, *Rob. Tillis* of *Salhouſe*, was buried here, and gave a Legacy to repair the Steeple, he gave *Catherine* his Wife, an Annuity of 12*l.* out of his Manor of *Popis* in *Runhall*, which he gave to *William* his Son.

There is an Altar Monument in the Church Yard, on the South-Side, for *John Caſtleton*, who died *May* 5 1687, aged 56, and *Mary* his Wife who died *Decemb*: 24 1707, aged 60 Years.

Creſt, a Demi-Griffin holding a broken ſword.

Castleton *Az.* on a Bend *Or*. 3 Snakes twiſted round *Vert*, impaling 2 Feſſes with a Creſcent for difference.

This Church, was a Rectory at firſt, belonging to the Manor, and ſo continued 'till 1198, when it was given by *Bartholomew de Runhall*, *Roger de Reppes* and *Gilbert de Runhall*, to *William* Prior of *Weſt-Acre*, and the Canons of the Church of St. *Mary* and *All-Saints* there, for one Gold Ring, on Condition they were made Partakers of all the Prayers in the Monaſtery, together with *Mabell* Wife of *Roger*, and *Euſtace de Runhall*, and ſoon after they got it appropriated, reſerving to the Vicar the Parſonage Houſe, an Acre of Land, and the ſmall Tithes, ſo that the Convent got by the Appropriation 40 Acres of Glebe and all the Great Tithes, for which they were taxed at 12 Marks, beſides 14 *d.* for their Temporals, the Vicar paid 5 *s.* Procurations, 6 *d.* Sinodals, and 11 *d.* Peter-Pence,; The Vicarage is valued in the Kings Books at 6 *l.* 18 *s.* 3 *d. ob.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 10 *l.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation.

After the Diſſolution, the Impropriation and Advowſon of the Vicarage, were purchaſed of the Crown by the Lord of the Manor, with all the Revenues of *Weſt-Acre* Priory in this Town, and have ever ſince gone together, and ſtill remain joined at this Day.

The Prior of *Windham* was taxed for Temporals here at 3 *s.* 8 *d.* and the Prior of *Walſingham* for his at 6 *d.* the Pariſh paid 50 *s.* to every Tenth. Here were two Gilds, *viz.* of St. *Margaret* and St. *James*, and in the South Window were theſe Arms,

*Gul.* on a Chev. *Arg.* 3 Croſlets Fitchee of the Field, impaling *Arg.* 6 Mullets *Gul.*

In a North Window. *Arg.* on a Chev. *Sab.* a Mullet peirced *Or.* in the Dexter cheif a Creſcent *Sab.*

At the Conqueror's Survey this Town was in two Parts, the biggeſt of which Hakene held in the Confeſſor's Time, but it was in the Conqueror's own Hands, who lett it to farm to Godric, it was then a *Berewic* to *Swating*, with which it was valued, for at fo. 23 of Domſday Book, we read thus,

Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat. in Feorhou H.

In Runhala i Car: terre tenuit Hakene & ii bord. & i Soc. & i Mol. hoc eſt Berwita, in Suatinga, et eſt in Pretio, et huic Beruuite, iacent vii Liberi homines, xxiii Acr: terre & dim. Car: et eſt in eodem Pretio.

This conſtituted the Capital Manor called afterwards,

## Whitwell's, Gambon's, *or* Uphall, *in* Runhal,

Which came to the *Baniard*'s, from them to the *Fitz-Walter*'s, and by them was divided, one half being infeoffed in the *Gournay*'s, who held it of the Barony of *Banyard-Caſtle* at half a Fee, and the other in the *Hakeford*'s, who held their half of the ſame Barony at another half Fee, which afterwards was called Popis Manor.

In 1195, *Gilbert de Runhal* was Lord, it coming to that Family from *William Gournay*, who held it in *H.* II. Time, and in 1198, *Barth: de Runhall*, by Gift of *Gilbert*, he ſold it to *Richer de Whitewell*, from which Time it deſcended with *Whitewell*'s Manor in *Whitewell*, and the Manor called by their Name in *Skeyton*; In 1205, *Mathew de Gourney* Son of *William*, brought an Action againſt *Gilbert de Runhall* for the Manor, but *Gilbert* recovered, and ſo the *Whitewell*'s remained in quiet Poſſeſſion. In 1293, *Will: de Whitewell* died ſeized, and left this, *Whitewell*, and his Manor in *Skeyton*, to *John* his Brother then 40 Years old; In 1315, *Iſabell de Whitewell* held it, in 1327, *Will. de Whitewell* had it, who in 1330, ſetled it on *Roger de Hetherſet* Parſon of *Billingford*, and *William Fleming* Chaplain, (the Quit-Rents being then 42 *s. per Ann.*) as Truſtees for *Catherine* Wife of *Will. de Whitewell*, who held it in 1345; In 1393, *Will: Gambon* and *Cicily* his Wife had this Manor, and half

Whitewells

*Whitwells* Manor in *Skeyton*, and in 1429, *Richard* Son of *Rich. Gambon*, and Grandſon of *William*, was Lord, and *John Gambon* his Couzin and Heir was 30 Years old, Which *John* died ſeized in 1432, of a Free-Tenement here called *Ryſley*'s, with the Manor of *Runhall Whitwell*'s, *Uphall*, and *Brandon-Hall* in *Runhall*, *Corſton*, *Welbourne*, &c. with *Skeyton* Manor and Advowſon, all which, after the Death of *Ellen* his Wife, went to *Rob. Sterne* his Couzin and Heir, whoſe Son *Thomas* became Lord at his Fathers Death, but he dying without Iſſue in 1460, it deſcended to *Henry Sterne* his Brother, who lived 'till 1467, and then it went to *Henry Sterne* his Son and Heir, then 4 Years old. In 1548, *Roger Woodhouſe* Eſq; purchaſed it of *James Downes* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and joined it to *Popis* Manor, in whoſe Family it hath continued ever ſince, Sir *John Woodhouſe* Bart. being the preſent Lord, Patron, and Impropriator, and Lord of the *Lete* in Right of the Hundred, being alſo Lord *Paramount* of all the Town, except that Part which always belonged to *Coſſey*, (See fo. 655.) as it now does, the *Paramountſhip* of which belongs to *Coſſey*. The *Atlas* P. 307, tells us, that the *Ufford*'s were Lords here, but 'tis an Error, they were never concerned no otherwiſe than as Lords of *Coſſey*, which extended hither, but is no ſeparate Lordſhip.

## POPES, *or* POPIS MANOR,

Was infeoffed as aforeſaid in the *Hakeford*'s, at the Time of the Record called *Teſta de Nevile*, *Emma Hakeford* had it, in 1315, *Will. de Stokesby* and others held it, in 1327, *Roger de Stokesby* was Lord, in 1345, *Margery de Gelham* had it, in 1361, *Alan de Illey* and *Katherine* his Wife, conveyed it to *John de Baketon* and *Margaret* his Wife, in 1362, the ſaid *Alan*, *Catherine*, *John*, and *Margaret*, granted it to *Reginald de Eccles*, *William Ode*, and *John Miles*, and in 1367, *John de Walton* and *Margaret* his Wife, conveyed it to *William de Worſted* of *Norwich*, and *Philip Coſyn* and his Heirs, and in 1401, *Ralf Bateman* and his Partners had it, in Right of his Wife; it came afterwards to the *Tillis*'s, and *John Tillis* died ſeized in 1490, whoſe Son *Robert* was buried here in 1505, and left it to *William* his Son, who died without Iſſue, for in 1521, *Henry Richers* and *Cecily* his Wife, one of the Daughters and Heireſſes of *Rob. Tillis* late of *Salowes* Gent. and *Mary Tillis* another of the Daughters and Heireſſes, ſold it to *Tho. Woodhouſe* and his Truſtees, the Quit Rents being then 3 *l. per An.* it was after joined to the other Manor, with which it now continues.

## VICARS.

1301, *Michael de Weſtacre.* Prior of WESTACRE.
1303, *Adam de Wadton.*
1303, *John Ovyton.*
1349, *Simon de Bauburgh.*
1350, *Hamon Gerard* of *Baubergh.* } Change with
1353, *Warine de Runhale.* } *Ormesby.*
1394, *John* Son of *Adam Wolvede* R.
1397, *Simon de Goſſelyn.*
1407, *John Hull* of *Broughton.*
1410, *Rich. Smith* of *Hokelingham.*
1411, *John Balle* of *Thurſton* R.
1414, *Hugh Leſſy.*
1421, *Tho. Skerning*, buried in the Church-Yard in 1432.
1442, *Will. Pinchbek.* Lapſe.
1444, *Will. Betram.*
1450, *John Borell.*
1463, *Tho. Benham.* Lapſe.
*Simon Attache* O.
1482, *Will. Carr.*
1513, *Rob: Smith* O. The laſt preſented by the Prior.
1542, Sir *Edw. Woodhouſe.* ROGER WOODHOUSE Eſq.
1555, *Edm. Barrow* O.
1578, *John Croſſe.* The Aſſignee of ROGER WOODHOUSE Eſq.
1582, Sir *Edw. Woodhouſe* Chaplain. ROGER WOODHOUSE Eſq.
1603, *John Croſs* (See fo. 584) *Tho. Browne* his Curate, return'd 40 Communicants here. Sir PHILIP WOODHOUSE.
1620, *Rob. Rowſe*, died Rector. *Ditto.*
1635, *Barth. Fenwick.* HEN. EDGERLY Gent. by Grant from Sir *Tho. Woodhouſe.* He died in the Rebellion, & Nobody was preſented, and it hath been held ever ſince without Inſtitution; the Impropriator paying 10 *l. per An.* to the ſerving Curate, who ſerves every other *Sunday*; The Rev. Mr. *Will. Gordon* of *Barnham-Broom*, is the preſent Curate.

# MORLEY.

THE CHURCH of St. *Butolph* is the Mother Church, St. *Peter*'s being only a Chapel of Eaſe, belonging to it, and had no ſeparate Rector, but was ſerved by a Curate, nominated by the Rector, at whole Pleaſure he was removed; at *Walter*'s Taxation in 1254, St. *Butolph*'s and St. *Peter*'s were taxed as one Rectory, (Maſter *Cantelupe* being then Curate of St. *Peter*'s) at 16 Marks, of which *Cantilupe*'s Portion for his Service, was eſtimated at 3 Marks; *Norwich Domeſday* tells us, the Rector had a Houſe and 30 Acres of Land, 'twas then valued at 26 Marks, the ſeparate Portion of Tithes belonging to *Caſtle-Acre* at 5 *s.* the Portion of *Thetford* Monks, at 5 *s.* It paid Procurations, and 2 *s.* Sinodals, Peter-Pence 18 *d.* and Carvage 6 *d. ob:* It is a Rectory undiſcharged, which ſtands in the King's Books thus, *Morley St. Butolph, with the Chapel of St. Peter*; it is valued at 14 *l.* 1 *s.* 2 *d. ob*: and pays Firſt Fruits, and 1 *l.* 9 *s* 1 *d.* 3 *q.* yearly Tenths, and is not capable of Augmentation. In 1382, *Tho. de Flitcham* and others, ſetled Lands here on *Flitcham* Priory, the Prior of *Bromholm* was taxed for his Temporals at 12 *d.* the Prior of *Kerſeye* for his at 7 *s.* the Prior of St. *Faith*'s at 2 *s.* the Prior of *Windham*, at 11 *s.* 10 *d.* and the Prior of *Norwich* for his, at 1 *s.* 1 *d.* The ſecond Regiſter of the Church of *Norwich* tells us, that *Walter* Son of *John Gerard* of *Morley*, gave them a Rent of 1 *d. per Ann.* and that *Robert* Son of *Ralf*, Son of *Odo*, of *Morley*, gave them 9 Acres and 3 Roods of his Fee in *Morley*, which they granted off, to be held of them by the Rent of 12 *d.* a Year. This Town paid 3 *l.* 10 *s.* to every Tenth.

The Church of St. *Butolph* hath a Nave, Chancel, and South Porch which are tiled, a large ſquare Tower and 3 Bells. The Chancel was fitted up and adorned by Sir *Thomas Warde* who was inſtituted Rector in 1480, on the Top of the Screens on the Chancel Side, is an old Drawing of that Rector, with his Name over his Head, in the Midle is the Parſonage Houſe, with the Word Rectoria, over it, on the North-Side is the Church of St. *Butolph*, and on the South, the Church of St. *Peter*, on one Side he is repreſented in a Prieſts Habit, giving Alms to the Lame, Blind, and Poor, and on the other Side, in a Shepherd's Habit, looking after a Flock of Sheep, the one to ſignify his charitable Diſpoſition, the other, that of his Paſtoral Care. In the Eaſt Window he ſtands in a rich Veſment, like that he ſerved in at the Altar, over him is a Shield, which is now reverſed, having on it a Scepter and Croſier in Saltyr, and the Letters J. W. for *John Ward* Alderman of *London*, one of his Patrons, if not Brother, and T. W. for his own Name; The Device of the Scepter and Croſier, being to ſhew the mutual Dependence of Church and State, on each other, and his own Attachment to both; his Graveſtone (as I take it to be) now lies broken upon the Chancel Floor, and was a thick Coffin Stone. The reſt of the Window which was finely adorned, is now defaced.

In the South Chancel Window is a Shield, *viz. Arg.* on a Feſs *Gul.* 3 Lyons paſſant *Or.* in chief a Label of 5 Points *Az.*

On a ſmall Braſs Plate.

**Orate pro Anima Margarete Agas cuius Anime propicietur Deus.**

On a Black Marble in the midſt of Chancel, CREST, an Eagles Head eraſed Barrulee.
GRIGSON, *G.* 2 Barrs, in chief 3 Annulets *Arg.* impaling
On a Chev. between 3 Croſlets Botone, 3 Eſcalops.
*Suſan* the Wife of *Will. Grigſon* Clerk, died 30 *Auguſt* 1713, aged 56.
*Will. Grigſon* Clerke, late Rector of this Church, died 17 *Jan:* 1725, aged 76.

At the Door of the Nave lie two old Coffin Stones, under which the Founders were interred, becauſe the Stone, the Pillars of the Door ſtand on, was laid when the Wall was built, and 'twas uſual for Founders, to reſerve Places for their own Interment, at the Door.

There is an Altar Tomb in the Yard, under which lie John Pooley Senior, who was buried Feb. 6 1708, and Priſcilla Wife of John Pooley Gent. who was buried 9 Oct. 1680, with John Pooley Junior, Son of John and Priſcilla, who was buried Oct. 4 1708.

In 1478, *Will. Mortimer* of *Morley*, Eſq; was buried in the Church-Yard, and left *Mariana* his Wife Executrix. In 1518, *Margery Haymount* was buried in the Church, and was a Benefactreſs to the Gild of St. *Butolf* held in this Church, and to the Gild of St. *Peter* held in that Church.

The Chapel of St. PETER, ſtands near three Quarters of a Mile South-Weſt of St. *Butolph*'s, on the Road leading towards *Atleburgh*, and was founded by Sir *William Bardolph* Senior, Lord *Bardolph*, before the Year 1240, the Biſhop granting him Licence ſo to do, and it being eſteemed much to the Eaſe of the Pariſhioners, it was made a Parochial Chapel, dependent on St. *Butolph*'s Church, and had Baptiſm, Sepulture, and Liberty of Adminiſtration of all the Sacraments, allowed it; the Rector, who had conſented to it's Erection, was to ſerve it by a Chaplain, and to allow him a Salary of three Marks a Year for his Service, and from the Time of it's Foundation to the Year 1375, there was a *Chaplain* named by the Rector, (who was ſometimes called *Rector* of St. *Peter*'s) and the ſeparate Salary allowed, but then it was perpetually annexed to St. *Butolph*'s, and the Rector was always to ſerve it himſelf, and be no more obliged to find a ſeparate Chaplain: In the Year 1361, Sir *John Bardolph* Lord of *Wormgeye* and Patron here, endeavoured to erect a Chantry for his own and Anceſtors Souls, and to have diverſe Prieſts Fellows of it, who ſhould ſay Daily Service in St. *Butolph*'s Church, and in Order thereto, he conveyed the Advowſon of St. *Butolph*, with St. *Peter*'s Chapel annexed, to Sir *Rich. Walkefare* Knt. and other Truſtees, who in 1363, obtained a Licence under the broad Seal of King *Edward* III. to found *Morley Chantry*, and in this Year the Living became void. There is a Deed among the Biſhop's Evidences, ſealed with his Seal, by which he appropriated the Church of St. *Butolph*, with the Chapel of St. *Peter* annexed, to the *Cuſtos* and *Chaplains* of MORLEY COLLEGE new founded, and not then ſufficiently endowed, reſerving to the Biſhop a Pention of 16*s.* a Year. It appears the Advowſon was given to the *Chantry* or *College*, and veſted in the *Cuſtos* and *Chaplains* Hands, but yet the Prior of *Norwich* would not confirm the Appropriation, as is apparent by that Part of the Deed being not ſealed nor filled up, ſo that the whole having no other Endowment, came to nothing, and *Robert de Walton*, and *John de Wineghton*, who were to have been Chaplains, and were Truſtees for the Advowſon's being ſetled, were obliged to preſent to the Rectory, and they preſented *John at Dammeſend*, who was to have been the firſt *Cuſtos*; but this was not the only attempt, for in 1447, 14 *July*, Sir *Andrew Ogard* Knt. Sir *John Clifton* Knt. and *Will. Rogers* Gent. gave the Advowſon to *Wimondham* Abby, and obtained Licence of the King for it's Appropriation, notwithſtanding which, the Convent could never obtain the Biſhops Licence, and ſo never enjoyed it, the Advowſon remaining in the Truſtees Hands 'till 1453, when Sir *Andrew* preſented to it himſelf; about 1620, and in 1676, the Inhabitants of St. *Peter*'s endeavoured to make them ſeparate Pariſhes, they would not pay towards the Repair of the Mother Church nor come to it, but on the hearing of the Cauſe, they were decreed to be but one Pariſh, only had this Liberty allowed them, to chooſe Chapel-Wardens if they pleaſed, which has been ſince ſo far extended, that the Officers and Rates are diſtinct, and Certificates as to the Poor, are given from one to the other.

The *CHAPEL* hath Part of a large ſquare Tower remaining at it's Weſt-End, in which hangs one Bell, the Nave is leaded, the Chancel and South Porch are tiled. There are five Black Marbles by the Altar.

Creſt, a Goats Head eraſed *Er.*

SEDLEY, *Az.* a Feſs Wavy, between 3 Goats Heads eraſed *Er.* impaling *Er.* on a pile in Point a Leopards Face jeſſant.

1. M. S. Here repoſited are the Remains of EDW. SEDLEY of MORLEY in the County of NORFOLK Eſq; deſcended from JOHN SEDLEY of SOUTH-FLEET in the County of KENT Eſq; the Anceſtor of the Baronets of that Name. EDWARD SEDLEY married MARY Daughter of HEN. SOMNER of DINTON in BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Eſq; by whom having no Iſſue, gave his Eſtate to HENRY SOMNER, under the Obligation of taking the Name of SEDLEY, he being Nephew to him, and alſo to MARY his Wife. EDW. SEDLEY died 12 Sept. 1727, aged 57.

2. John Son of Will. Sedley Eſq; died 10 Oct. 1712, aged 49.

3. Anne Wife of Will. Sedley Eſq; died 8 Nov. 1709, aged 70.

4. William Sedley Eſq; died 10 Oct. 1704, aged 64.

5. Abigail Daughter of William and Anne Sedley died Aug. 19 1709, aged 30.

There is a Monument againſt the North-Wall in the Nave, having the Arms of *Sedley* quartering *Mounteneye*, and ſeveral other imperfect Coats, and this Inſcription.

MARTINE SEDLEY Eſquier, deſcended from the Worſhipfull and antiente Famelye of the SEDLYES of South-Fleete in Kent, and of Elizabeth Daughter and Heyre of THO. MOUNTENEY of Mountneſing in Eſſex Eſq; had to his firſt Wife ANNE, deſcended of the antiente and Worſhipfull Famelye of the SHELTONS of Shelton, by whom he had Iſſue, Edmonde who died without Iſſue, Sir Ralphe Knt. and Amy who married to John Smythe Eſquier, and ſurviving the ſaid Anne, he toke to his ſecond Wife, Abigail, deſcended of the Worſhipfull and antiente Famelye of the KNYVETTES of Aſhwell-Thorpe, & had Iſſue by her, MARTINE, who married Bridget the Daughter of Sir JOHN PETTUS of Norwiche Knighte, Robert, and Abigail, who died without Iſſue, MERIEL who married to BRAMPTON GURDON of Aſſington in Suffolk Eſquier, and at his Age of 78, in the Year of Grace 1609, happelye exchanged this Tranſitory for an Eternal Lyfe. In Memorie of whom, the ſayde Abigail his ſorrovfull Wiffe, as a Teſtimony of her Love & Pyetye, hath erected this Monumente.

In the North Chancel Window, is a Shield of Chequy *Arg.* & *Gul.* and in the Yard at the South Eaſt Corner of the Chancel, lies a fine ridged Coffin Stone, with a broad plain Croſs carved on it, under which 'tis to be preſumed, one of the Rectors was interr'd.

Theſe Arms were formerly in the Windows, *viz.* Lord *Morley*, *Ufford*, *Vauz*, *Arundell*, *Matravers*, Lord *Lovell*, Lord *Scales*, *&c.*

## RECTORS.

1244 John Son of Elen de Thomſton. Sir Will. Bardolf Senior, Ld. Bardolf. Becauſe this William would not be divorced from Chriſtian his wife, but held that his marriage was lawfull, and that Prieſts according to the Apoſtle's doctrine and example might marry, he was deprived, in

1258, and Will. de Saham was preſented by the ſame Patron.

1316, Ponceard de Monte-Martini. Sr. Tho. Bardolf. Knt.

Ymbert de Monte-Martini. Sr. T. Bardolf Ld. of Wormgeye

1218, Rob. de Appehage Prieſt. D°.

1327, Tho. de Caylly of Wroxham Prieſt. D°.

1329, Robert of Wiclewood. D°.

1333, Maſter Hugh of Hakeford. The King as Gaurdian to the heir of Sir Tho. Bardolf.

1349, Edm. Flaundry of Paſton. Sir John Bardolph of Wormgey.

1375, Sr. John at Dammeſend alias Elmham, buried in St. Butolf's Chancel in 1418. Rob. de Walton, John de Wineghton Clerks, Truſtees.

1418, Rob. Ellot was inſtituted by his Proctor, Roger Prat Rector of Hegham by Norwich. William Weſtacre Archdeacon of Norwich, Walter Eton, and John Biskele Citizens of Norwich. He reſigned.

1435, John Howlet. Ralf Lord Cromwell, Will. Eſtfield and Tho. Dale. He reſigned.

1439, Howlet reſigned to Ellot. W. Eſtfield Kt. Alderman of London.

William Sparrow, who died Rector.

1451, Maſter Tho. Winchcombe. he reſigned.

1453, Sir Richard Eſh Prieſt, who was buried in 1466 in St. Peters Chancel. Sir Andrew Ogard Knt.

1466, Maſter Stephen Maynard, who died Rector.

1480, Sir Thomas Ward Prieſt, whom I have already mentioned. Will. Purchas of London Mercer, John Forteſcue Eſq; Will. Boleyn, Henry Heydon, Will. Southwell, Eſqrs. John Ward Alderman and Grocer of London, Henry Spelman, and Thomas Lovel Gents.

1500, William Pake. James Hobart Gent.

1535, Sir Nicholas Hart Chaplain, he died Rector.

1548, Sir Peter Gale Chaplain. Anne Hobart Widow.

1571, Edw. Clerke. Owen Hobart Gent.

1589, Will. Caſtleton. Tho. Hopkins, by Grant from Cw. Hobart.

1616, Edm. Topcliffe A. M. on Caſtleton's Reſignation, he returned 138 Communicants. Sir Henry Hobart Knt. and Bart. Lord Chief Juſtice of the Kings Bench.

1631, Will. Hyde A. M. Miles Hobart Eſq.

1674, Will. Grigſon A. M. on Hyde's Death. D°.

1726, The Rev. John Francis LL. B. (now LL, D.) the preſent Rector, holds it united to the Rectory of St. John in the Madder-Market in Norwich. Thornhaugh Gurdon Eſq. Patron of this Turn.

The Advowſon belonged to the Manor of *Shadwell*'s and *Cockarell*'s, but when that was ſold to *William Grigſon*, it was excepted by the Seller Mr. *John Whitefoot*, whoſe Daughter married Mr. *James Elmy* of *Norwich*, to whom Mr. *Whitefoot* gave the Advowſon, and the ſaid *James* is the preſent Patron,

Dr. *Grigſon*'s Seat here, is the Manor Houſe of *Shadwell*'s and *Cockarell*'s, in *Morley* St. *Butolph*, and ſtands about half a Mile Weſt of that Church, againſt *Morley-Green*.

The Manor Houſe, and antient Seat of the *Sedley*'s, is in St. *Peter*'s, and ſtands about half a Mile Weſtward of that Church.

At the Time of the Conqueſt there were two Manors, which ſtill continue.

## *The* MANOR *of* MORLEY-HALL.

At the Confeſſor's Survey, contained two Carucates, the Prieſt or Rector had one, and 5 Freemen the other, and 'twas then worth 60*s.* but at the Conqueſt 40*s.* only, as *Domeſday* informs us, at fo. 94.

Terre Willi: de Warenna. Feorhou H. et dim.

In MORLEA, ii Car. terre. unam tenuit i Presbyter, et aliam v liberi homines: ⁊ Presbyter habebat xix Bord. ⁊ T. R. E. v Car. m° iii. ⁊ v Acr: prati, tunc valuit lx s. Modo xl. ⁊ v liberi homines habebant ſub ſe. x bord. ſemp. ii Car. ⁊ v Acr. prati, ⁊ val. xl s.

From this Time the Manor paſſed with the Town of *Hingham*, (as you may ſee at fo. *672, &c.*) 'till it came to the Morley's: the *Atlas* of *Norfolk* P. 308, tells us, "that this "Town is Famous for giving Name to this Family, which hath afforded ſeveral Men of "Worth and Honour, as well as Wealth, as *Robert de Morley*, Lord *Morley*, Admiral of "the Northern Fleet; *Thomas* Lord *Morley*, Marſhal of *Ireland, &c.*" *Matthew de Morley* held it at two Fees, (See fo. 30.] in 1253, Sir *Robert de Morley* had Free-Warren granted him here, and in *Roydon*; it continued with *Hingham* 'till after 1359, when Sir *Will. de Morley* Knt. aſſigned it to Sir *Robert Morley* Knt. his half Brother, he being eldeſt Son to *Robert* deceaſed, by *Joan* his ſecond Wife; this *Robert* was often in the *French* Wars, and died in 1385, leaving Sir *Robert de Morley* Knt. his Son, who in 1401, held this Manor of the Manor of *Hockering* at one Fee, which his Couzin *Thomas* Lord *Morley* then held, in 1414, he and *Petronill* his Wife had this, *Gloſthorp*, and *Frameſden* in *Suffolk*, and died ſoon after, leaving it to *Thomas Morley* Knt. his Son, who died in 1416, and *Robert Morley* his Brother inherited, who in 1466, was Executor to *Rich. Eſſh*, Rector here; ſoon after 1490, I find *Eliz. Morley* (his Wife as I take it) was buried in the Nuns Church at *Carowe*, in the Will, ſhe calls the Earl of *Suffolk* her Brother; at their Deaths without Male Iſſue, the Manor reverted to the Lord *Morley*, and ſo became joined again to *Hingham*, and paſſed with that, in the Family of the Parkers 'till 1545, when it was ſold by Sir *Henry Parker* Knt. and *Eliz.* his Wife, to *John*, *William*, and *Martin Sedley*, and their Heirs, the Quit-Rents being then about 8*l. per Ann.* This *John*, was of *South-Fleet* in *Kent*, and by *Eliz. Cotton* of *Staffordſhire* his Wife, had *William* and *Martin* aforeſaid, *William* the eldeſt Son had Iſſue, *John*, whoſe Son *William* was created a Baronet, but the Manor was given to *Martin* the ſecond Son, who came and ſetled here, he married *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir of *John Mounteney*, of *Mountneſing* in *Eſſex*, and was ſucceeded by *Martine* his Son and Heir, who died in 1609, and was buried here; by *Anne Shelton* his firſt Wife, he had two Sons and three Daughters, Sir *Ralph* his ſecond Son married, but left no Iſſue, ſo that *Martine* his Eldeſt Son by *Abigail Knevet* his ſecond Wife, inherited, he married *Bridget* Daughter of Sir *John Pettus* of *Norwich*, by whom he had many Children, *John Sidley* his Son and Heir of *Barford* and *Morley*, married *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *William Spring* of *Pakenham* Knt. by whom he had *Will. Sedley* his Son and Heir, who married *Anne* Daughter and Heir of *Peter Wetherick* of *Norwich*, and Heir to her Grandfather *Edm. Boreman* of *Norwich*, they left *Martin* their Son and Heir, whoſe Son *Edward Sidley*, married *Mary* Daughter of *Henry Somner* of *Buckinghamſhire*, who died without Iſſue in 1727, leaving his Eſtate to Henry Somner the preſent Lord, who according to the Will of *Edward*, hath taken the Name of Sedley.

## *The* MANOR *of* SHADWELL'S *or* COCKARELL'S,

Was owned by *Ralf de Beauſo*, at the Conqueror's Survey, and by *Lewin* a Freeman at the Confeſſor's, when 'twas worth 40*s.* a Year, there were ſeveral Freemen added to it in the Conqueror's Time, when the *Soke* or *Paramountſhip* belonged to *Hingham*, as an appendant to the Hundred; this Town was better than a Mile long, and as much broad, and paid 14*d.* 3*q. Gelt*, as we learn from *Domſday* fo. 213.

Morlea tenuit Leuuinus liber homo T. R. E. i Caꝛ: terre pꝛo Maneꝛio, modo tenet Hugo. ſemper ix Vill: tunc i Caꝛ: & dim: m° ii & dim: Caꝛ: hominum, & iii Acꝛ: pꝛati, ſempeꝛ i runc: tunc i An: m°. ii. tunc viii Poꝛc. m° xlvii. & v liberi hoes: T. R. E. Soca illoꝛum in Hincham Regis, ſemper val: xl s. huic Maneꝛio additi ſunt xiiii. liberi homines lx Acꝛ. terre & ii Caꝛ: & iii Acꝛ: pꝛati, & val. xl Sol. Iſti fuerunt homines Stigandi, Soca in Hincham, & preter hoc, ſunt additi ii Liberi homines. T. R. Willi: xxx Acꝛ: & val: xxii Sol: unus fuit homo Stigandi, & alter Regis, Soca eoꝛum in Hincham, & habent dim: leug: in longo & dim: in lato, & xiiii d. & iii Feord: in Gelto.

Whither *Hugh* that held it under *Beauſo* at the Conqueſt, was an Anceſtor of the *Bardolph*'s, I don't know, but find it in the Lord *Bardolf* very early, in whoſe Family it continued many Ages, as the Inſtitutions ſhew you; it after belonged to the *Cromwell*'s, *Ogard*'s and *Lovell*'s, by whoſe Truſtees it was ſold to the *Hobart*'s, in whoſe Family it continued 'till after 1674, when it was ſold by *Miles Hobart* Eſq; to Sir *Joſeph Pain* of *Norwich*, whoſe Grandſon and Heir *Rob. Pain* gave it to *Suſanna* his Siſter, who married The Rev. Mr. *John Whitefoot*, Rector of *Heigham* by *Norwich*, and they ſold it to *Will. Grigſon* Rector of *Morley*, whoſe Son Robert Grigson M. D. is now Lord. The Patronage was excepted on the Sale, and hath paſſed as is before obſerved.

BEREFORD

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COMMONLY called *BARFORD*, from Beꞃe or Baꞃ, *Bread-Corn*, and ꝼoꞃꝺ, a Paſſage over the River, ſo that it is the Village by the *Ford*, famous for Wheat or *Bread-Corn*; in the Confeſſor's Days 'twas in two Parts, the firſt belonged to *Guert*, as an appendant to his Manor of *Coſſey*, which at the Conqueror's Survey belonged to *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, it was ſeven Furlongs long and ſix broad, and paid 13 *d. ob*: *Gelt*, as you may ſee under *Coſſey*, at fo. 655. To this Part belonged a Mediety of the Advowſon, which was in the Gift of the Lord of *Coſſey*, 'till *Alan de Rohan* Lord there, gave it to *Bon-Repos* Abby in *Normandy*, and 'twas confirmed by *Henry* III. in 1226, and in 1234, *Eudo* Abbot there, conveyed it to the Prior of the Cathedral Church at *Norwich*, *Rich. de Sipton* Dean of *Hingham*, and others being Witneſſes, and in 1250, *Walter de Suffield* Biſhop of *Norwich*, appropriated it to the Monks, who were to ſerve it by a Stipendary Prieſt, (there being no Vicarage endowed) and to have the Houſe and 12 Acres of Land, and all the Profits, which were afterwards divided among them, Part being ſetled on the *Prior*, Part on the *Almoner*, and Part on other Officers in the Convent, the whole of their Spirituals beieg taxed at 6 Marks, and their Temporals at 6*s*. and ever ſince, this Mediety hath continued in the Church of *Norwich*, and this Part of the Town, with the Manor of *Coſſey*, to which it now belongs; the Lord of *Coſſey* being now Lord *Paramount* of it.

The other Part was held by *Stigand* at the Confeſſor's Survey, and by *Ralf de Beaufoe* at the Conqueror's, of whom *Richard* then held it, the *Soke* or *Paramountſhip* of this Part, belonged then to *Hingham*, as it now doth, Sir *John Woodhouſe* Bart. being Lord of it's *Lete*, in Right of his Hundred, which is appendant to that Manor. *Domeſday* fo. 213, gives us this Account of it.

Terra Radi: de Bellofago. H. Feorhou.

Bereforda tenuit Stigandus ad Socam, T. R. E. xxx Acꝛ: terre, modo tenet Ricardus, ſemp: viii Vill. ⁊ i Caꝛ: in dnio: ⁊ i Caꝛ: hom: iii Acꝛ. pꝛati, ⁊ val. xx Sol. Jn eadem xxx Acꝛ. tenuit liber homo. T. R. E. ſub Stigando, Soca in Hincham Regis, ⁊ val: v Sol.

This afterwards became three Manors, called *Barford-Hall*, (to which the Mediety of the Rectory belonged) *Flint-Hall*, and *Saham's*, or *Soham-Hall*.

## BARFORD-HALL MANOR,

Was held by [*a*] *Ribald de Midleham*, a Younger Brother to *Alan* ſirnamed *The Black*, the ſecond Earl of *Richmond*, who had the Lordſhip of *Midleham* in *Yorkſhire*, given him by his Brother *Alan*, from which he took his Name; he was ſucceeded by *Ralf* his Son and Heir, and he by *Robert* his Son, whoſe Son *Ralph*, left it his Son and Heir, who was alſo named *Ralph*, he aſſumed the Name of *Ralf Fitz-Ralf*, and died in 1269, leaving his two Daughters his Heirs, *Joan* the ſecond Daughter married to *Robert de Tateſhall*, and *Mary*, to *Rob. de Nevile*, who had the Manor of *Midleham &c.* with this Manor and Advowſon, ſhe ſurvived, and held it to 1284, in which Year ſhe died, leaving it to *Ralf Nevile* her Son and Heir, who died in 1330, leaving *Ralf* Lord *Nevile* and *Raby*, her Son and Heir, who preſented here in 1355, and died in 1366; he ſold it to Sir *Robert Knowles* Knt. for Life, who preſented in 1406, at whoſe Death it went to *Ralf Nevile* Earl of *Weſtmorland*, Grandſon of the laſt *Ralph*, his Father *John* dying in 1388, in the Lifetime of Sir *Rob. Knowls*; This Earl died in 1425, but before his Death, conveyed the Lordſhip of *Bereford*, and the Mediety, to *George de Nevile* Lord *Latimer*, [*b*] his Son by his ſecond Wife, and he preſented in right of the Manor in 1435, and was Lord at his Death in 1468, Sir *Henry Nevile* Knt. his eldeſt Son, being ſlain the ſame Year in the Battle of *Edgecotefield*, *Richard Nevile* Lord *Latimer* his Grandſon, Son of the ſaid *Henry*, ſucceeded him, and died in 1530, leaving *John Nevile* Lord *Latimer*, his Son and Heir, from which Time the Mediety of the Advowſon, hath paſſed with the Advowſon of *Fersfield*, as you may ſee at fo. 55, 56, but the Manor was ſold from it, and afterwards was held by the *Sedley's*, along with *Morley-Hall* [*c*] in *Morley*, 'till *John Sedley* gave it to *Martine Sedley* of *Barford* his ſecond Son, who ſold it to *John Gooſe*, with the united Manors of *Flint-Hall*, and *Soham-Hall*, and now it belongs to *Will. Brooks* Eſq; Steward of *Norwich*, in Right of his late Wife.

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[*a*] For this Family ſee Dug. Bar. V. 1. fo. 52. [*b*] See Dug. Bar. V. 1. fo. 291. 313. Vincent 588. [*c*] See fo. 708.

## MIKELKER *or* FLINT-HALL MANOR,

Was ſold in 1280, by *Robert* Son of *John de Mickleker*, (or *of the Great Car*) in *Bereford*, to *John Flint* of *Norwich* Senior, at whoſe Death, *John* his Son and Heir inherited, he held it in 1348, of the Manor of *Hetherſet*, by the 8*th* Part of a Fee, and the Rent of 6*s*. *per Ann.* in 1501, *Thomas Bathecroft* of *Little-Melton*, gave his Part of *Flynt*'s Manor to *Chriſtian* his Wife. In 1521, *Edward Tillis* gave his Moiety of it, to *Avice* his Wife for Life, it was afterwards purchaſed and joined again by *Henry Riches* Eſq; who about 1573, ſold it to *Martin Sedley* Eſq; who united it to his Manor of *Barford-Hall.*

## ESTHALL, SAHAM, *or* SOHAM-HALL MANOR,

Was held of the Barony of *Rhye*, as of the Manor of *Hockering* at half a Fee, and belonged to *John le Botiler*, in the Beginning of *H.* III. Time, and after that to *Will. Bereford.* In the Year 1256, *Brian* Son and Heir of *John de Bereford*, Son of *William* and *Julian* his Wife had it, at his Death ſhe married *John de Eſthall*, (by whoſe Name the Manor was ſometimes called) in 1271, *Hugh le Parker* and *Avice* his Wife, ſold it to *William* Son of *Ralf de Saham* Clerk, from whom it aſſumed it's preſent Name; this *Avice* was Daughter and Heireſs of *Brian de Bereford*, which Family continued here many Years, the Deſcendents from the younger Children being numerous; *Nich. de Bereford* ſold Lands here to *Rob. de Berford*, and I meet with ſeveral Knights of this Name in the County. In 1283, *Rich. de Saham* was Lord here; in 1363, *James de Blickling* of *Norwich*, and *Chriſtian* his Wife, ſold it to *Rob. Elys* and *Nic. Whitefoot*, and in 1315, *Chriſtopher de Gelham* had it, and in 1345, *William*, Son of *Rob. Curſon* was Lord for Life: in 1374, *William*, Son of *John Elys* of *Great-Yarmouth* and *Maud* his Wife, ſold a Mediety of it to *Adam Humfrey* of *Repham*, *Maud* his Wife, and *Giles* their Son. and his Heirs, and in 1384, Sir *Thomas Morieux* Knt. *Rob. Garneys*, *Stephen Wyvil*, *Rob. Methe*, and *Alice* Widow of Sir *Tho. Gerbrige* Knt. ſetled it on *Wyvil* in Truſt; In 1401, *William*, Son of *Rob. Curſon*, and *Rich. Blomevile*, had it, in 1525, Sir *John Heydon* Knt. was concerned in it; in 1545, *Chriſt. Heydon* Knt. ſold it to *John Legat* and *Tho. Smith*, and in 1564, *Will. Legat* Gent. ſold his half to *Rob. Wyncope*, who joined with *Smith* and ſold the whole to *Martin Sedley* Eſq; who joined it to *Barford-Hall*, with which it now remains.

In the Conqueror's Survey 'tis ſaid the Abbot of St. *Bennet*'s in the *Holm*, had 30 Acres of Land here, of which there is no Mention afterwards. *(Doms.* 192.)

Terra Sci: Benedicti de Holmo, ad Victum Monachorum Feorhou h.

In BEREFORT xxx Acr: tru: S. B.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Butolph*; *Norwich Domeſday* tells us, that the Rector of the Mediety had a Houſe and 12 Acres of Glebe, that each Mediety was valued at ſix Marks, and paid 6*s*. 8*d*. Procurations, 2*s*. 1*d*. Sinodals, no Peter-Pence, and 6*d*. *ob*: Carvage, from all which the Impropriate Mediety was excuſed: Here was a Gild in Honour of St. *Butolph*, and there were two Altars at the Eaſt-End of the Nave, one on each Side, they were dedicated to St. *Mary* and St. *Nicholas*, the Mediety ſtands thus in the King's Books, "*Barford Un' med*" *R*. 4*l*. 8*s*. 4*d*." Value, but being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 22*l*. 19*s*. 8*d*. it is diſcharged of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation. This Town paid 44*s*. to every Tenth.

The Church conſiſts of a Nave and Chancel, both which are leaded, the South Porch is tiled, the Tower is ſquare, and hath 3 Bells, the Nave is 32 Feet long and 27 broad, the Chancel is 26 Feet long and 18 broad, and the Tower is about 50 Feet high.

In the Chancel on a Braſs Plate, are SEDLEY's Arms and Creſt.

Robert, ſecond Son of Martine Sedley of Morley Eſq. by his ſecond Wife, Daughter of Tho. Knyvett of Aſhwell-thorp Eſq. died June 30 1613.

Bridget, Wife of Martine Sedley of Barford Eſq. Daughter of Sir John Pettus of Norwich, died Oct. 28 1652. The Arms of PETTUS.

Martine Sedley of Barford Eſq. deſcended from the Sedley's of South-fleet in Kent, died Jan. 23 Anno Domini, 1652.

SPRING, *Arg.* on a Chev. ingrail'd between 3 Maſcles *Gul.* 3 Cinquefoils of the Field.

**Eliz. wife of Jn. Sedley of Barfd. Eſq. Dr. of Will. Spring of Pakenham, ob. 24 Nov. 1679. 57.**

**John Sedley of Barford Eſq. died Sept. 28, 1681, æt. 71.**

**Mary Wife of Jeremiah Revans Clerk, Sept. 29 1711.**

**Clement Parke of Barford, Son of Clement Parke of Hingham, of the ancient Family of the Parke's of Barford, died April 27, A. D. 1687, Æt. 53.**

RECTORS.

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1308, Nic. de Hederſete. Mary de Nevile Lady of Midleham.
1340, Will: de Rudham, R. }
1350, Will. of York. } Ralf Lord Nevile Lord
1351, Tho. of Wilton. } Raby.
1355, Rich. Aſorte. }
1406, Benedict Kyng, buried in the Chancel in 1420. Sir Rob. Knowles Knt. who purchaſed the Manor of North-Pykenham, and this Advowſon, of Sir Ralph Nevile Knt.
1421, Sir John Prys. } Sir Ralph Nevile E. of Weſtmorland.
1423, Walter Hert } Exchange for Depham.
Sir John Loudman, R.
1435, John Fulbourn R. George de Nevile Lord Latymer, in Right of his Lordſhip of Bereford, which Sir Ralph Nevile his Father, gave him.
1439, Sir Rich. Barbour. Ditto He was deprived.
1441, Tho. Thurleby. Rich. Oldomer, Attorney to George Nevile Lord Latymer, who was in the King's Service beyond Sea. He reſigned.
1451, Sir Tho. Alford, died R. George Nevile Lord Latymer.
1466, Sir John Brigge, who was buried in the Chancel in 1481, Ditto.
1481, Sir Rob. Clerk, died R. The Right Rev. Father in God, Thomas, Cardinal of St. Ciriac in Thermis, Archbiſhop of Canterbury, and the Popes Legat, for this Turn only.
1504, Sir Tho. Skynner, died Rector. Lapſe.
1535, Sir Rob. Shypton. John Nevile Knt. Lord Latymer.
Rob. Shypton. He was deprived.
1554, Nic. Appleby, died R. Lapſe.
1591, Will. Morvilte. Elizabeth, Relict of Francis Downes, by Grant from Rob. Conſtable, who had it of the Lord Latymer, but it was ſet aſide.
1591, John Cook, on Appleby's Death. Sir Tho. Cecill Knt and Dame Dorothy his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir of the Lord Latymer. united to Colton. He returned Anſwer that he had 82 Communicants, that he ſerved one Mediety as Curate to the Church of Norwich, to which it was appropriated. He died Rector.
1637, Rich. Gammon. Richard Gammon Clerk, S. T. B. by Grant from John Cook of Colton Clerk, who purchaſed it of William Piercy of London Eſq; the true Patron. He died Rector.
1637, Will. Bun, he was buried at Buxton Feb. 3 1661. Anthony Wingfield Bart. Co-heir of the Lord Latymer.
1662, Sam. Harding, A. M. Sir Rob. Wingfield Bart.
1693, Jeremias Revans. The Biſhop. But it was proved the Biſhop had no Right, and the Inſtitution was voided.
1699, Jeremias Revans. Sir Henry Wingfield Bart.
1727, John Wingfield A. M. Anthony Wingfield Eſq; his Father. He had a Writ of Quare impedit brought againſt him: by Lord Rochford, and was outed.
1730, The Rev. Mr. Sam. Carter, the preſent Rector, holds it united to Colton. Frederick Earl of Rochford, whoſe Son the preſent Earl of Rochford, is now Patron.

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# WRAMPLINGHAM

WAS in three Parts at the Time of the Survey, two belonged to *Coſſey*, (as you may ſee at fo. 655,) and the third was held by *Edwin* in the Confeſſor's Time, and was given by the Conqueror to *Godric* his *Sewer*, of whom *Ralf* held it; this contained the greateſt Part of the Town, which was about a Mile long and as much broad, and paid 9*d*. *Gelt*, and the *Soke* or Paramountſhip belonged to *Hingham*, as appendant to the Hundred. An Account of this Manor we have in *Domeſday* at fo. 164.

Feorhou h. Terre Godrici Dapiferi.

WARAMPLINCHAM Radulfus, xlv Acr: terre tenuit Eduinus, liber homo T. R. E. ſemper ii Vill: ⁊ vi bord. ⁊ iiii Acr. prati, ⁊ dim: Mol. ⁊ iii Car: tunc val xx Sol. mº. xl. ⁊ totum Waranplicham habet dim: Leug. in longo, ⁊ dim. in lato, ⁊ ix d. de Gelto. Soca in Hincham Regis.

The Manor and Advowſon came very early to the *Helgeton*'s, Sir *Tho. de Helgheton* was Lord, in 1233, *Aſcelina* Mother of *John de Helgeton*, held a third Part of it in Dower, in 1235, the ſaid *John* held a Fee and half in *Helgeton*, and this Town, of the Fees of the Earl of *Arundel*, and one Quarter of a Fee here of *Hugh le Veer*, and he of *Robert de Tateſhale*; he was Lord here in 1289; in 1304, *John* Son of *John de Helgheton* and *Claricia* his Wife owned the Manor, and in 1308, *Claricia* then a Widow, conveyed to *Roger de Martleſham* and *Jemina* his Wife, a Part of it for their Lives only, and in 1315, the ſaid *Claricia* and *Emma de Martleſham* had it, in 1323, *John de Helewton*, *Roger de Kerdeſton*, and *Tho. de Helweton* occur Lords, about which Time it was divided, *John de Taverham*, purchaſed the Advowſon and a Quarter of a Fee, being about half the Manor, and *John de Helgeton* had the other half ſtill for Life; in 1369, 'twas join'd again, and *John* Son of *Adam de Taverham*, and *Cicily* his Wife conveyed it to *John de Whitewell* and his Truſtees, in 1397, Sir *John White* was Lord, and after him *Robert White* Eſq; his Son, in 1448, *Roger Brom*, *Rich. Docket*, and *Will. Lymnor* were Lords, but whither as Feoffees I can't ſay, in 1444, *Tho. Lymnor* of *Shoteſham*, granted to *John Appleyerd* and *Tho. Shuldham* Eſqrs. an Annuity out of the Manor, which the ſaid *Appleyerd* in 1463, aſſigned to *Simon White*, *Will. Woodhouſe*, and *Stephen Curſon* Eſqrs. In 1479, *Will. White* Eſq; had it, in 1496, *Simon White* Eſq; in 1535, *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, had the Revertion of the Manor after certain Years to come, during the Life of one *George White* a Fool Natural, Son and Heir of *John White* Eſq; all which Right he conveyed to *Edmund White* of *Shoteſham* Eſq; next Heir, who preſented in 1549, *Margaret White* Widow, who held the Advowſon in Jointure being then dead. In 1550, the ſaid *Edmund* died ſeized, and *Anne* his Siſter and Heir, then married to *Hen. Doyley*, inherited, who about 1558, ſold it to *Hen. Richers* Eſq; from whom it went to *Will. Thornton* Gent. of whom *Rob. Thornton* had it, and after him, it came to *John Thornton*, who was Lord in 1572; and in 1596, *Rob. Thornton* who was alſo Lord in 1612; I meet with nothing further in Relation to it, but am informed that it belonged to *John Marſham*, and now to Mr. *Buckle*.

## HILL'S MANOR,

Was a Part of the aforeſaid Manor of *Wramplingham*, granted at firſt to a Family of the ſame Name with the Village, from whom it came to *John at the Hill*, from whom it took it's Name, *Walter de Wramplingham*, *William* his Son and *Richard* his Brother were Lords of it; in 1249, *John del Hill*, and *Baſil de Todenham* held it at a Quarter of Fee of *Joan de Tateſhall* and ſhe of the Earl of *Richmond*, in this Year *Aſceline de Wramplingham* ſold Lands here to *Wil. de Tudenham* and *Baſil* his Wife, and it was agreed that the ſaid *Baſil*, who was Siſter of *Will. de Wramplingham*, ſhould inherit at her Death; in 1287, *Baſil* was a Widow, and releaſed all her Right to *Will. de Tudenham* her Son, in 1289, the ſaid *William* and *John del Hill*, were Lords, and each had a Moiety; at this Time the Bailiff of *Coſſey*, proſecuted them for felling Wood and Timber on the Waſte of *Wramplingham*, but they proved their Right, by ſhewing *Coſſey* had nothing to do in *Wramplingham*, only in thoſe Lands that were held of it. In 1315, *John del Hill*, and *Warine de Tudenham*, were Lords, in 1345, *John* Son of *Richard de Melton*, held *Tudenham*'s Moiety of *Hetherſet* Manor, at a Quarter of a Fee. In 1401, *Rich. de Melton* had it, *Will. atte Hill* holding his Moiety at a Quarter of a Fee of the Honour of *Richmond*. In 1505, *Rich. Braſyer* Alderman of *Norwich*, gave his Manor called HILLES, to *Katherine* his Wife for Life, and then to be be ſold, what became of it after I don't find but it ſeems as if *Martin Sedley* Eſq; had it, in 1571.

## BAINARD'S Free-Tenement.

Was taken out of the Manor of *Wramplingham*, *Great-Melton*, *Barford*, *Windham*, and *Kimberley*, it contained a Capital Meſſuage, in which the *Bainard*'s dwelt, 200 Acres of Land and 20*s*. Rent, and was held of *Hetherſet* Manor by Knights Service. In 1294, *Roger*, Son of *Jeffry Bainard* and *Mariana* his Wife, was Lord of this, and *Eaſthall* in *Gaſthorp*, as you may ſee at fo. 168. In 1315, *Rich. Bainard* had it, in 1340, *Edw. Downes* Gent. died, leaving *Francis* his Son and Heir, in 1592, *Edw. Downes* had it, but of the Owners ſince that Time, I find nothing mentioned in the Records.

The Prior of *Windham*'s Manor extended hither, and he had Free-Warren allowed him in all his Lands here, which were taxed at 28*s*. 3*q*.

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Peter* and *Paul*, and is a Rectory valued at 5*l*. 4*s*. 9*d*. *ob*: but being ſworn of the clear yearly Value, of 45*l*. 2*d*. it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation; when *Norwich Domeſday* was wrote, the Rector had a Houſe and 12 Acres of Land, the Living was valued then at 12 Marks, and paid 2*s*. 8*d*. Sinodals, 6*s*. 8*d*. Procurations, 12*d*. Peter-Pence, and 8*d*. *ob*: Carvage, the Town paid 2*l*. 3*s*. 8*d*. to each Tenth, the Temporals of the Prior of *Norwich*, were taxed at 2*s*. In 1540, *Edward Downes* Gent. was buried in the Church, and in 1470, *Avice Stone* Widow, gave Legacies to the new roofing of the Church, to make a new Window on the South-Side of the Rood-Loft, to find a Light before the Image of St. *Eraſmus*, and to the Gild of St. *Peter* held in the Church.

The Chancel is a fine Building, erected as I am apt to think, by Sir *John Canel* Rector, who was buried in it in 1448, under a Stone now robbed of it's Braſſes, but have the Impreſſion of a Cup and Wafer ſtill on it; there are ſix regular Windows on each ſide, and in each of them was one of the 12 Apoſtles, there are no Memorials of any kind, either in Church, Chancel, or Church-Yard, the Shield of *Vert* 9 Eſcallops *Arg*. 3. 3. 2. 1. being now gone. The Nave is leaded, and is 46 Feet long, and 17 broad, the Chancel is thatched, and is 32 Feet long, and 16 broad, the South Porch is tiled, the Tower is round at Bottom and Sexangular at Top, and hath 3 Bells, on one of which is this.

AVE. MARIA. GRACIA, PLENA, DOMINUS. TECUM.

RECTORS.

## RECTORS.

1278, John the Chaplain. Will: de Whitewell, this Turn.
1304, John Son of John de Helgheton. John de Helgheton his Father, and Claricia his Wife.
1338, Maſter Will. de Eſton. John de Taverham.
1341, Jeffery de Corpeſty. John de Corpeſty, this Turn.
1361, Hen: de Old-Bek of Wichingham. John de Taverham.
1397, John Jeneſon of Smaleburgh. Sir John White Knt.
1417, Sir Tho. Boſe.
Tho. Ermelyn, or Grimelyn,
died R. of Wetyng St. Mary. Rob. White Eſq.
1418, Sir John Canel. Ditto.
1448, Sir Will. Robyns. Rob. Brom Eſq; Rich. Docket and Will. Lymnor Gent. He died Rector.
1479, Sir Abel Bramfield, O. Will. White Eſq.
1496, Sir Stephen Chamberlain, O. Simon White Eſq.
1538, Sir John Baxter O. Margaret White Widow.
1549, Sir Tho. Gayton Chaplain O. Edmund White Gent.
1556, Roger Sedal O. Henry Doylie Eſq.
1559, Lancelot Robinſon Prieſt, reſigned. Hen. Richers Eſq.
1559, Sir Simon Jeſſe O. Ditto.
1568, Sir Edw. Beales, he returned 72 Communicants in 1603 Will. Thornton Gent.
1612, John Benton A. M. John Thornton Gent. Aſſignee of Rob. Thornton.
1638, Nathaniel Joceline A. M. Richard Johnſon Clerk, and Thomas Manſfield for this Turn. R.
1660, Jonathan Clapham O. The *King* by Lapſe.
1661, 22 Feb. The Rev. Mr. John Brandon, the preſent Rector. Mary Marſham Widow, Gaurdian of John and Anne Marſham. He holds it united to Melton-Parva.

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# *LITTLE-ELINGHAM.*

Terra Rogeri Bigoti. (Doms. fo. 118.) Feorhou. H.

ALUNCHAM STANART Anglus dim: Caꝛ: terre, tenet pꝛo Manerio quam tenuit Aluinus. T. R. E. tunc v Boꝛd. ſempeꝛ ii Serv. Silva xii Poꝛc. ⁊ iii Acꝛ: prati, ſemper i Car: in Dnio: ⁊ dim Caꝛ. hom: ſemper ii runc: ⁊ viii Anim: ⁊ vi Poꝛc. ⁊ xx Oves. ⁊ ii. vaſa apum. ⁊ i Soc. ⁊ dim: xxvii Acꝛ. tunc valuit xx Sol: m°. xxv.

This is the Part of *Little-Elingham*, lying in *Forehoe* Hundred, which was a ſeparate Manor, belonging to AILWIN in the Confeſſor's Time, when 'twas worth 20*s.* and was given by the Conqueror to *Roger Bigot*, of whom *Stanart* an *Engliſh* Man held it at the Survey, it being then worth 25*s.* at his Death it came to the Crown, and being joined to the Capital Manor, it hath continued ſo ever ſince, and paſſed with it, as you may ſee at fo. 568, where the Hiſtory of this Town occurs, the whole (except this Part) being in *Wayland* Hundred.

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# DEPHAM.

IS ſo called from deop, *Deep*, and ham, *a Village*, that is, *the Deep or miry Village*; In the Reign of *Edward* the Confeſſor, great Part of the Town was owned by one *Lewin* a Freeman, it being then a very conſiderable Manor, but was much increaſed by the Conqueror's adding ſix Freemen, which *Eudo* held, and their Lands and Services, all which he gave to *Ralf de Beaufo*, who lett the Manor for 12*l.* but was forced to fall to 8*l.* 15*s.* the *Soke* or ſuperior Juriſdiction of it belonged to *Hingham.* The Town was then 10 Furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 17*d.* 3*q. Gelt*, as *Domſday* informs us at fo. 212, 213.

Terra Rad: de Bellofago. H. Feorhou. ⁊ dim.

DIEPHAM tenuit Leuinus liber ho: T. R. E. i Caꝛ: terre ⁊ lxxx Acꝛ: modo tenet idem, ſemp. xi Vill: tunc x Boꝛ: m° ix. tunc ⁊ poſt ii Serv: m° nullus. ſemper iii Caꝛ: in Dnio: ⁊ i Car. ⁊ dim: homin: Silva xii Poꝛc. ⁊ x Acꝛ: prati. ſemper i runc. ⁊ dim. hom: Silva xii Poꝛc. ⁊ x Acꝛ. prati, ſemper i runc. ⁊ x Anim: ⁊ xvii Porc. xxxii capꝛ. huic Maneꝛio facent ſemper xxv Soc. ⁊ i Caꝛ: terre et xxvi Acꝛ. ſemper vi Caꝛ: et dim: Et preter hoc, vi liberi homines additi ſunt huic Maneꝛio T. R. W. quos tenuit Eudo et hab: cxx Acꝛ: terre et xx Boꝛd. et v Car. et vi Acr: pꝛati tunc val: iiii Libꝛ. Caput Manerii. et Radulfus dedit totum ad firmam pro xii Libr. ſed m° tamen non reddit niſi vi libr. ⁊ vi liberi homines val: lv Sol. hoc teſtatur Hundret. Hoꝛum, iii fuere Sochemani Stigandi et Socam in Hincham Regis, et habet x quar: in longo, et vi in et xvii d. et iii ferding.

The whole of this Manor continued in the Deſcendents of *Ralf de Beaufo*, and was carried by *Agnes de Belſo* or *Beaufo*, to her Husband *Henry de Rya* or *Rye* Lord of *Hingham*, (See fo. 672,) who in 1146, [d] gave two Parts of the Manor and Advowſon, to the Monks of *Chriſt-Church* in *Canterbury*, and put them in Poſſeſſion by offering his Knife at the High-Altar there, in the Preſence of *Theobald* the Arch-Biſhop, *Walter* the Prior, and many others; and for this, he was received into their Fraternity, and made Partaker of their Devotions, in as ample a Manner as any of their domeſtic Bretheren: This Donation, was confirmed by King *Stephen*, *Henry* II. and ſeveral ſucceeding King's. King *Edward* II. granted them a Charter for Free-Warren here, which was the only Liberty, that the Monks ever enjoyed in this Town, except that of the *Lete* and *Paramountſhip* of their own Manor, which the Donor gave them, he being then Lord of the Hundred, tho' in the aforeſaid King's Reign, they would have claimed ſeveral other Immunities to belong to this Place, but upon a *Quo Warranto* brought, they had nothing allowed but their *Lete*, to which belonged the Aſſize of Bread and Ale, of their own Tenants, and Free-Warren, and ſince that Time, they never claimed any further Exemption. On the Diſſolution, King *Hen.* VIII. ſetled it on the *Dean* and *Chapter* of *Canterbury*, with the Impropriation, and the Advowſon of the Vicarage, all which, that Church hath enjoyed ever ſince; Mr. *John Amyas* of *Hingham*, now holding it by Leaſe from them; they were taxed for their Temporals at 8*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* *ob:* and for their Spirituals at 16 Marks. It appears from King *Stephen*'s Charter of Confirmation, that *Hubert de Rye*, *Caſtellan*, or Governour of *Norwich Caſtle*, gave upon his Death Bed, the Manor and Advowſon of *Muche-Berdeſtuna*, or *Mul-Berton*, inſtead of which, his Son *Henry* gave them *Depham*, by their own deſire: all the Feodaries tell us, that the Prior held his Manor here at a Quarter of a Fee, of the Manor of *Hingham*, as Parcel of the Barony of *Rhye*, in *Frank Almoigne.*

## BLOMEVILE'S MANOR,

Was in two Parts, the firſt contained the third Part of *Henry de Rhie*'s Manor, and the third Part of the Advowſon, which the ſaid *Henry* gave to *William de Blundevile*, or *Blomevile*, whoſe Son *Richard*, gave his third of the Advowſon in 1226, to the Monks of *Canterbury*, and *Tho. de Blundevile* or *Blomevile*, Uncle (as I take it) to *Richard*, confirmed this Donation; this *William*, Brother to the Biſhop, was of *Newton Flotman*, where the Family continued many Ages, the ſaid *William* held it at a Quarter of a Fee of *Hingham*: the other Part belonged to the *Wacheſham*'s, and in 1227, was conveyed by *Giles de Wacheſham*, to *Alan de Creping*, who was to hold it at half a Fee of the ſaid *Giles* and his Heirs, who held it of *Hockering*, as Parcel of the Barony of *Rye*; in 1272, *Hugh de Creping* held it of *Giles* Son of *Giles de Wacheſham*, as of his Manor of *Wortham* in *Suffolk*, in 1249, *John de Blomevile* had the *Blomevile*'s Part, and in 1260, *Will: de Blomevile* was Lord, to whom *Hugh de Creping* conveyed his half Fee, which ever after retained his Name; in 1282, *William de Blundevile* held it of *Gerard de Wacheſham*, and he of *Giles Plais*; in 1302, *Roger Coſyn* had it, either as Gaurdian or Truſtee to the Heirs of *Will: de Blomevile*; in 1320, *Will: de Blomevile*, ſetled it on *Margaret* his Wife; in 1345, *Ralf Bokyng* held it in right of his Wife, it being her Dower, of the Inheritance of *Will: Blomevile*. In 1401, *Rich: Blomevile* had it, in 1489, *Rich: Blundevile* was Lord, who died about 1503; it was afterwards ſold in Revertion to *Roger Woodhouſe* Eſq; for in 1572, *Henry Richers* Eſq; was Lord during his Wife's Life, who it ſeems died in or about 1578, for then *Roger* occurs Lord, from which Time it hath gone in that Family, Sir *John Woodhouſe* Bart. being now Lord.

## RIFLEY'S, EASTHALL OR CROSSE'S, MANOR.

At the Survey belonged to *William* Earl *Warren*, and paſſed from that Family to the Lord *Bardolph* of *Wormegeye*, of whom it was always held at a Quarter of a Fee; in the Survey, of the Honour of *Wormegeye*, made in *Edw.* III. Time, it appears, that the *Bardolph*'s infeoffed Sir *Neel* or *Nigel de Riſley*, who gave a Meſſuage, 40 Acres of Land, and the Services of ſeveral Tenants here, with the Advowſon of St. *Andrew*'s Church in *Wiclewood*, to the Prior and Convent of *Bromholm*, who ſold them to *Richard Starcolf*, and his Heirs, who held them in 1328, and died ſeized in 1333, and ſoon after, the Services were ſold off to the Tenants, except thoſe that the Prior reſerved, for which *Bromholm* Convent was taxed at 9*s.* 8*d.* there was another Part which *Will. de Ellingham* (who in ſome Evidences is called *de Dullingham*) held, which in 1282, belonged to *Rob: de Baconſthorp*, and was formerly

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[d] Mon. Ang. V. 1. fo. 22.

merly *Tho: de Baconſthorp*'s, in 1330, *Edm: de Baconſthorp* and *Margaret* his Wiſe, had ſetled it on *Thomas Curzon* of *Eaſt-Carleton*, and *Ralf Oldland* of *Ellingham*, in Truſt for them and their Heirs, it being then called *Eaſthall* Manor, it is plain that in 1345, theſe Parts were ſeparate, for in the Feodary of that Year, *William de Cringlethorp* held half that Part which was *Bardolph*'s, and *John atte Croſs* the other half, and *Edmund de Baconſthorp* held his Manor at half a Fee of *Rye Barony*; but in 1355. they were join'd, *John atte Croſs* purchaſing *Eaſthall* of *James de Baconſthorp*, and *Alice* his Wiſe, and in 1401, *John Croſſe* Junior, his Son had it, in 1447, *John Croſſe* of *Depeham* Eſq; lived here, he ſealed with *Sab.* on a Feſs between three Mullets peirced *Arg.* as many Croſlets Patee of the firſt. I meet with no more Mention of it, 'till about 1464, and then *Catherine* Relict of *William Goodered* (or *Goddard*) of *Middleton*, late one of the King's Juſtices, gave this Manor to be ſold after her Death; this Lady was a great promoter of the re-building of the Noble Church of *Walpole* St. *Peter* in *Marſhland*, in the Windows of which her Effigies is placed, as the Plate of it under that Church will ſhew you. In 1510, Sir *James Hobart* had it, and in 1553, Lady *Anne Hobart* of *Depham* Widow, late Wiſe of Sir *Walter Hobart* of *Morley* Knt. was buried in St. *Butolph*'s Chancel at *Morley*, and had an intereſt in this Manor in her Life-time.

Of the Part which belonged to the Earl *Warren*, we meet with this in *Domeſday* fo. 94.

Terre Willi: de Warenna. Feorhou H. et dim.

In DEPHAM xxx Acr. terre i liber homo in eadem Carrucata. ſemper v Bord. & i Car. et eſt in eodem pretio. (ſc. de Bernham) tota Soca in Hincham Regis.

## *Of* ROBERTS, *alias* KNAPELES MANOR

I find, that *Robert Fitz-Richard* had it in *Richard* I. Time, from whom it might take it's Name; *Laurence de Reppes* owned it in 1315, and had it of the Inheritance of *Joan* his Wiſe, it being held in *Soccage* of the Prior of *Canterbury*'s Manor of *Depham*, by the Rent of 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and was then worth 5 *l.* *per Ann.* he died in 1322, and left it with *North-Repps*, and *Edynthorp* Manors, to his two Daughters and Heirs, *Sibill*, Wiſe of *Rob. de Reppes*, and *Elizabeth* Wiſe of *Tho. de Wylby*. In 1618, *John Pepys* Gent. and *Rob. Jaques* Gent. ſold it to *Henry Pannet*, and *Calibut Walpole* Eſqrs.

Two Parts of the Advowſon was given as before obſerved, by *Henry de Rye*, in 1146, to the Monks of *Canterbury*, to whom it was immediately appropriated by *Will. Turbus* then Biſhop of *Norwich*, (with the Church of *Tofts*) and a Vicarage endowed, and *Robert* the firſt Vicar agreed to pay a Pention of two Marks a Year out of his Vicarage to the Monks, and in 1181, *John* of *Oxford* Biſhop of *Norwich*, confirmed it; in 1226, *Rich. Blundevile* or *Blomeville*, gave his third Part of the Advowſon to the Monks, and *Thomas de Blundevile* then Biſhop of *Norwich*, appropriated it the ſame Year, for the Suſtenance of Strangers and poor People, that viſited the Shrine of St. *Thomas* the Martyr at *Canterbury*, on his own Day, on Condition there be a Vicar appointed, to be preſented by the Monks, by the Biſhop's Advice, whoſe Stipend ſhould not be leſs than 10 Marks a Year, and alſo, that the Church of *Canterbury* claimed no Exemption, but acknowledged this Church to belong, as to all Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction, to the See of *Norwich*, [*e*] and in 1227, *Rich. de Sybeton*, Official to the Archdeacon of *Sudbury*, ſummoned a Jury of 13 Laymen, and 12 Clergy, the firſt of which, were *Nigel*, *Cuſtos* of *Hingham* Deanry, *Reymond de Morley*, *Will.* Vicar of *Wiclewood*, &c. to ſetle this Vicarage, which they did in the following Manner, the Vicar to have all the *Alterage*, (i. e. ſmall Tithes) which was then worth 6 Marks a Year, and half the great Tithes of *Tweytfield* in *Depham*, and all the great Tithes of *Somerſcroftfield*, which contained 7 Acres, except two Parts of the Tithes of 7 Acres in *Tweytfield*, which belonged to the Prior of *Norwich*, the Tithes were then worth 3 Marks 2 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year, and two Acres of Land on the Eaſt-Side of the Church-Yard, with the Prior's Meſſuage upon it, for a Vicarage Houſe, the ſaid Houſe and Land being of the Prior's Lay-Fee; and 3 Acres of the Glebe Land, lying on the South-Side of the Church, worth 6 *s.* *per Ann.* 16 *s.* of the yearly Quit-Rents of the Prior's Manor, to be paid by the Prior, ſo that the whole Endowment, which was to be 10 Marks a Year, was aſſigned at 12 Marks and 4 *d.* for which Overplus the Vicar was to pay all Sinodals, &c. the Vicar was alſo to have Free Liberty of Commonage on all the Commons of *Depham*, belonging to the Prior's Manor there; and now all Things being ſetled, in 1235, the Biſhop and his Chapter gave their Conſent, and there was a Bull obtained from Pope *Gregory* IXth. confirming the whole.

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[*e*] Excerpt. ex Archivis Eccleſiæ Chriſti Cant. Num. 5. Carta de Dyepham &c.

HUBERT DE RYE, *Caſtellan* of *Norwich*, gave a Portion of Tithes here, to the Prior and Convent of the Cathedral at *Norwich*, *Henry de Rye* his Son, and *Agnes Beauſo* his Wiſe, and the Biſhop confirmed it, and ſoon after, King *Stephen* confirmed it alſo, with the Church of *Aldeby*, [f] which *Agnes* gave to the Monks: It ſeems that there were ſome ſmall Lands and Rents alſo, for in 1256, I find "*The Homage of the Biſhop of Norwich*, mentioned. This Portion was appropriated to the *Celerer* of the Monaſtery, for which he was taxed at 24*s.*

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, when *Norwich Domeſday* was made, the Rector had a Houſe, Manor, and Carucate of Land, the Vicar had a Houſe and 3 Acres of Land, the Vicarage was valued at 6 Marks but was not taxed, the Procurations were 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Sinodals 3 *s.* and Peter-Pence 16 *d.* it is valued in the King's Books at 5 *l.* 7 *s.* 11 *d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 19 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 *d.* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and in 1719, 3 *Jan*: was augmented by the Governours of Queen *Anne*'s Bounty, The Rev. Mr. *Rix* Vicar, giving 200 *l.* to it's Augmentation. This Town paid 5 *l.* to each Tenth.

In 1210, there was an Agreement between the Prior of *Norwich* and the Vicar, for the two Garbs of the Tithes of the Demeans of *Hubert de Rye*, and the two Parts of the ſmall Tithes, for all which, the Vicar uſed to pay 6 *s.* and now was to pay 9 *s.* *per Ann.* In 1227, the Convent of *Canterbury*, bound themſelves to the Prior of *Norwich* to pay the *Celerer* yearly 24 *s.* for the Tithe Corn of their Portion.

1504, 26 *July*, *Will. Seaman* gave 2 Acres in *Weſtfield*, to find two Lights, one before our *Lady* of *Pity*, another before the *Rood*. (R. *Popy* 534.)

Here were four Gilds, of S. *Andrew*, St. *John*, St. *Thomas*, and the *Aſſumption*.

The South Chapel at the Eaſt-End of the South-Iſle, was the *Aſſumption Chapel*, in which that Gild was kept, and theſe Arms were in the Windows of that Chapel. *viz.*

*Marſhal*, *Shelton*, *Blundevile* or *Blomevile*, (to whoſe Manor the Chapel belonged.)

*Wood*'s, *Sab.* on a Feſs *Gul.* 3 Croſlets between 3 Mullets pierced *Arg.*

The Chapel at the Eaſt-End of the North-Iſle was St *John Baptiſt*'s, and in it his Gild was kept, in the Windows here, were the Arms of *Coggeſhale*, *Ufford*, *Brom*, *Stafford*, *Verdon*, *Morley*, *Calthorp* with an Annulet, and *Tiptoft* Quartering *Herling*, with an Eſcutcheon of pretence of *Gonvile*.

There were alſo the Arms of *Bourchier*.

The Arms of *Canterbury* impaling *Gouldſton* or *Goldſton*, *Sab.* in chief a Croſs formy Fitchee *Arg.* and are the Arms of *Thomas Goldſtone* Prior of *Canterbury*, [g] who died in 1517, in whoſe Time this Church was repaired and beautified.

*Erm.* on an Eſcutcheon *Gul.* a Plate.

BLUNDEVILE or BLOMEVILE quarterly, Per-Feſs indented *O.* & *Az*, a Bend *G.*

The following Arms are carved on the Steeple and Buttreſſes. 1. 5 Chevrons. 2. quarterly in the 1ſt & 4th a Bend 2 & 3 Chequy. 3. Bendy of 12 Pieces. 4. Quarterly. 5. a Saltyr. 6. *Shelton*. 7. a Croſs Treflee. 8. 3 Barrs Nebule. 9. the Symbol of the Trinity. 10. a Croſs. 11. *Blomevile*'s Arms. 12. quarterly in the 2d & 3d quarters a Creſcent. 13. *Wood*'s Arms.

The Church is a good Fabrick, having a large Tower and 5 Bells, the North and South Iſles and Chapel, are leaded.

On the Rood-Loft in the South Chapel, S. M. On the North, J. B.

## RECTORS.

1146, Robert, The firſt Vicar.
1227, Ralf.
1319, Will. de Taterſete. The Prior & Chapter of Canterbury.
1349, Tho. Taylour.
1368, Tho. Patrickswyk, he changed for Eaſt-Tilbury, in
1371, with Rich. Pullyng.
John Greenhill, he changed for Takelé Lond. Dioc. in
1398, with Will. de Alfeſton, who in
1399, changed with Nic. Fuller, for Floketon, who in
1413, changed with Walter Hert. for Epworth Chantry, who in
1423, changed with John Prys for Berford, who in
1438, reſigned to Will. Bedwell, who died in 1463, in
1461, he reſigned to John Bownde, who in
1468, reſigned to Brother John Unkar an Auſtin Frier, who in
1482, reſigned to Rob. Hareward, who died Rector.
1504, Walter Bernard. O. Lapſe.
1512, John Hole.
1539, Peter Galt, was the laſt preſented by the Prior, who in
1553, reſigned to John Broughton. Mr. Amyas, Farmor of the Rectory.
1554, Edm. Fuller, on Broughton's Deprivation, Lapſe.
1559, Steph. Long. John Flowerdew of Hetherſet Eſq; Farmor of the Rectory.
1565, John Godfrey. D°.
1598, Mark Rame. Nic. Brook Eſq. O.
1598, Edmund Payne, O. Tho. Cooper & Will. Beale.
1642, Antony Cooper. The Dean & Chapter of Canterbury.
1657, Will. Cullyer. Nic. Bragg Eſq.
1713, Henry Rix, united to Colton, O. Dean & Chapter.
1728. Will. Cory. A.B. O. D°.
1736, John Wells. D°.
1737, The Rev. Mr. Robert Nun, on Wells's Reſignation, he is now Vicar, & the DEAN and CHAPTER of CANTERBURY, are the preſent Patrons

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[f] Reg. I. Pr. Norw. fo. 54. [g] Dart's Hiſt. of the Antiquities Cant. Cath. fo. 188.

In 1465, *John Walter* Senior, was buried in the Church, and gave a good Eſtate which he owned here, to *Richard* his Son. In 1382, *Tho. de Flitcham* aliened Lands here, to *Flicham* Priory. There was a very ancient Family, ſirnamed *Of Depham*, *Godwin of Depham* had Lands here in 1198, and Sir *Stephen de Depham* Knt. who lived in *Edw.* I. Time, bare *Arg.* on a Feſs *Gul.* 3 Lions paſſant Gardant *Or.*

This Village was famous for a *Linden Tree* of a vaſt bigneſs; to the Eye it over look'd all other Trees there-abouts, when veiwed at a Diſtance, as a Giant above ſo many Pigmies. It ſtood in Mr. *Amias*'s Yard, and was taken down about 30 Years ſince; At the Foot of it is a Spring, which petrifies Sticks, Leaves, *&c.* which accidentally fall into it, if they lie any Time, as the *Atlas* tells us, at P. 309, Mr. *Evelyn*, in his *Silva*, or Diſcourſe of Foreſt Trees, fo. 82, gives us this Deſcription of it, which he ſays, he received from Doctor *Brown* of *Norwich*, in the following Words,

"An extraordinary large, and ſtately *Tilia*, *Linden*, or *Lime-Tree*, there groweth at *Depeham* in *Norfolk*, ten Miles from *Norwich*, whoſe Meaſure is this. The Compaſs in the leaſt part of the *Trunk* or Body about two Yards from the Ground, is at leaſt eight Yards and half: about the Root nigh the Earth, ſixteen Yards; about half a Yard above that, neer twelve Yards in Circuit: The height to the uppermoſt Boughs about thirty Yards, which ſurmounts the famous *Tilia* of *Zurich* in *Switzerland*; and uncertain it is, whether in any *Tilicetum* or *Lime-Walk* abroad, it be conſiderably exceeded: Yet was the firſt Motive I had to view it, not ſo much the largneſs of the *Tree*, as the general Opinion, that no Man could ever Name it; I find it to be a *Tilia fæmina*; and (if the diſtinction of *Bauhinus* be admitted from the greater, and leſſer Leaf) a *Tilia Platuphylos* or *Latifolia*; ſome leaves being three Inches broad; but to diſtinguiſh it from others in the *Country*, I called it *Tilia Coloſſæa Depehamenſis*."

He tells us alſo, that, "A Poplar Tree, not much inferior to this, grew lately at *Weſt-Herling*, at Sir *William Gaudies* Gate, which was blown down about 1690.

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# *HACKFORD.*

THIS Town is called in Evidences, *Hakeford* by *Hingham*, to diſtinguiſh it from another Town of the ſame Name in this County, It ſtands in the King's Books by the Name of HAKEFORD *alias* HACKFORTH R.

The Advowſon belonged to Sir *Andrew de Hengham*, who in 1276, gave it with 3 Acres of his Demeans, to *Mary* then Abbeſs of *Marham*, and the Nuns of that Houſe, on Condition that the Convent obliged themſelves to find a Chaplain at their own Coſt, from the Time of the Appropriation of the Church, to pray for the Soul of the ſaid *Andrew* and his Anceſtors, and the Overplus to be laid out in finding Cloaths for the Nuns; it continued a Rectory 'till 1329, when 'twas appropriated by *Will. Ayremine* Biſhop of *Norwich*, and a Vicarage endowed, and ſo it continued 'till 1428, at which Time the Abbeſs was taxed at 6 Marks and an half for her Spirituals here, which were, the Rectory Houſe, the great Tithes and 18 Acres of Land, but in 1433, the Profits being ſmall, after the Chaplain was paid, the Convent renounced their Appropriation, and preſented to it as a Rectory, and as ſuch it continues at this Day; it paid 7 *d.* Peter Pence, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Procurations, and 7 *d.* Sinodals, 'tis valued in the King's Books at 4 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value of 21 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation, the Prior of *Norwich* had Lands here, for which he was taxed at 4 *s.* 1 *d. ob.* the Prior of *Weſt-Acre* for his, at 2 *s.* and the Prior of *Bromholm* for his, at 1 *s.* The whole Town raiſed to each Tenth 13 *s.* 4 *d.*

The *CHURCH* is dedicated to the *Bleſſed Virgin*, and hath only a Nave and Chancel, both which are thatched, the S. Porch is leaded, the Steeple is ſquare, and hath been higher, it is now covered with Board, and hath 1 Bell in it.

In the South Window of the Church are *Verdon*'s Arms. On the Font, 2 Keys in Saltyr, for St. *Peter*. The Symbol of the Sacrament. A Saltyr ingrailed. Bendy of 16 Pieces, A Feſs Nebulee between 6 Croſlets Fitchee.

### RECTORS.

1293, Ralf de Banham.
1311, Ralf de Toſts. The Abbeſs &c.
1329, William Biſhop of Norwich appropriated it to the Convent of Marham, at Toſt's Death, to cloath the Nuns.

### VICARS.

1341, Walter Morice, the firſt Vicar. The Abbeſs.
1349, Rich. Sharpe of Fakenham R.
1352, Henry Fole.
1361, John atte Hithe, of Downham Hithe.
1408, Tho. Fuller.
1416, John Meſſager.
1433, The Profits being ſmall, the Abbeſs renounced the Appropriation, and ſo it became a Rectory again.

### RECTORS.

1433, Simon at Eſh of Weſt-Bradenham. The Abbeſs.
1437, Simon at Eſh. Ditto. R.
1476, Brother Tho. Bate.
1469, Hugh Cook O. Lapſe.
1471, Rob. Beryche.
John Herryſon O.
1492, Rich. Almayne. Sir John Windham Knt. to whom the Convent ſold the Advowſon.
1515, Tho. Lightowne.
1518, Will. Everod O. Sir Tho. Windham Knt.
1523, Will. Cuſteworthe. Eliz. relict of Sir Thomas.
1525, John Arland. John Bourchier and Elizabeth relict of Sir Thomas Windham Knt.
1556, Thomas Shipton.
1559, Stephen Longe. } Sir Edm. Windham Knt.
1565, Henry Coke O.
1593, John Roſſe. John Holland of Norwich Eſq; and Steph. Copping Gent.
1597, Edw. Paris. Lapſe. united to Rakhithe. He returned 50 Communicants here, in 1603.
1519, Leonard Howſe. Sir Henry Hobart Knt. O.
1663, Will. Cullyer O. Rob. Long Eſq.
1710, The Rev. Mr. Rob. Stone the preſent Rector, holds it united to Little-Brand. Eliz Long Widow.

The Manor was owned by *Ketel* in the Confeſſor's Time, and by *Tovi* in the Conqueror's when the Town was three Furlongs long and two broad, and paid 7 *d. q. Gelt*, as *Domſday* tell us at fo. 278.

Feorhou h. Terra Tovi.

HAKEFORDAM tenuit Ketel liber homo T. R. E. lx Acr. terre & vi Bord. & i Acr. Silv. x Porc. & val. x Sol. & iii quar: in longo, & ii in lato, & vii d. & i ferding de Gelto.

It was after in the Barons of *Horſford*, of whoſe Barony it was held as of *Horſford-Caſtle*, by *Thomas de Burgo* or *Burgh*, and in 1205, *Simon Fitz-Walter* and *Sara* his Wife, releaſed the third Part of the Town, which *Sara* then held in Dower, of her firſt Husband *Tho. de Burgh*, to *Tho. de Burgh*, in exchange, he granting them Lands in *Somerton &c.* for it. It belonged to *John de Hackford* about 1340; in 1391, *Ralf Vernoun* ſeems to be concerned in it, he was buried this Year in *Welbourne* Church, Sir *Rob: Berney* Knt. being his Executor, and it looks as if he ſold it, for in 1401, *Thomas de Bockyng* held it of the Manor of *Horſford*, as of the Heirs of *Robert Ufford*, and one Part was held of the Caſtle of *Caſtle-Acre*, and another of the Manor of *Hockering*; in 1412, *Thomas Bockyng* and *Cecily* his Wife, conveyed it to *Edmund Oldhall* in Truſt, for her Heirs, ſhe left only one Daughter *Margaret*, married to *John Fox* of *Caſtle-Acre* Eſq; who died ſeized in 1484, and by his Will, ordered his Body to be buried in the Monaſtery Church there, and gave the Manor to his Wife for Life, and then to be ſold, as it was accordingly, to Sir *Thomas Windham*; in 1572, *Edm. Windham* had it, who ſold it to *Richard Johnſon* and *George Woball*, who in in 1592, conveyed it to *Tho. Heyward* and *Stephen Copping* Gent. who ſold it to *Will. Thurleby* and *Henry Styller* Gents. and they in 1597, to *Froxmere Cocket* Gent. and *James Gill*, and in 1608, it belonged to Sir *Henry Hobart* Knt. Attorney General, and in 1639, *Miles Hobart* Eſq; died ſeized of the Advowſon, it being then held of *Horſford*, *John Hobart* his Son and Heir being then 12 Years old; it was afterwards ſold to the *Longs*, and in 1663, *Rob. Long* Eſq; had it, and *Francis Long* of *Spixworth* Eſq; lately owned it, he had two Sons, *Robert* the eldeſt, who was diſ-inherited, and *Francis* the ſecond, who inherited, is alſo dead, and his Son now a Minor, is the preſent Lord and Patron.

## *WINDHAM*,

WINDHAM, *Wimondham*, *Wimundham*, or *Winmuntham*, notwithſtanding ſome have imagined it of *Roman* Original, is certainly *Saxon*, and might take it's Name from it's pleaſant Situation, for ƿin, ſignifies *A choſen or beloved Place*, ſo that ƿin-Munte-ham, is, *The Village on the pleaſant Mount*, and the Situation exactly anſwers: As to it's being the ancient *Sitomagus*, as a late Author would make it, there is no likelyhood of it, for beſides the Reaſons already given at fo. 377, upon viewing the Place, I can find no Remains of any Fortification of any ſort whatever, neither hath there been any Coins, Urns, or other *Roman* Antiquities found here that I could ever hear of, which had it been a Place of ſuch Repute as *Sitomagus* was, muſt have happen'd; and indeed 'till the erection of the Monaſtery, it had no Liberties beyond the neighbouring Villages, in any reſpect, 'till it afterwards increaſed ſo, as to ſwallow up ſome of it's Neighbours, ſo that their very Names had it nor been for that ineſtimable Record of *Domeſday* Book, had been quite loſt, and indeed are ſo far gone, that the Towns which at that Time went by the Name of DIKETHORP, and HIDICHETHORP, are now contained in it, it's Limits being ſo far extended, that even in King *Stephen*'s Time, it contained the half Hundred of FOREHOE.

It is at preſent a Market-Town, it's Market being kept every *Friday*, the Juriſdicton of which, belongs to Lord HOBART, who is Lord *Paramount*, in Right of his *Letes* belonging to his Manors of *Cromwell*'s and *Griſbaugh* in this Town.

The whole of *Windham* in the Confeſſor's Time, belonged to *Stigand* the Biſhop, at whoſe diſgrace the Conqueror ſeized it, and gave it to *Ralf de Warren*, but he alſo forfeited it, and at the Survey it was in the King's Hands, and in the Cuſtody of *William de Noiers*, it was then above 4 Miles long and two Miles broad, and paid 6 *s.* 8 *d. Geld*, it had been but 20 *l. per Ann.* but was then of 60 *l.* Value, and would have been worth much more, if *Ralf de Warren* when he owned it, had not waſted it, by leſſening the *Socmen*, from 87 to 18. all which were then held by *Will. de Warren*, *Ralf de Beauſo*, Earl *Alan*, and *Roger Bigot*, as *Domeſday* tells us at fo. 50.

Terre STIGANDI Epiſcopi. quas cuſtodit. Will. de Noiers, in Manu Regis. Feorhou ħ.

WIMUNDHAM tenuit Stigandus, T. R. E. iiii Car: terre, ſemper lx Villi: & l bord: & viii Serv. ſemper iiii Car: in Dnio: tunc lx Car hominum. modo xxiiii. Hanc Confuſionem fecit Radulfus de Warrenna, antequam foriſfaceret, et omnes poſſent reſtaurari. Tunc Silva c Porc. m° lx & lx. Acr: prati, ſemper ii Mol: & i Piſc: ſemper ii Runc: et xvi Anim: et l Porc. et xxiiii Ov. Huic Manerio iacebant T. R. E. lxxxvii Soc: m° tantum xviii. et habent xxx Acr: terre, ſemper i Car: et adhuc i Soc. i Car: terre. ſemper iiii Vill: et x bord. et i Mol. Silva xvi Porc. et iiii Acr: prati.

Hoc Manerium cum tota Soca valebat T. R. E. cum Soca, xx Libr: modo lx. et habet ii Leug: in longo: et i in lato, et vi Sol. et viii d. de Gelto. Ex his Sokemanis, qui abbati ſunt, habet Will. de Warenna lv. et habet ſub ſe lvii bord. mo totum habet v Car. terre et xii Acr: prati, et T. R. E. habebant xx Car: m° xiii. et dim: Mol: ſemper val: x Libr. et Radulfus de Bellafago, habet x Soc: ii Car: terre & xxx ii bord. ſemper vii Car. & xii Acr: prati, & i Mol. & dim: & Comes Alanus, i Soc. i Car. terre & dim & xiii bord. & iii Car: & ix Acr: prati, et i Mol. et val: xxx Sol. et Rogerus Bigot ii Soc: xlv Acr. terre et vi Bord. et ii Car. et ii Acr: prati, tunc Silva lx Porc: m° xvi. et val. vii s. et vi den.

DIKETHORP at the Conqueror's Survey, belonged to *Ralf Baniard*, and in the Confeſſor's Time was owned by one *Norman* a Free-Man, being then worth 40 *s.* and now 4 *l.* it was four Furlongs long, and as much broad, and paid 11 *d. ob: Geld*, it is now called *Dikebeck*, and lies Weſt of the Church.

Terre Radi. Bainardi. (Doms. fo. 258.) Feorhou ħ.

In DIKETHORP tenuit Norman lib. homo T. R. E. i terre [ſc. Car.] ſemper i Villanus, & tunc i Bor. m° iiii. tunc iii Serv. ſemper ii Car. in Dnio: & iiii Acr. prati, m° i tunc: ſemper iiii Anim: m° xxii Porc. tnnc v Ov: m° xl. tunc valuit xl s. modo lxxx. quarta pars v. Acr. & val. v d. & habet iiii. quar: in longo, & iiii in lato, xi d. & i obolum de Gelto.

There was a ſmall Part which *William* Earl *Warren* had here worth 40 *s.* a Year at the Survey, which was after called *Stanfield* Manor, of whieh *Domeſday* fo. 94, hath this.

Terre Willi. de Warenna. Feorhou ħ. et dim.

In WIMUNDHAM xxx Liberi homines quando recepit m° xliii. ſemper i Car. terre tunc & poſt v Car: m° ii. ſemper vi bord. & vi Acr. prati, totum val. xl. s. Hoc totum eſt de Eſcangio de Laquis, de terra Sanctorum.

The whole Town including all it's preſent Hamlets, (except *Stanfield*) was one Manor in the Conqueror's Hands, who gave it to **WILLIAM DE ALBANY**, along with *Bukenham*,

*ham*, *Sneteſham*, and *Kenninghall*, to be held by the Service of being *Butler* to the Kings of *England*, on the Day of their Coronation, for which Reaſon he was called *Pincerna Regis*, or *The King*'s *Butler*, [a] but it did not continue whole long, for on his founding the Priory of *Windham*, he gave about a third Part of it to that Convent, with Liberty to hold a Court and receive all the Amerciaments of their own Tenants, whither they were amerced in his *Lete*, or *Market-Court*, and this Part became *the Abby Manor*; [b] The reſt ſtill remained in *William*'s Hands, in whoſe Poſterity it continued 'till the Diviſion of the *Albany*'s Eſtate, as you may ſee at fo. 253, and then it was allotted to Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, in whoſe Family it went, as you may ſee at fo. 253, 'till for want of Male Iſſue, it became diviſible, between *Caily*, *Driby*, *Bernak*, and *Orreby*, to which Diviſion ſome of the Manors of this Town, owe their Original.

## CROMWELL'S MANOR,

Contained a third Part of *Wimondham*, with a third Part of the *Lete*, which extended over Part of the Hamlets of *Norton*, *Sutton*, *Watleſield*, and *Silſield*, and each paid a ſeparate *Lete-Fee* to this Manor, and choſe their ſeveral Officers, as *Conſtables*, *Aletaſters*, *Woodwards*, *&c. Silſield Lete-Fee* is 3 *s. Watleſield* or *Waters*, 5 *s. Suton* 4 *s. Norton* half a Mark; this Manor fell to the ſhare of the *Bernaks*, as you may ſee at fo. 254, and paſſed from them to Sir *Ralf Cromwell* Knt. whoſe Name it ſtill bears, and after that, went with *Bukenham*, as at fo. 255, 6, 7, 8, 'till one Moiety went to *Fitz-Williams*, and the other to the *Knevets*. *Fitz-Williams*'s Moiety in 1546, was ſold by *Rob. Drury*, and *Robert* his Son Heir, and *Agnes* his Wife, to *John Flowerdew* of *Windham* Eſq; who in 1558, ſetled it on *Edw. Flowerdew* Eſq; who in 1564, ſold it to *Edw. Clere* of *Blickling* Eſq; and the ſaid *Edw. Clere* in 1565, granted an Annuity of 40 *s. per Ann.* out of it, to *Edward Flowerdew* aforeſaid, and in 1636, *Eliz. Glere* Widow, was Lady here, from which Family it paſſed with *Blickling* to the *Hobart*'s: the other Moiety continued in the *Knevet*'s, as you may ſee at fo. 257, 8, 'till Sir *Philip Knevet* ſold it to Sir *Henry Hobart*, in whoſe Family it hath paſſed ever ſince, JOHN Lord HOBART being now Lord, it is now joined to *Griſbogh*, *Ruſteyns*, *Matſhal*, and *Calthorp*, all which Manors and Free-Tenements united in the *Hobart*'s, and ſo continue. The *Little-Park* in *Wimondham*, belonged to this Manor, and in Sir *Tho. Knevet*'s Time, the Quit-Rents were 57 *l.* 10 *s.*

The eldeſt Son is Heir, the Fine for Demean Land, is 6 *s.* 8 *d.* an Acre, for other Land, 4 *s.* the Lords Rents are gathered by the *Heyward*'s, which are choſen for the four *Hamlets*.

## GRISHAGH MANOR,

Contain'd the other two third Parts of *Wimondham* Manor, and the two third Parts of the *Lete*, with the Advowſon of the Abby, and at the Diviſion was allotted to THOMAS DE CAILY, who in 1316, had a Charter for Free-Warren granted to him, and *Margaret* his Wife, here, and in *Wolferton*, *Babingle*, *&c.* from the *Caily*'s it paſſed to the CLIFTON's, as at fo. 254, 5, 6, and from them to the KNEVETS, as at fo. 257, in which Family it continued, 'till Sir *Philip Knevet* ſold it to the *Hobart*'s, in which Family it ſtill remains, JOHN Lord HOBART, being now Lord. *Griſhaw* Great Park, and *Griſhagh* Wood, belonged to this Manor, and the Manor of *Cromwell*'s is called a Member of it, it containing a third Part of it; the whole being held of the Barony of *Tateſhale*, by the Service of the *Butlerſhip* on the Coronation Day, as in *Bukenham* at large.

The eldeſt Son inherits, it gives a Moiety Dower, the Rents are collected by the *Heywards* of the ſeveral Hamlets, *viz. Norton*, which pays 3 *s.* 9 *d. Lete-Fee*, *Silſield* 3 *s. Watleſield* 5 *s.* and *Sutton* 2 *s.* 8 *d.* the Quit-Rents being formerly about 50 *l. per Ann.*

## RUSTEYN'S,

Was Part of the Capital Manor, granted by the *Albany*'s, to *Alan*, Son of *Reginald*, who left it to *Maud* his Siſter, who died without Iſſue, and left it to *John*, Son of her Brother *Robert*, who in 1227, ſold it to *Will. Ruſteing*, from whom it took it's Name; he held it at the 6*th* Part of a Fee, of the great Manor. In 1279, upon *Alice Ruſteing*'s Marriage with *Ralf de Kirketon*, it was ſetled on them by *Will. Ruſteng*, the Son perhaps of the former *William*; In 1333, *Peter de Uvedale* and *Margaret* his Wife, ſetled it with their Manor in

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[a] Mon. Ang. Vol. fo. 337. [b] See fo. 252.

*Tacolneſton*, on themſelves for Life, then on Sir *Thomas Uvedale* Knt. Remainder to *Hugh*, Son of *John de Uvedale* in Tail. In 1345, the ſaid *Margaret* had it, and in 1401, the ſaid *John Uvedale* held it of the *Clifton*'s, as Parcel of *Tateſhale* Barony; in 1557, Sir *John Clere* Knt. owned it, and in 1592, Sir *Edward Clere* Knt. was Lord, from which Family it paſſed to the *Hobarts*, and JOHN Lord HOBART now hath it, and keeps the Court with his other Manors; but in 1611, at the firſt General Court of *Philip Knevet* Baronet, who was Truſtee, it was held ſeparate from *Griſhagh* and *Cromwells*, the Style then being, *Ruſteyns alias Ryſtons*, *Mattiſhall and Calthorps*, which two laſt, are ſmall Manors or Free-Tenements, that were formerly purchaſed by the Lords of *Ruſteyns*, and joined to it. The Fine is at the Will of the Lord. The Scite of this Manor is on a Mount, double moated in, and Sir *Edward Clere* built a Farm Houſe on it, there were about 100 Acres of Demean adjoining to it.

## STANFIELD *or* STANFIELD-HALL MANOR,

Belonged to the Earl *Warren* in the Conqueror's Time, and after to the *Bigot*'s, of whom it was held, by *Katherine* Wife of *Roger Fitz-Osbert*, in 1306; and in 1346, *Maud*, Widow of *Oliver de Mouton*, conveyed Part of it to *Bartholomew de Salle*, and *Richard de Bittering*, who joined it to that Part that *Rob. de la Salle* of *Norwich* had in 1280. Another Part remained in *John* Son of *Thomas de Mouton* aud *Ivetta* his Wife, to the Value of 100 *s. per Ann.* in 1348, the ſaid *Bartholomew*, held it at the 4*th* Part of a Fee, in 1394, *William Appleyard* paid his Relief for it to *Margaret* Dutcheſs of *Norfolk*, it being then held of the Honour of *Forncet*, and in 1448, *Edmund Appilyard* of *Windham*, Son of *William*, gave it *Anne* his Wife for Life, remainder to *William*, *Geffry*, and *Edmund*, his Sons. Another Part of this Manor belonged to the *Rokeles*, and after, to the *Curſon*'s, and was held by *Richard le Curſon* in 1256, who was then ſummoned to be made a Knight, as holding a whole Fee here, and in *Ketringham*; in 1307, Sir *Will. Curſoun* held his Part of *Richard de la Rokele*, by the 8*th* Part of a Fee, and had a Capital Meſſuage in which he dwelt, 144 Acres in Demean, beſides many Lands, Rents, and Services, here, and in *Ketringham*; in 1317, *Katherine Curſon*, Widow of Sir *William*, is called Lady of *Stanfiela*, ſhe held it for Life, and was ſucceeded by Sir *John Curſon* her Son and Heir, who in 1339, had Sir *William Curſon*, by *Margaret* his Wife; in 1333, *Oliver de Mouton* and *Maud* his Wife, ſetled their Part on this Sir *John Cutſon*, who had now married *Ivetta* Widow of *Thomas de Mouton*, in 1349, *John de Berford*, *Roger Mundegome* Rector of *Brakene*, *Joan* Widow of *John de Bumpſtede*, *Peter de Bumpſtede*, *Emma* Wife of *Bartholomew* Son of *Nich. de Apilyerd*, and *Richard* Son of *Bartholomew de Salle*, held jointly the Manor of *Stanfield*, which they all ſetled on *Emma* for Life, and afterwards releaſed for ever to *Will. Appleyard*, who had Poſſeſſion in 1463. In 1514, Sir *Nicholas Appleyard* Knt. granted an Annuity of 6 *l.* iſſuing out of the Manor, to *John Griffyth* and *Margaret* his Wife: in 1528, *Roger Appleyard* Eſq; of *Brakene*, gave it *Elizabeth* his Wife for Life, and then to *John* his Son and Heir, who held it in 1549. It looks as if *Philip Applepard* Eſq; ſold it, for in 1563, *James Altham* Eſq; kept his firſt Court, who in 1564, ſold it with *Hethill* in common, to *Edward Flowerdew* of *Hetherſet* Eſq; and *Henry*, a younger Son of Sir *Robert Townſend* Knt. deceaſed, and the ſame Year, *Flowerdew* conveyed his half to *Thomas Townſend* of *Brakene-Aſh* Eſq; *Roger Towneſend* of *Raynham*, *Henry Heveningham* of *Ketringham*, *Will. Curſon* of *Belagh*, and *Francis Windham* of *Lincolns-Inn*, Eſqrs. who in 1569, re-conveyed their Right to the ſaid *Edward Flowerdew* and his Heirs. This *Edward* ſetled at *Stanfield-Hall*, about 1566, for in that Year, by the Name of *Edward Flowerdew* of the *Inner Temple* Gent. he purchaſed all the Furniture of *John Appleyard* of *Stanfield-Hall*, in order to come and dwell there, in 1573, he was become an eminent Barriſter, for then *Thomas Grimeſdiche* of the Inner Temple, ſetled an Annuity of 40 *s.* iſſuing out of his Manor called *Joyces*, in *Little-Hadham* in *Hertfordſhire* on him, in Conſideration of the good and faithfull Council he had given him, and in 1575, he had ſuch another Grant of 5 Marks a Year for Life made him, by *Simon Harecourt* of *Stanton Harcourt* in *Oxfordſhire*, and *Walter* his Son and Heir, iſſuing out of their Manor of *Stanton-Harcourt*: In *Mich*: Term 1580, he was called to the Degree of *Serjeant* at Law, and in 1584, 23 *Oct.* was made *Baron* of the *Exchequer*: By the Inquiſition taken after his Death, in 1599, it was found, that the Manor was in Feoffees Hands, to the Uſe of *Elizabeth* his Wife, as her jointure, and that he was ſeized of a Moiety of *Hetherſet* Manor in *Hetherſet*, and of the Scite of the *Abby*, and that *Anthony Flowerdew* Gent. was his Couſin and Heir;

being Son of *William* his Brother, and that he was 29 Years old. In 1631, Sir *Rob. Gawdy* had his Share of Sir *Nathaniel Bacon*'s Lands in *Stakey*, in Right of *Winefrid* his Wife, one of his Daughters and Co-Heirs, and had this Manor ſetled on him for Life only, remainder to *Dorothy* his Daughter and ſole Heir, then married to Sir *Philip Parker* of *Arwarton* in *Suffolk* Knt. and her Heirs; in 1642, it was purchaſed by Sir *Thomas Richardſon* Knt. in which Family it hath continued ever ſince, WILLIAM JERMY Eſq; and ELIZABETH his Wife, being the preſent Owners. (See fo. 684, for *Richardſon*'s Pedigree.) The Fine is at the Lords Will.

## GONVILE'S MANOR,

Was a Part, that on the Diviſion of the *Albany*'s Eſtate, came to *Roger de Montealt*, by grant of *Robert de Tateſhale*; it was infeoffed in *Robert de Milliers*, who held it at half a Fee of *Roger*'s Caſtle of *Riſing*, it afterwards belonged to *Godfrid de Millers*. In 1314, *William* Son of *John Florence*, had it, in 1345, *John Lytlehare*, and *John de Bonyngton*, were Lords, and in 1401, *John Gonvile* and his Tenants owned it, in 1462, *Humfry Bouchier* Lord *Cromwell*, and *Joan* his Wife, *Jervace Clifton* and *Maud* his Wife, ſetled it on their Truſtees) ſee fo. 255) in 1480, Sir *Robert Wingfield* Knt. died ſeized of it, in right of his Wife, the Heireſs of *Gonvile*, as you may ſee at fo. 215, 217. The Manor after came to the *Cleres*, about 1550, and ſince that, belonged to the *Talbot*'s, by purchaſe from Sir *Edward Clere*, and *Tho. Talbot* Knt. came and ſetled at *Gonvile-Hall*, he left it to *Thomas Talbot* Eſq; his Son and Heir, who married *Anne*, Daughter of *William Herne* of *Tibenham*, whoſe Son *Thomas Talbot* of *Gonvile-Hall*, lived in it in 1664, and married *Jane* Daughter of Sir *John Mede*, of *Lofts* in *Eſſex* Knt. by whom he had *Thomas*, 24 Years old in 1664, he married a *Flowerdew* of *Norwich*, his Brother *John* was a Clergyman, and married a Daughter of Sir *Arthur Jenny* of *Knotſhall* in *Suffolk*, and ſetled at *Icklingham*; *Thomas* Son of the aforeſaid *Thomas Talbot*, married *Mary* Daughter of ---- *Haws*, M. D. and in 1695, bare his Paternal Coat, *viz.*

*Arg.* a Chev. *G.* between 3 Talbots paſſant *Sab.*

CREST, a Swans Head and Neck *Arg.* winged and collar'd with a Ducal Crown *Or.*

He had two Sons, *Thomas*, and *John*, and a Daughter named *Anne*. This Manor is ſaid to have been given by Mr. *Wright*, an Attorney at Law in *Bury*, to Mr. *Joſhua Grigby* Town Clerk there, who is the preſent Lord; The Rev. Mr. *Taylor* late Vicar here, in his Account of this Town ſays, that the Cuſtom is, that every Tenant that do not pay his Quit-Rent on the Court Day before Dinner, forfeits 2*d.* to be added to every Shilling that he pays.

## STALWORTHY'S, BURFIELD, *and* NOTHE'S MANOR,

Was formerly three ſeparate Manors, the firſt was held of the Abbots Manor, it being a Parcel of it, granted off by the Prior of the Houſe; in 1284, *Nigel de Stalworth* lived here, and was Lord of it, in 1474, *Thomas Crofts* of *Weſthall* in *Suffolk* Eſq; was buried in St. *Mary*'s Chapel in St. *Andrew*'s Church at *Weſthall*, and gave this Manor to be ſold: In 1578, *John Bacon* of *Heſſet* Eſq, owned it, with it's Members of *Bones-Magna* and *Parva*, in 1600, Mr. *Robert Blackbourn*, purchaſed it of *John Bacon* of *Heſſet* Eſq; in which Family it continued in a lineal Deſcent, 'till *Edmund Blackbourn* of *Windham* Gent. died, and left it to his Widow, who now owns it.

*Burfield-Hall*, belonged to the great Manor, and was a Part of it, given by Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, to *John de Thorp* and *Alice* his Wife, who held it at the *6th* Part of a Fee of *Tateſhale* Barony, in 1315, Sir *John Thorp* was Lord, in 1472, *Thomas Thorp* and *Agnes* his Wife, ſold it to *John* and *Robert Yaxley*, and *Rob. Woodhall*, in 1501, *John de Overhall* or *Woodhall* had it, and held it of *Griſhagh* Manor, in 1498, it was bought by *William Lamb*, who purchaſed *Stalworthy*'s, and united them, in 1544, *Edm. Bainard* had them, who joined *Nothe*'s Free-Tenement to them, which had been in his Family for many Generations, they after came to the *Bacon*'s, and paſſed ever ſince united, as they now remain.

## WINDHAM REGINÆ, *or the* ABBOT'S MANOR,

Was given by the *Founder* to that Houſe, and paſſed with it to it's Diſſolution, and was granted by *H.* VIII. in 1545, to *Henry* Earl of *Surrey*, at whoſe Attainder it reverted to the Crown, and was aſſigned to the Princeſs *Mary* before ſhe came to the Crown: in 1556 King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, kept Court here, from whom it came to Queen *Elizabeth*, who held her firſt Court in 1558; in 1573, the Queen had the Manor and Rectory, and the Rents were 102 *l. per Ann.* in 1622, it was aſſigned to *Charles* then Prince of *Wales*, afterward *Charles* I. it after belonged to *Philip Harbord* of *Beſthorp* Eſq; and then to *Suſan* his Widow, who re-married to *Francis Howard* Baron of *Effingham*, it hath gone with *Beſthorp* ever ſince, which you may ſee at fo. 338, 9. and is now owned by the Heireſs of Mr. *Shaw*, and Mrs. *Paſton*.

## CHOSSELL'S MANOR.

*Choſelee* Manor in *Windham*, hath a *Lete*, with ſole Juriſdiction over it's own Tenants, it was Part of the great Manor given by *Will. de Albany*, before 1146, with the Conſent of *Will. Turbus* Biſhop of *Norwich*, to God and St. *Mary*, and the Church of St. *Lazarus* of *Jeruſalem* (at *Burton*) and the Bretheren ſerving God there, for the Souls of *Stephen* King of *England*, and *Maud* his Queen, and of *Adeliza* or *Alice*, Widow of King *H.* I. then Wife of the ſaid *William*, and for their Children, Friends and Benefactors, living or dead, as the original Grant among the Evidences of the City of *Norwich* informs me; it contained ſixſcore Acres of Land in *Windham*, lying between the Manor Houſe and the Field.

*Salmon* in his *Roman Stations*, P. 8, gives us the following Account of an old Chapel here, in theſe Words.

“ On the *North Eaſt* Side of *Windham*, at half a Mile's Diſtance, ſtands what is left of a ſmall antient Building, called *Windham Chappel*. The Foundation is a Bridge of three or four Arches over a Brook, running North and South, the Chappel Eaſt and Weſt. The Bridge is about three Foot wider than the Chappel, ſo there is a Foot Way over by the Chappel Side, * which a Horſe too may go upon in a Flood, this is thought to have been the *Cell* of ſome *Anchoret*, who lived upon the Alms of Paſſengers. Juſt by ſtands a Meeting-Houſe of the *Quakers*, who formerly made Uſe of the Chappel, 'till it became ruinous, as one of the Neighbours informed me. By what revolving Jumble of Ideas they came to fix upon hallowed Ground, is to me a Miſtery, unleſs the murmuring Stream did the Office of an Organ, and ſerved as a Vehicle to their Sighs.”

This is called *Weſtwade* Chapel, from the little Stream it ſtands over, and was founded by the ſaid *William*, and made a Cell to the *Lazars* at *Burton*, who placed a Maſter and 2 or 3 Bretheren to dwell here, in order to get what they could of the Paſſengers that went by; it ſeems the *Cuſtos* was looked upon as Lord of this Manor, for I have ſeen a Coppy in *Henry* VI. Time, the Style of which is this, *Wymondham.* ‘ *Curia Domus fratrum Sancti Lazari*,” and no Mention of *Burton*, and when the admitting Part comes, it ſays, “ *Dominus*,” which I ſuppoſe means the *Cuſtos*, and not *Domini*, to mean the *Bretheren*. At the Diſſolution 'twas given by *Henry* VIII. to *John Dudley* Knt. as Part of the diſſolved Houſe of *Burton Lazars*, in 1545, he ſold it to *Will. Kett*, and in 1578, it belonged to *The Hoſpital of Norwich*, as it ſtill doth, the *Corporation* of that *City* being now Lords.

## PALGRAVE'S *or* HETHERSET'S MANOR,

Was held in 1401, by *John de Hetherſete*, of the Manor of *Forncet*, at a Quarter of a Fee: It came ſince that, to the *Palgrave's*, in 1545, *Clement Palgrave* Eſq; owned it, after that, *John Palgrave* Eſq; and in 1648, Sir *John Palgrave* Knt. and Bart. ſold it to *Samuel Smith* of *Norwich* Eſq; *Robert Willimot* of *Greys-Inn* Eſq; and *Will. Bond* of *London*, which *William* in 1667, ſold it to *Sarah Biſpham*, Relict of *Samuel Biſpham* M. D. and her Heirs, with *Hetherſet* and *Woodhall* in *Hetherſet*. It once was owned by Mr. *John Aid* of *Horſtead*, of whom Mr. *Henry Smith* of *Coltiſhall*, the preſent Lord purchaſed it.

## DOWNHAM-HALL MANOR,

At the Time of the Conqueſt, this Part of the Town was a ſeparate Village or Hamlet, called by the Name of HIDICHETHORP, and was a diſtinct Manor extending into *Windham*, *Kimberley*, and *Hingham*, the whole of it being then worth 30 *s.* a Year, it was ſeized by

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* Now, the Eaſt-Wall is broken down, and the Horſes paſs through the very Chapel.

*Baniard*, who did not keep it long, before the King took it and laid it wholly to *Windham*, from which Time it hath always been taken as an Hamlet to that Pariſh, *Domeſday* fo. 297, gives us an Account of it in theſe Words.

Inuaſio Baignardi. Feorhou H.

In Hidichethorp xxiiii Liberi homines, cxx Acr. quod tenet Baignardus, de quibus ſuus Anteceſſor nec Commendationem habuit. De quibus fuere iii. in Wimundeham et unus in Epiſcopatu, & iii de Kiburnelai, & xvii in Hincham. Inter totum habent iiii Car. v Acr. prati, val. xxx Sol.

It ſoon after loſt it's Original Name, and took another, by which it hath paſſed ever ſince, Hi-dic-Torp, ſignified *the Village at the Hill, by the Ditch or Water*, and dun-Ham, by which Name it went in *Henry* II. Time, is "*the Village on the Hill*," both which anſwer to it's Situation; at the Foundation of the Priory of *Windham*, it was given by the Founder to that Houſe, and was afterwards aſſigned with all it's Rents and Services, to the Abbot thereof, who built a Country Seat, or Houſe of Retirement, on the Top of the Hill, which is called *Downham-Lodge*, which with the Manor was aſſigned to the Lady *Mary*, after the Diſſolution, but ſhe did not enjoy it, by Reaſon the Abbot forſeeing the approaching Fate of his Convent, leaſed it out to *John Flowerdew* of *Hetherſet* Eſq; which Leaſe did not expire 'till 1561, it being called in that Leaſe, *Downham-Hall*, and *Downham-Hall* Manor; during this Leaſe, it ſeems the *Cotton*'s obtain'd a Grant of it, for in 1565, *Will. Cotton* and *Urſula* his Wife, conveyed the Manor, Scite, Faldcourſe, Free-Fiſhery, and common of Paſture in *Downham* Shifts, to *Will. Thornton*, and in 1573, *John Thornton* of *Soham* in *Cambridgeſhire* Gent. granted an Annuity of 26 *s.* 8 *d.* out of it, to *Edw. Flowerdew*, in Recompence for his good Council and Advice given him. In 1623, *John Thornton* Eſq; ſold it to *Rich. Buxton* Gent. from whom it came to the *Woodhouſe*'s, in which Family it continues at this Day; they having left their old Seat at *Kimberley*, and ſetled here, it being far the moſt agreable Situation: The Houſe ſtands on the Summit of a Hill, in a moſt pleaſant Park, and commands two fine Views, the Weſtern one, overlooks a Vale with a Rivulet, in the midſt, a large Baſon of Water, of about 12 or 14 Acres, (made by the preſent owner) rendering it moſt delightfull that Way, as the fine *Viſto* doth on the other Side, which commands the Valley, and terminates in a moſt agreable Landskip towards *Burford*. It now is the Seat of ARMINE WOODHOUSE Eſq; one of the preſent Members in Parliament for the County of *Norfolk*.

## BROCKDISH, SPRINGWELL'S, *or* FINDERN'S MANOR,

No doubt belonged to the ſeveral Families, whoſe Names it retains, in 1545, *Tho. Findern* of *Wiclewood*, was Lord, who was deſcended from the *Findern*'s of *Eſſex* and *Derbyſhire*, it continued a good while in that Family, *George Finderne* was Lord, and afterwards it belonged to the *Duffield*'s, and now Mr. *Charles Humfrey* of *Norwich*, is Lord.

## THUXTON'S *and* BEACHAM'S,

In *Windham*, *Bunwell*, and *Carleton*, formerly belonged to the *Beauchamp*'s, from whom it took it's preſent Name, it after belonged to Sir *Philip Woodhouſe* Knt. who jointly with his Truſtees, ſold it to *Rich. Page*, whoſe Son *Will. Page*, held his firſt Court in 1587. It it lately belonged to *John Tallowine*, after to Mr. *Rob. Bullock* of *Hingham*, and Mr. *Robert Bullock* his Son and Heir is now Lord. I find a Manor here called WADKAR in *Windham*, which Court was held at *Windham* ſingle, 37 *H.* VIII. but in *P.* & *M.* Time, it ſeems to be joined to *Kirkeby-Bydon* or *Kirby-Bedon*, at which Town the Court was then held, in 1664, the Stile was thus. *Witlingham*, alias *Wicklingham*, *Wadkers* in *Wimondham* and *Kirkby-Bedon*, where the Court was held, ſo that I imagine, that *Wadkers* in *Windham* and *Wicklingham*, being in the ſame Lord, were joined and kept as one Court; and this is all I find of the Manors here.

## The *RECTORY*,

Was given by the Founder to the Prior, who got it immediately appropriated to the Monaſtery, and it continued (all but the Vicars Part) in that Houſe, 'till it's Diſſolution, and then came to the Crown, where it remained 'till Queen *Elizabeth* by Letters Patents dated 27 *June*, in the 42 Year of her Reign, among other Things, granted in exchange to the Biſhop of *Ely* and his Succeſſors for ever, "The Rectory of *Wimondham* with the Tithe "Barn, and all the Tithes of the Demean Lands, late Parcell of *Wimondham* Priory," and ever ſince, it hath been held as it now is, by Leaſe of that See. Mr. *Burroughs* of *Windham* being the preſent Leſſee.

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## The *Vicarage*,

Was ſetled in 1221, the VICAR being to have half the Offerings at the Altar, except on the 4 Feaſt Days, of the *Purification* and Birth of the *Virgin Mary*, (on which Days great Feaſts were held here, the Church being dedicated to her, when it was finiſhed, and to St. [d] *Thomas Becket*) *Chriſtmaſs* and *Eaſter*, and on them the Prior was to have the whole, the Vicar was to have the Wax Candle Offerings, by the Name of *Cerage*, beſides other ſmall Tithes, as Calves, Lambs, *&c.* all the Confeſſions of the Pariſhioners, and a *Corrody* in the Monaſtery, (in Lieu of which a Pention was granted at the Diſſolution to the Vicar) and *Walter* the Archdeacon then agreed, that he and his Succeſſors would receive but one Mark yearly for Procurations; the Vicar was to have the Tithe of all Corn growing in the Pariſh, and converted into Bread-corn there, by the Name of *Loſe-Corn*, beſides other Tithes, the whole of his Profits being taxed at 12 Marks, all which the Pope, Biſhop of *Norwich*, and the Prior there, confirmed by their ſeveral Deeds; *Walter's* Taxation gives us this Account, the Rectory with the Manor *&c.* is taxed at ſix Scoreand ſix Marks and an half, and the Vicarage at 10 Marks, *Norwich Domeſday* gives us this Account, here is a Cell of Monks belonging to St. *Alban's* Monaſtery, to which the Pariſh Church is appropriated, together with the Chapel of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and the Impropriation is valued at 120 Marks, the Vicarage at 13 Marks, the Vicar hath a Houſe but no Land, Sinodals and Procurations are 3 *s.* 4 *d.* Peter-Pence 10*s.* and the Town Pays Yearly Carvage to the High-Altar of *Norwich* Cathedral, by the Vicar every *Whitſun* Week 2 *s.* 1 *d.*

## VICARS.

Walter the firſt Vicar. The Prior and Convent.
1260, Richard.
1280, Nigel Payn.
1290, Baldwin the Prior's Nephew.
1317, Robert Wauncy of Kingſwalden, he reſigned and went to Colton.
1333, Henry de Maſhworth., who reſigned Hapesburgh.
1349, Rich. Eſtrild R.
1349, Richard Son of John Richard of Kimburley, changed in
1365, with John de Stukele, for Colton, who changed in
1388, with Thomas de Killingworth, for St. Butolph in Norwich. He was buried in the Church in 1397.
1397, Tho. Praty.
1397, Rob: Wright R.
1408, Rob. Baſage, changed in
1424, with Tho. Pilecok, for Stanhawe. He died Vicar.
1434, John Girding O.
1466, Tho. Draper O.
1479, Rob. Irby R.
1409. Tho. Porter.
1513, John Drye A. M. ob. 1538.
1538, Eligius Ferrers, then Abbot, was the laſt preſented by the Convent. He lies buried under the fine old Monument on the South Side of the Altar.
1539, Henry King, S. T. P. reſ. he was inſtalled Prebend of Norwich in 1548, was Rector of Great-Fraunſham in 1551, and next Year of Little-Fraunſham, but was deprived of all, in the beginning of Queen Mary's Reign; but afterwards being reconciled, he died Rector of Winterton in 1557. The Crown.
1555, Will. Wyllis.
1556, Tho. Briggs, Lapſe.
Sir Harvy Hoping.
Mr. Maſon.
1573, Tho. Lewger.
1581, Anth. Carington.
1581, John Woodfall.
1590, Sim. Wells, he returned 1600 Communicants here in 1603.
The CROWN.
1607, Edward Agas. The Biſhop of Ely, who is now Patron the Advowſon being ſetled on that See, by Queen Elizabeth.
1629, Joſhua Meen, he was born at Waybred in Suff.
1660, Henry Younger.
1663, John Marſhall.
1666, Francis Lewes O. He was Rector of St. Mary Magdalen Old Fiſh-ſtreet.
1683, Tho. Baron O.
1686, Tho. Wright, buried in the Chancel.
1691, Will. Hawys O.
1701, George Taylor, buried in the Veſtry.
1737, 8 June, The Rev. Mr. Robert Cremer, A. M. now holds it united to Aſhill.

This Vicarage is valued in the King's Books at 10 *l.* 14 *s.* 4 *d.* *ob:* and being ſworn of the clear Yearly Value of 49 *l.* 13 *s.* 2 *d.* is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, it is there called WYMONDHAM, *alias* WYNDHAM. It hath a Vicarage Houſe and ſome ſmall Parcels of Glebe, given by *John Weſtgate* and *Alice* his Wife in 1472, "to the Vicar of "*Windham* my Cloſe called *Brothiways* in *Cakewike* in *Windham*, that he and his Succeſſors "ſhould keep a *Certeyn* for our Souls." I am informed it lies in Mr. *Drake's* Eſtate, who pays the Vicar the Rent of it Yearly. At the Diſſolution there was a Pention paid to the Vicar, of 6 *l.* 10 *s.* *per Ann.* which was 5 *l.* *per Ann.* only in 13 *Elizabeth.*

## *Of the* PRIORY *or* ABBY.

**The PRIORY of WIMONDHAM was founded in the Time of King *Henry* I. by WILL.**

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[d] This ſhews it was ſome Years before the Church was finiſhed, after the Nomination of the firſt Prior, for Becket was not murdered 'till 1130, in which Year the firſt Prior was appointed.

DE ALBANI, [e] *Butler* to that King, for his own and Wife's Souls, and thoſe of his Father, Mother, and Anceſtors, he endowed it, with the Pariſh Church of *Windham*, and all the Tithes and Revenues whatſoever belonging to it, and gave his Manor-Houſe, with the Court-Yard, Orchards, Alder-car, Fiſheries, and Motes round the Houſe and Court-Yard, and alſo the Mill in the Court, and the Mill called *Weſtwade*, with 30 Acres of Paſture by it, the Grove called *Biskilmid*, and the little Grove at *South-Wood*, the *Wic* and 10 Tenants in *Suthwode* by the *Wic*, as much arable Land in the ſaid Town, as was lett at 13*l.* *per Ann.* 45 Acres of which, laid in *Northfield*, 80 Acres in *Eaſtfield*, and 80 Acres in *Silfield*, with 40 Tenants, and their Lands in the ſame Town, and 18 Freeholders and their Services: He alſo granted leave to the Prior and Convent to hold their Court in the ſaid Town, and to have all the Amerciaments of their own Tenants, whither they were amerced in his *Lete* or in the *Market-Court*: He gave them alſo the Tithe of his Woods in *Bukenham*, and Liberty for their Swine to go there, 40*s.* Land in *Nelond*, *Molefen*, and *Brakene*, the Lands in *Wramplingham*, which *Rob. Grym*, *Elſey*, and *Rilald*, held, the Advowſon of *Colton*, with the Lands there, which *Ulf* the Parſon or Prieſt then held, with the Land of *Adelſtan* and of *Colman le Kinge*, the whole Town of *Hapisburgh*, except the Land of *Anſgot* the Chamberlain, the Church and the Market, with all that belong'd to it, namely *Wrec*, *Tol*, *Team*, and other Cuſtoms. Two Carucates of Land, a Faldage, Mill, and 13 Men in *Barnham*, with two Parts of the Tithes of his Demeans in that Town, all which he held of *Henry* I. the Church of *Sneteſham* with all that belonged to it, one Carucate of Land and a Free-Fald there, two Parts of the Tithes of all his Lands, and Liberty of fiſhing in all his Fiſheries, in *Grimſton*, *Flitcham*, and *Pikenham*, all which he granted to the Prior and Convent of St. *Mary* at *Windham*, of his own Foundation, free from all Cuſtom and ſecular Service; he alſo order'd, that whenever the Priory was void, the Monks of *Windham* ſhould elect a new Prior, one of their own Convent, and preſent him to their Founder, who ſhould not refuſe to confirm him, unleſs he could ſhew a ſufficient Cauſe; the Founder alſo, made it ſubordinate to St. *Albans*, and ordered that whenever the Abbot of St. *Albans* came to *Wimondham*, he ſhould be honourably entertained, and as a Token of their dependency as a Cell to St. *Alban*'s, the Prior of *Windham* was to pay one Mark of Silver, on the chief Feſtival of St. *Alban* the Martyr, to that Abbot; and whereas *Richard* Abbot of St. *Alban*'s, and the Chapter there, had given him leave to found an Abby, which he had only made a Priory, he order'd that if ever he himſelf made it an Abby, or the King, or any of his Succeſſors, that the Abbot ſhould be choſen out of the Monks of *Windham*, and that then it ſhould be an independent ABBY, free from the Mark a Year and all other acknowledgements: and the Abbot agreed, that it might be made an Abby whenever he pleaſed, *Roger Bygot*, *Ingulf de Morley*, *Ingulf* Prior of *Norwich*, *Stephen* Prior of *Thetford*, *Alward de Wimundham*, and *Richard* his Son, *Edric de Wymundham*, *Morell de Morley*, and many others were Witneſſes; afterwards, the Founder [f] at the Burial of his Wife *Maud*, Daughter of *Roger Bigot*, for her Soul, and thoſe of *Henry* King of *England*, and *Adeliza* his Wife, for the Souls of *Will. Rufus* his Father, and *Maud* his Wife, and their Anceſtors, and alſo for the Souls of *Roger Bigod* and *Ebrard* Biſhop of *Norwich*, confirmed all *Hapisburgh* whatſoever, Church and all, except *Anſgot* the Chamberlain's Land, and a Hamlet called *Eccles*, and this he did becauſe it was of her Inheritance, and he gave the Convent Poſſeſſion on her burial Day, by delivering them a Croſs of Silver for their Uſe, in which were many precious Reliques, as Pieces of the Wood of the Holy Croſs, of the Manger our Lord laid in, of the Holy Sepulchre, and alſo his gold Ring, and a Silver Cup in Shape of a *Sphere* of excellent Workmanſhip, for to keep the Holy Euchariſt in, all which he offer'd upon the Altar, by the Hands of Biſhop *Ebrard*, juſt at the End of the *Letany*, and as the Biſhop was going to celebrate Maſs for his Wife's Soul: *Nigel* Prior of *Windham*, *Ingulf* Prior of *Norwich*, *Stephen* Prior of *Thetford*, *Hugh* Prior of *Acre*, [g] and *William*, *Luke*, *Wibert*, *Gregory*, *Thomas*, *John*, *Silveſter*, *Paulinus*, *Florentius*, *Hugh*, *Eudo*, and *Stephen*, then Monks of *Windham*, *Jeffry de Morley*, and many others; and the ſame Time, *William de Cruciona* or *Curſon*, gave them 20 Acres of Land and all his Tithes of *Stanfield* in *Windham*, in the Preſence of *Alice Bigot*, Mother of the deceaſed, *Agnes de Beaufoe*, and *Almund* her Daughter, and others.

Henry I. King of *England*, the Foundation being compleated, confirmed to God and St. *Alban*, and the Church of St. *Mary* in *Windham*, all the Gifts of *William de Albani* his *Butler*, with theſe that he gave, beſides what is aforementioned, *viz.* all his Tenants that he held of the Earl *Warren* in *Windham*, 40*s.* Land in *Habilla* or *Hethill*, a Marſh in *Redham*, a Rent of 2000 Eeles a Year from *Elingeya* or *Helgay*, all *Wrec* from the Diviſion on the Coaſt, between *Eccles* and *Happiſburgh*, all along Weſt to the Diviſion, between the Hundred of *Happisburgh*, (now contracted into *Happing*) and *Tunſtede*, two Parts of the Tithes of his Demeans in *Congham*, and *Riſing*; beſide this, the King by Vertue of his Royal Prerogative, granted them Liberty of Soc and Sac, Tol and Theam, Infangethef, Utfangethef, Flemensfermthe, Blodwyt, Foreſtal, Danield, Wrec, Murdre, and all *Forfeitures* for Murder, with Liberty for all the Convent's Tenants to buy and ſell, in all Cities and Places, that had not then, Charters granted to the contrary, all Things *Toll-free*: he alſo granted that none of his Officers ſhould enter or intermedle in any of the Convent's Lands, or with any of their Tenants, unleſs with their Conſent, but that the Prior ſhould have his own Officers, who ſhould keep his Liberties, without any diſturbance from the King's. Soon after this, the Founder to augment his Convent, gave the great Wood in *Windham*, called *South-Wood*, and the Meadow and Lands before the Church-Doors, that the Monks might not be moleſted ſerving God in the Church, by the Noiſe of Paſſengers, for which Reaſon alſo, he obtained the King's Licence, and changed the High-Way, which before laid cloſe by the Church, and turned it by his own Houſe.

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[e] See Dug. Mon. Vol. 1. fo. 337, 8, 9. 340, 1, 2.

[f] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 118.

[g] So that it was founded for a Prior and 12 Monks.

WILL. DE ALBANI, Grandſon to the Founder, confirmed all the aforeſaid Gifts, with thoſe of *William* Earl of *Arundel* his Father, *viz.* Liberty of Fiſhing one Day and one Night in all his Motes and new Fiſheries made by his Houſe, namely, the Day and Night before the Anniverſary of his Grandfather, their Founder, unleſs they liked it better at another Time; the Land of *Richard* Son of *Adam de Dunham*, the Land of *Bonda* and *Uſchetel* in *Branteſlund*, the Land of *Richard* Son of *Anſgot* the Chamberlain, in *Windham*, and *Hapesburgh*, 3 Acres in *Popiland* of the Fee of *Reginald* the *Forreſter*, *Godſacre* in the ſame Furlong, of the Gift of *Nigel Ruſtendene* or *Ruſteyn*, with Common of Paſture, and Land in *Teldebote's Smethe* or *Smee*, 6*d.* yearly Rent in the Burgh of *Bukenham*, of the Gift of *Alexander the Cook*, and the Advowſon of the Church of *Beſthorp*, which his Father gave them, for the Souls aforeſaid, and in particular for the Soul of Lady *Agatha* Daughter of *Ralf*, Son of *Saveric*. The Furlong called *Sparrweſtoft* in *Beſthorp*, which *Robert de Brathwint* gave them, 7 Acres which *Robert* his Son gave them, 40*s.* Land in *Nelond*, *Molſen*, and *Binchene*, which his Grandmother gave, the Tenement which *John* and *Luke* his Sons, held in *Kerebroc* or *Carbrook*, he gave them two Carrucates of Land in Demean, a Mill, Faldage, and Manor, with two Parts of the Tithes of his Demeans in *Buruh* or *Burgh*, which were his Grandfather's, *Richard Noth*, gave them a Saltpit, and 2*s.* Rent in *Utthuna* or *Wotton*, by *Lyn*, *Roger de Verly* gave them an Acre in *Pykenham*, and 11 Acres in *Redeham*, beſides the Fen, all which he confirmed to them, with the Advowſon of *North-Wotton*, in the Preſence of *Godfry* his Brother, *Roger Bigot*, and others.

It being thus endowed, the Abbot of St. *Alban*'s began after the Founders Death, to extend his Juriſdiction ſo far over it, as to take the Confirmation of the Prior elect, to him ſelf, and about 1300, to preſent a Prior to it, to be confirmed by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and moſtly the Monks of St. *Alban*'s, contrary to the Foundation, were admitted Priors on their Abbot's Preſentation, much againſt the Minds of the true Patrons of the Priory, and thus it continued 'till 1448, when it was erected into an independent ABBEY on the following Occaſion, as Mr. *Weever* relates it at fo. 809.

JOHN the 7th of that Chriſtian Name, Abbot of St. *Alban*'s, could not endure a certain Monk of the Houſe, whom he had made Archdeacon, whoſe Name was *Stephen London*, becauſe he would tell him of his Faults, therefore to be rid of his Company, his Admoniſhments being diſtaſtefull, he perſwades the Archdeacon to take upon him, the Charge of the Priory of *Windham*, then void of a Prior, the Archdeacon accepts of it, and was admitted Prior by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, in 1446, and being a worthy Man, pleaſed both his Flock, and Sir *Andrew Ogard* Knt. his Founder, very well, which more diſpleaſed the Abbot, who within one Year, ſent expreſs Commandment, to diſcharge him of his Priorſhip, which was hainouſly taken by himſelf and his Patron, inſomuch that in 1447, the *Prior* and Sir *Andrew*, petitioned the King, that they might have his Licence to obtain a Bull from the Pope, to erect it into an *Abby*, and ſet forth that the Founder *William de Albany*, had reſerved Liberty in the Foundation Deed, for the King, and the Patron or Founder, to do ſo at any Time; he complained alſo, that the Abbots of St. *Alban*, had preſented Monks of St. *Alban*, contrary to the Founder's Intention which tied the Priorſhip to the Monks of *Windham*'s own Election out of their own Number, and it appearing true, the King licenced Sir *Andrew*, to procure a *Bull* for it, which he did, from Pope *Nicholas* V.

in 1448, by which it was made an independent Abby, *Steph. London* then Prior, was made the firſt Abbot, all the future Abbots according to the Foundation, being to be elected out of *Windham* Monks, unleſs all conſented to the contrary, and to be admitted as the Priors were, by the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and preſented to the Founder or Patron, who could not refuſe any, unleſs for notorious Crimes: and thus it became an Abby and continued ſo to it's Diſſolution; It's whole Revenues being then rated according to *Speed*, at 72 *l.* 5 *s.* 4 *d.* and according to *Dughdale*, at 211 *l.* 16 *s.* 6 *d. per Ann.* It was founded in 1130, for in that Year the Founder appointed the firſt *Prior*. All the Manors and Lands of this Monaſtery enjoy'd the Liberties of St. *Alban's*, 'till it's Erection into an *Abby*, and then it enjoy'd them in it's own Right. The Regiſter of St. *Alban's* ſays, that it was dedicated to St. *Mary* and St. *Alban*, and was a Cell of *Black Monks*, belonging to St. *Alban's*; the Abbots of which Monaſtery had continual Conteſts about the Patronage of it.

In the Time of Abbot *Robert*, and of *William de Albani*, Earl of *Arundel*, Son of the Founder, *Ralf de Nuers*, a Man very religious, and of a good Character, tho' too paſſionate, was Prior of *Windham*: in his Time, the Men and Tenants of *Hapisburgh*, which belonged to that Priory, refuſed to pay their Dues and Services to the Prior, upon which, he takes all the Convent's Servants and went thither, with a Deſign to oblige them to it, but they reſiſted him to his Face, which ſo urged him, that he called the Earl's Servants to his Aſſiſtance, who broke open the Tenants Doors, bound ſome of them, and as a Seizure for the Priors Dues, carried off the Goods of the Priors Tenants, upon this, the Tenants taking the broken Locks &c. go to St. *Alban's*, and there complain to the Abbot as their ſuperior Lord, of the Prior and the Earl's Servants, who finding themſelves led into ſuch Difficulty, immediately turn'd their rage againſt the Prior, who had led them into it, and ſaid that the Prior had perſwaded them to do it in the Earl's Name, the Abbot conſidering it a difficult Matter, reſolved to come to *Windham*, to make out the Truth, but when he was about 8 Miles off, the Prior and Monks met him, and told him, the Earl's Officer and Servants, were ready to reſiſt his entring into the Church or Monaſtery, upon which the Abbot deſigned to go to *Norwich*, and ſend a Meſſenger to the Earl, to know whither it was by his Order, but one of the young Monks ſaid, it was better to go and ſee firſt if it was ſo, becauſe there was no Ground for ſuch a Meſſage if it proved otherwiſe, but as they went along, a Meſſenger came to tell them, the Abbot's Cook, who was gone before to prepare a Supper for him, had his Horſe taken from him, upon which, the Monks rode, and recovered the Horſe from the Perſon that had taken him, and they, and the Abbot haſten'd to the Town, and at the Convent's outward Gates, a great Number met him, calling out that they received him, both as their Spiritual and Temporal Lord alſo, following him to the Church-Yard Gate, and there *Roger de Millers* the Earl's Officer, and many of his Attendants, hinder'd the Abbot's entring, whom the Abbot knowing, ſays to him, you know that I am Abbot of St. *Alban's*, and when I took that Office, I took alſo the Care of this Place, which is a Daughter or Cell to it, and ſo ſpurring his Horſe, he went through the whole Company without any Reſiſtance, but as the Abbot came from Church, *Roger* and his Company intreated him to return and not provoke the Earl, who was exceedingly angry already, upon which the Abbot was prevailed upon, to ſend Meſſengers to the Earl, namely, the *Prior*, *Richard de St Clare*, and *Henry de Gorham*, the Abbot's Uncle, who brought Word, the Earl would meet the Abbot on ſuch a Day at *Burnham*, on which Day they met and the Abbot told him, that the Cauſe of his Coming was on the Complaint of the Tenants of *Windham* and *Happisburgh*, whom his Servants had oppreſſed and ſpoiled, and claimed his Right ſo to do, from the Earl's Father's Grant, and ſaid he viſited once a Year, and ſtaid as Viſitor as long as he pleaſed: the Earl anſwered, he had nothing to do there, neither did the Affair concern him at all, he having no Right by his Father's Grant but for a Mark a Year, and good Entertainment only once a Year when he viſited his Cell at *Binham*, and that only one Night in going and one Night in returning, ſo that he had not above 13 Horſe-Men with him; to this the Abbot ſaid, that he created the preſent Prior, and what Right he had, he held from him, and the Prior in Preſence acknowledged it ſo, the Abbot alſo ſaid, that *Richard*, Abbot of St. *Alban's* had the Viſitation, and was not confined to Nights nor Days, nor Number, but came and went as he pleaſed, and received the Mark a Year as a Token of Subjection, and viſited it as often as he would; upon which the Earl in a great Paſſion roſe up and told him, as long as he had a Knights Girdle on, he would not ſuffer that to be, which never was before, and ſo departed, and the Abbot went again to *Windham*, and reſolved to go to *Hapesburgh* to make out the Truth; upon this, the Earl ſends a large *Poſſe* of Men thither, charging them not to ſuffer him to enter the Houſe belonging to the Monaſtery, and ſwore them to oppoſe the Abbot all Ways to the utmoſt, which they did, for which the Abbot cited the Earl to *Northampton*, where he appeared, and promiſed to make him amends to his liking at *Windham*, for that Violence; upon which the Abbot by the Juſtices Leave, came again to *Windham*, but the Earl deceived him, and was again cited before the Juſtices at *London*, but nothing was done; but at length by the Interpoſition of great Men, they agreed, and the Abbot gave the Earl 40 Marks to confirm all his Father's Gifts, which he did except the Church of *Riſing* and ſome Portions of Tithes, which tho' in the King's Confirmation, were never enjoyed by the Monaſtery; notwithſtanding which, the Earl was not yet inwardly contented, as he had no Reaſon to be, for now they got from him the Power of confirming the Prior, and ſo they ſent Monks of St. *Alban*'s for Priors, and re-called them at Pleaſure; After this, the Abbot deſirous of having the ſole Authority over the Monaſtery of *Windham*, and all that belonged to it, quarrelled with *Thomas* Biſhop of *Norwich*, being deſirous that the Priors of *Windham* and *Binham*, ſhould not be ſubject to him, or yeild any Obedience to his *Epiſcopal* Authority, and pleaded ſuch Exemption for all that belonged to St. *Alban*'s; but at laſt there was a Compoſition made between the Biſhop and Abbot, that they ſhould yeild all Reverence and Epiſcopal Obedience to the Biſhop, in Relation to their Pariſh Churches and Vicarages, and the Priors of *Binham* and *Windham* for the Future, ſhould be preſented to the Biſhop, and perform their Canonical Obedience, and come to the Biſhop's Sinod, or ſend their Proctors, or have their Letters of Excuſe allowed, and ſhall ſit among the other Priors in their riding Habits, in their Caps and Spurrs, all the Vicars of their Pariſh Churches, ſhall be inſtituted by the Biſhop, *viz.* the Vicars of *Windham*, *Snetesham*, *Binham*, *Derſingham*, and *Hapisburgh*: the Abbot alſo agrees, that the Viſitation of theſe Chuches, ſhall not hereafter belong to the Biſhop, but that they pay him annually in Leiu thereof, 20*s.* for the Priory of *Binham*, and 40*s.* [b] for the Priory of *Windham*; the Abbot reſerves Power as before, to elect the Priors, remove the Monks, and do every thing in the Priories excluſive of the Biſhop, according to the Rule of the Order of St. *Bennet*: this agreement was dated in St. *Paul*'s Church in *London*, in 1228, and from this Time, the Town of *Windham* as to all Spiritual Juriſdiction, of the Monks and all their Tenants, became exempt from the Juriſdiction of the Biſhop of *Norwich*, and the Probate of their Wills &c. all belonged to the Priory, as a Member of St. *Alban*'s: after this, in 1450, the whole of the Inhabitants claimed Exemption from the Biſhop, and alledged this 40*s.* paid by the Prior, to include all of them, but it being otherwiſe, they were glad to compound in the following Manner, that the Biſhop ſhould have all the Spiritual Juriſdiction over them, but ſhould appoint an *Official*, who ſhould live and excerciſe it in the Town, and that none ſhould be compelled to go to the Court at *Norwich*, unleſs they were accuſed of Hereſy, Negromancy, &c. and that every Biſhop ſhould hold his Viſitation there every 7 Years, [i] according to cuſtom, without any Moleſtation. It ſeems the Convent had been ſome Time deſigning to bring this on the Anvil, for in 1419, when the Biſhop went thro' *Windham*, they would not ring, or the Prior would not let them, leaſt it ſhould be owning their Obedience to the Biſhop, but the Biſhop underſtanding it, it being a Parochial Church, proſecuted them, and interdicted the Church, upon which, Sir *John Beverich*, and three Chaplains more, and four of the chief Pariſhioners, were obliged to appear at his great Chapel in his Palace at *Norwich*, and ſubmit to him, and perform their Pennance, before they could get off the Interdict.

There was alſo another Controverſy between the Abbot of St. *Alban*'s, the Priors of *Windham*, and *Binham*, and the Archdeacon of *Norfolk*, which was carried ſo high, that the Parties appealed to *Rome*, and in *June* 1249, *Innocent* the 4th. made this final Determination, that notwithſtanding all the Privileges and Spiritual Juriſdiction that the Popes, and Kings had granted to St. *Alban*'s, the Archdeacon's Juriſdiction over the Pariſh Church Vicar and Pariſhioners was not injured, it appearing that they had it only to their *Abby* and *Cells*, of which this was no Part, for tho' the Quire and Church were uſed in Common, they for their daily Service had a Paſſage from the Monaſtery, and the Pariſhioners had another from the Common-Street, and uſed it as a Parochial Church, and as ſuch, it was for ever ſubjected to the Archdeacon's Juriſdiction, with all the other Churches belonging to *Windham* and *Binham*, and tho' they proved they had recovered againſt the Dean of *Wax-*

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[b] This was always paid out of the Rectory 'till Biſhop Thurlby releaſed it in 1550.

[i] This ſhews that the Biſhop's Viſitations then, according to Cuſtom, were held every ſeven Years only.

*ham*, for exerciſing his Juriſdiction in the Church of *Hapisburgh*, it was of no moment but ſet aſide, and upon this, the Archdeacon having recover'd the ſole Juriſdiction over the Church and all the Pariſhioners, named a reſident *Official* here, to exerciſe his Juriſdiction continually, as all his Succeſſors ever did: *Walter de London* who was then Arch-Deacon, was alſo the Pope's Chaplain, and by his Intereſt in that Court, came off ſo well; after this, the Monks being uneaſie with the Viſitation, agreed with the Inhabitants, and took the Choir, two Tranſept Chapels and Steeple, to themſelves, and aſſigned the Nave or Body of the Church and the North Iſle, to the Pariſh, which continued ever after.

After this, *Iſabell de Albany* Counteſs of *Arundel*, attaques the Abbot of St. *Alban*'s, and claims the ſole Power of confirming the Prior of *Windham*, according to the Founder's Charter, and at the Death of *William de St. Alban*, Prior there, which happened in 1262, ſhe claimed the Preſentation and ſued for it at *Rome*, but in *Oct.* 1264, ſhe compounded with the Abbot of St. *Alban*'s, on Condition he made *William de Horton* a Monk of St. *Alban*'s, Prior, which he did, and for the Future, the Counteſs and her Heirs on every Vacancy, ſhould Name two Monks of St. *Alban*'s, one of which the Abbot ſhould preſent, to the Biſhop, and thus, this alſo ended; but when Sir *Robert de Tateſhale* came to be Patron, hearing the Abbot of St. *Alban*'s deſigned to viſit it, he entered the Monaſtery and ſhut up the Quire Doors, and all it's Gates, and would let no Body out or in, or ſuffer the Prior to meet the Abbot, or acknowledge he had any Thing to do there, alledging that they had forfeited all their Right there if they had any, by Reaſon that *John de Berkhamſtede*, Abbot of St. *Alban*'s, had refuſed to deliver him a certain quantity of Bread and Ale from the Convent, which they were obliged to do, having always done it to his Anceſtors, that is to ſay, 4 Loaves and 4 Flaggons of Ale, every Day, whenever he comes to his Manor of *Windham*, which the ſaid Abbot fearing his Power, granted to him and his Heirs, after which he was honourably received at *Windham*; *John* Abbot of St. *Alban*'s ſucceeded, who had ſuffer'd this Payment, (which was eſtimated to come to about 8 *l. per Ann.*) to be unpaid, for which Reaſon at the Death of *Adam Polein* Prior of *Windham*, in 1303, the King's Eſcheator ſeized, and took Poſſeſſion of the Monaſtery, ſet a Gaurd at the Gates, ſummoned the whole Homage of the Priory Manor, the next Day, to do their Homage, but the Prior not being buried, it was reſpited, and after, upon the Tenants refuſing to do it, it being not cuſtomary, their goods were ſeized and detained, and all on Pretence that *Robert de Tateſhale*, Heir of Sir *Robert de Tateſhale*, was a Minor, and in the King's Cuſtody, and injured by the Non-Payment of Bread and Ale, and that a Prior could not be preſented; but the Abbot of St. *Alban*'s ſent with the King's Conſent, *John de Stevenache* to be Prior, who was received as ſuch, and all the Tenants goods returned, but by ſuch Means as theſe, he found his Convent in debt 1600 Marks. *Walter de Glouceſter* was Eſcheator beyond *Trent*, and *Will. de Curſon* Sub-Eſcheator for *Norfolk*; ſoon after, the Prior for 245 *l.* aſſigned to *John Leche* of *Egmere*, (Rector of *Maſſingham*) the Manor of *Hindringham*, called *Parnow-Hall*, and the Tenement which was *John de Brunham*'s, late Parſon of *Wodedalling*, *Hindringham*, and *Burnham*. After this, the Biſhop of *Norwich* being made general Collector of the Subſidy, granted by the Clergy in 1380, made the Prior of *Windham* one of the Deputy Collectors, which occaſioned long Conteſts, the Abbot of St. *Alban*'s inſiſting on his being exempt by their Privileges, and got the better of the Biſhop, *Rich.* II. in the 4th Year of his Reign, granting the Abbot and his Cells, Exemption from being Collectors or Aſſeſſors of any Subſidies.

## Other BENEFACTORS that I have met with to this MONASTERY, are,

*Robert de Ruſteyng*, who gave them a Marſh in *Sneteſham*, called *Nothere*, and 40 Acres in *Sharnbourn*, of the Fee of *Nich. de Sharnbourne*, for his own, and *Aldred* his Wife's Soul and thoſe of the *Albanies* his Lords.

*Ralf de Verli*, gave them many Lands in *Sneteſham*.

*Donatus* Prior of *Windham*, granted to *Alan* Son of *Robert de Sneteſham*, 5 Acres of the Demeans of *Windham* Convent in *Sneteſham*, and 6 Acres there, which *Cecily de Verli* gave to that Monaſtery, and one Acre which the ſaid *Alan* purchaſed, of the Fee of *Roger de Pavely*, all which, *Alan* was to have for ever, paying 28 *d. per Ann.* to the Priory; the

Witneſſes were, *Robert* Son of *Richard* of *Windham*, *Samſon* the Sub-Prior, *Benet* the Monk, *Aluered* the Chaplain, *Roger* the Deacon, *Nigel* the Butler, *Reginald* the Cook, *Herbert* the Oſtiler, *Jeffry* the Chamberlain of *Windham*, and many others.

*Will. le Veuter* of *Burnham*, gave 6 Acres in *Burnham*.

*Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, gave a Wind-mill, Houſe, and two Acres in *Barwick*, with the Church of *Berwic*.

*Iſolda*, Daughter of *Alured* or *Ailward de Pleſſeto*, gave them 60 Acres and an half in *Beſthorp*, with her Body to be buried at *Windham*, and Lands in *Atleburgh* and *Finebergh*, with the Conſent of *William de Arderne* her Son.

In 1256, *Ralf* Son of *Will. de Bukenham*, and *Hugh Beaufoe*, gave *William* Prior of *Windham*, the Advowſon of *Newton*, in Exchange for Lands in *South-Wotton*.

*Will. de Alneto* or *Alney*, gave Land in *Flitcham*.

*Roger de Verli* gave Lands in *Pykenham*.

*Matthew Peverel* and *Alice* his Wife gave them Tenants and their Services in *Melton*, with other Lands, *Roger de Hereford*, *Jeffry Clerk*, *Hugh Noble*, and *Richard* Son of *Ribald* gave Lands there.

*Reginald de Montcorbin*, and *Ralf*, gave them Lands in *Wiclewood*.

*Geffry* Son of *Eudo*, gave Land in *Nelond*, *Roger Malherbe* of *Tacolneſton*, gave Lands there.

*William* Son of *Walter*, and *Waryn* Son of *Ralf* of *Wramplingham*, gave Lands in *Wramplingham*.

*William* Son of *William de Albani* the Founder, gave them the Chapel of St. *Thomas* the *Martyr* in *Windham*, which he had founded.

*Rob. de Bavent* gave Land and Part of the Church of *Beſthorp*.

The Church of *Congham*, was of the Gift of *Adam* Son of *Alverede* or *Alured*.

*Ansketill de Stanfield*, gave 30 Acres in *Windham*.

*Will. de Uvedale*, gave *Will. Palmer* and his Tenement.

They had half a Mark Rent of the Gift of *Roger Roſai* of *Elingham*, and of *Ralf Bainard*.

*Euſtace de Riſlei*, *William* Son of *Odard*, *Fitz-Walter* &c. gave Lands in *Wiclewood*.

*Hugh* Son of *Alward*, *Hugh* Son of *Ulf*, *Richard de Dunham*, and *Reginald de Montcorbin*, gave Land in *Ketringham*, of *Anſchetil*'s Fee.

*Rob. Fulcher* gave Land in *Fritton*.

*Baldwin* Son of *Eudo*, gave Land by *Thorp* Park.

*Matthew Peverel*'s Mother, gave Lands in *Brakene*.

*Hodierne* and *Richard Noth*, gave Land in *Witton*.

*Eudo de Melles* gave 10 Acres in *Beſthorp*, moſt of theſe were given before 1182.

King *Stephen* granted the Prior a three Day Fair in *Windham*, *viz.* on the Eve, Day, and Morrow, of the *Nativity* of the *Virgin Mary*, and alſo Confirmation of the Market there.

*Rich. Fitz-Hammon*, gave Lands in *Sneteſham*.

*Will.* Earl of *Arundel*, granted them to be *Toll-Free* in *Lyn*, and all other his Market Towns.

*Adam* Son of *Alvered*, gave Lands in *Carleton*.

*Rob. de Carleton-Rode*, gave Lands in *Stanfield*.

*Will. Curſon* gave Lands in *Ketringham*.

*Will. Bloet*, gave Lands in *Ormersbei* and *Depedale*.

In 1249, the Priors of *Windham* and *Penteny*, agreed to divide the Tithes of Sir *Richard Curſon*'s Sheep, feeding in *Windham* and *Ketringham*, Sir *Rich. Curſon*, being Witneſs.

*Cecily* Daughter of *Odard de Sneteſham*, gave them Lands there.

*Roger de Ruſtein*, gave them a Mill there.

Sir *Robert Tharum* Knt. and *Eſtace de Bavent*, gave Lands in *Sharnborn* and *Sneteſham*, with all the Heath, his Lord, the 3d Earl of *Arundell*, gave them in *Swangey*, with a Marſh and 200 Sheep, for which the Monks were obliged to find a Chaplain in St. *Mary*'s Church at *Sneteſham*, at the Altar of St. *James* there, to pray for him and his Family.

*John de Ferthington*, granted to *Rich. Noth*, Son of *Gilbert de Kimburle*, Lands in *South-Wotton*, and Common of Paſture for 100 Sheep, and he gave them with all his Lands in *South*, and *North-Wotton*, and *Geywood*, to the Prior.

*Thomas*, Son of *Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp*, gave them 27 Acres of Land in *Sharnbourne*.

The Prior of *Langley* agreed to pay this Prior 24*s.* *per Ann.* for *Peche*'s Marſh, which they had of the Gift of *Robert Fitz-Roger*.

*Balderic* of *Taverham*, Son of *William*, Son of *Alexander de Drayton*, gave Lands in *Keſewic* and *Drayton*.

*John* Son of *Robert le Maſon* of *Norwich*, gave them the Advowſon of the Church of St. *Bartholomew* in *Berſtrete* in *Norwich*, and the Official of *Will. de Raleigh* Biſhop of *Norwich*, confirmed it to them.

*Stephen de Camois* gave them a Windmill in *Flokethorp*, with the Scite and Suit, ſaving to himſelf the grinding for his Family, and the Tithe to the Church of St. *George* of *Hardyngham*.

The Prior and Biſhop, granted leave to Sir *Rich. Curſon* Knt. to have a Chapel and Chaplain in his Houſe at *Stanfield*, in *Windham*, on Condition 'twas no way detrimental to the Mother-Church.

In 1251, *Walter* the Archdeacon, gave the Vicar an Acknowledgement that he would receive only a Mark a Year from his Vicarage, for Procurations.

*Edw.* I. granted the Prior Free-Warren in all his Lands, Manors, and Demeans, by Charter dated at *Carnarvon*, in the *12th* Year of his Reign, and particularly in *Windham*, *Hapisburg*, *Sneteſham*, *Bury*, the *Wotton*'s, *Wiclewood*, *Cringlethorp*, *Carleton*, *Wramplingham*, *Riſton*, and *Sharnborn*.

The Prior agreed with *Walter* Parſon of *Grimſton*, to receive a Pention of 40*s. per Ann.* in Lieu of all Tithes due to him, out of the antient Demean Lands of the Earl of *Arundel*, in 1242.

The Rector of *Melton* St. *Mary*, paid 6*d.* a Year for a Portion of Tithe Corn.

In 1308, *Reginald Bone*, aliened Lands here and in *Happiſburgh*, to the Prior.

In 1314, *Thomas de Cailli* gave a Meſſuage and 13 Acres in *Windham*.

Theſe are the chief of the Benefactors that I have met with, tho' doubt not but moſt of the Noble Families that were Patrons, were Benefactors alſo.

The whole of their Spirituals in *Windham*, were taxed at 80 Marks in 1428, and their Temporals there, at 13*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* their whole Spirituals in *Norfolk* were taxed at 170*l.* 10*s. per Ann.* and their Temporals at 152*l* 16*s.* 1*d. q.* ſo that they were taxed for both Spirituals and Temporals in *Norfolk*, at 323*l.* 6*s.* 1*d. q.*

After the Diſſolution, the Scite &c. with WINDHHM *Abby-Manor*, was given in 1545, to *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Surrey*, during the Life of *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, his Father, if the Earl ſo long lived, paying into the Court of Augmentations 9*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* a Year. It came after to the Crown, belonged to Queen *Mary*, and was granted by Queen *Elizabeth* in 1564, to *Walter Haddon*, to be held by the Fee-Farm of 11*l.* 9*s.* 8*d. per Ann.* In 1574, it belonged to Sir *Henry Cobham* Knt. and *Anne* his Wife, late Wife of *Walter Haddon*, Maſter of the Requeſts, who ſold it that Year to *Edward Flowerdew* Serjeant at Law, it being then in the Occupation of him, and *William Knight*, alias *Kett*, this *Edward* died ſeized of it, being then one of the Barons of the Exchequer, and left it to his Brother and Heir *John Flowerdew*, Eſq; who left it to *John Flowerdew* Gent. who died in 1587, and left it to *Edward Flowerdew* his Son and Heir, above 7 Years old, ſince which Time it came to the *Clere*'s, and have paſſed with the Manor ever ſince.

## PRIORS.

In 1130, NIGEL, the firſt Prior. was nominated by the Founder, and inſtalled accordingly.
1136, Alexius was Prior.
Galienus.
1160, Ralf de Nuers, was a Monk of St. Alban's, and the firſt choſen and preſented by that Abbot.
Nicholas.
Donatus. Sampſon was then Sub-Prior.
1200, Ralf de Dunſtable.
1210, Ralf de Stanham, preſented by William de Giſney Governour of Montjoy Priory, by leave of the Abbot of St. Alban's, and the Founder.
1215, Alexander de Langley.
1217. Ralf de Whiteby, formerly Prior of their Cell at Whiteby.. where he was ſent again, and died there, after he was re-called from hence.
Upon his Revocation, the Abbot preferr'd William de Feſcham, whom the Earl of Arundel Patron of the Houſe, deſervedly refuſed, and Thomas Medicus, or The Phiſician, who travelled into the Holy Land in Pilgrimage with the Earl's Father and brought back his dead Body to the Monaſtery, was made Prior. about 1224.
1257, William of St Alban's. he died on St. Gregorie's day 1262. and is buried in the Choir here.
1264, William de Hortone. The Abbot of St. Alban's, at the Founder's Requeſt. He is buried here.
William de Waltham, was choſen by the Abbot of St. Alban's, it being agreed, that the Patron or Founder, ſhould always nominate two Monks of St. Alban's, to the Abbot, who ſhould preſent which he pleaſed to the Biſhop of Norwich, to perform Canonical Obedience.
Roger de Here or Hare.
1286, Adam Poleyn or Pulleyn. he died on Chriſtmaſs-day 1303, and is buried here.
1303, John de Stevenache, the Abbot with the King's Conſent, the Patron being a Minor.
1308, Ralf.
1317, Brother John de Hurlee. Hugh Abbot of St. Albans.
1334, Br. Richard de Hetherſete. Ric. Abbot of St. Albans.
1347, Br. Henry de Stukeley.
1368, Br. Nic. de Radcliff, S. T. P.
1380, Br. Will. Killingworth, Arch-deacon of St. Albans.
1394, Br. Tho. Walſingham.
1400, Br. John Savage.
1405, Br. Will. Boydon. He reſigned.
1416, Br. John Iſham.
1420, Br. Will. Alnwyk. he ſoon reſigned, and was afterwards Biſhop of Norwich.
1420, Br. Will. Boydon, again.
1425, Br. John Harfield, Dr. in the Decrees.
1437, Br Peter Waleys or Wallis.
1446, Br. Stephen London, S. T. P. who in
144, became the Firſt

ABBOT

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Brother **WILLIAM BOKENHAM**, was firſt a Monk of Norwich, then Prior of their Cell at Yarmouth, and in 1466, ABBOT here, at London's Death: he was elected by the Monks, as all the Abbots were; they were obliged to chooſe one of their own Monks and preſent him to their Patron, who could not refuſe him without plain Cauſe ſo to do, it ſeems the Monks and Patron agreed to elect him, or elſe he could not have been Abbot, not being a Monk here.

1471, Br. John Kertelyng.
1502, Br. John.
1511, Tho. Chandeler, a Monk of St. Faith's.
1514, Tho. Chamberlain.
1517, John Bransforth. S. T. P.
1520, The Right Rev. Father in God, John Lord Biſhop of Lechlin in Ireland.
1526, William Caſtleton, who reſigned this, for the Priory of Norwich, of which he was Prior at the Diſſolution, and the firſt Dean.
1532, Eligius or Eliſha Ferrers, D. D. was the laſt Abbot; he was after the Diſſolution, Archdeacon of Suffolk, Prebend of Norwich, and dying in 1548, lies buried under the old Monument in the South-Wall, in the Altar Rails in Windham Church, but it hath no Arms nor Inſcription. In 1534, this Abbot, Tho. Lyn, Edmund Shawe Precentor, and eight other Monks, ſubſcribed to the Supremacy, and at the Diſſolution, the Abbot had a Pention of 60 l. 13 s. 4 d. aſſigned him.

At the Diſſolution, it appears, this Monaſtery was found to be in a regular State, there being no Crimes laid to the charge of the Abbot or any of the Monks, except four, which they pretended owned themſelves incontinent, viz. Tho. Lynne, Rich. Cambridge, Robert Colcheſter, and John Wyndham: In 1555, there remained the following Fees, Pentions, and Annuities, payable out of the Revenues of the diſſolved Monaſtery, viz. to Richard Hoo Auditor, 13 s. 4 d. per Ann. Fee.

Annuities, to George Ferrers 40 s. Tho. Carewe, 3 l. 6 s. 8 d. Robert Agas 40 s.

Pentions, to Thomas Eſſex 6 l. per Ann. Robert Cornwall 40 s. John Beeſton 4 l. 13 s. 4 d. John Borroughs 40 s. Robert Burey 5 l. 6 s. 8 d.

The FOUNDER of the Monaſtery, at the Foundation, had his Seat or Manor-Houſe by the Stream that runs Southward of the Church, all which he gave to the Monks, who inhabited in it while the Monaſtery was building, the Earl removing his Seat to another Place, North-Weſt of the Church; it ſeems he pulled down the old Pariſh Church, and in it's Place built the preſent One, with the Quire which is now in Ruins, it was at firſt in ſhape of a Croſs, and conſiſted of a Quire or Chancel, with the Chapel of our *Lady* on the North Side of it, a Tower at the Weſt-End between the Nave and Chancel, which is ſtill called the *Abby Steeple*, a Nave, North Iſle, and South Iſle, over which, 'till the Diſſolution, the Monk's Lodgings were join'd to the South Side of the Church, the two Tranſepts or Croſs Chapels made the Croſs, that on the North Side, was the Chapel of St. *Margaret*, and that on the South Side the Chapel of St. *Andrew*, and the Abby Veſtry; the Monaſtery it's ſelf was a large ſquare Court, the Church making it's North Side, and the high Wall, or Gable, now ſtanding on the Eaſt Side was the *Chapter-Houſe*; when it was demoliſhed, the South-Iſle of the Church, which was leaded, was demoliſhed alſo, but the King gave them ground out of the Scite, to make the preſent South-Iſle on, *viz.* 80 Feet in length, and 28 in breadth, the old Iſle being only 11 Feet broad.

In the 31 Year of King *Henry* VIII. the Pariſhioners and Inhabitants of the Town, deſirous to ſave their noble Church from Deſtruction, petitioned the King, to have the following Parts of the Church, which was to be deſtroyed by the late Act, as belonging to the Monaſtery, granted to them, they paying for the Bells, Lead, *&c.* according to their Value.

Firſt, the *Abby Steeple* as it ſtands, with the Bells as they hang, giving weight for weight for the Bells, the Lead being 21 Foot broad, and as much long, contains at 20 Feet ſquare to each Fodder, one Fodder 16 Feet.

The Veſtry belonging to the Abby with all the Right-up Iſle on the South-Side of the Steeple and Pariſh Church, to the croſs Iſle, the Lead being 44 Feet long and 11 broad.

The *Monk's Lodgings* builded over the South-Iſle of the Pariſh Church, 76 Feet long, and 11 broad, all leaded.

The Chapel of St. *Margaret* on the North-Side of the Abby Steeple, the Lead being 28 Feet long, and 21 broad.

The Choir and our *Lady*'s Chapel, with all the whole Work as it ſtandeth, to be taken down at Pleaſure, the Lead 68 Feet long, and 30 broad.

Item, the whole Chapel of Biſhop *Becket*, ſtanding in the midſt of the Town, with two little Bells there hanging, to give Warning to the People of every chance of Fire, or other ſudden Buſineſs happening, the Lead being 71 Feet long, and 30 broad.

The whole being 17 Fodder, and 31 Feet Lead, all which the Inhabitants paid the King for at the Rate of 4 *l.* the Fodder, and the King gave them the Timber-Work of the Roof of the *Chapter-Houſe*, within the late Abby, with ſuch Stone, Glaſs, and old Windows there, as ſhall be fit for the building of the new Iſle.

By this it appears, that the Tower and Bells, at the Weſt-end, the Nave, North-Iſle, North-Porch, and Veſtry over it, with the Land on the North Side, now the preſent Church-Yard, at that Time ſolely belonged to the Pariſh, whoſe good Intent, (tho' they paid the Money) was fruſtrated by Serjeant *Flowerdew*, who ſtript the South-Iſle, and Abby Veſtry, and all the Lodgings, the Town Veſtry, and part of the Abby Steeple, of all it's Lead, and carried away all the Freeſtone from the South Croſs Iſle, the Chapel of our *Lady*, and the *Quire*, (which he demoliſhed in a good Meaſure) and all the Freeſtone from the Foundation of a Wall that was ſet by the Inhabitants between the reſt of the *Abbey* Ground, and the Ground given by the King's Majeſty to enlarge the Pariſh Church, and thus the Choir being demoliſhed and the Beauty ſpoiled, the Inhabitants pulled down the reſt, and new built the preſent South Iſle; but this very Thing was in a great meaſure the Beginning of the Rebellion, for the *Kett*'s who were chiefly concerned in the purchaſe, and were very deſirous to ſave the Church, being at that Time Principal Inhabitants here, never forgave *Flowerdew*, but endeavoured to do him and his Family all the Prejudice imaginable ever after.

The Eaſt Part of the Nave was now made the Chancel, the Repairs of which the Impropriation bears, and in 1573, Queen *Elizabeth* allowed the Inhabitants a large Sum to repair the Chancel, and at that Time, the 3 Windows and Wall on the North Side of the Nave, now the Chancel, were re-built, and theſe Letters, *R. E. ANNO* 1573, ſet thereon, to denote *Regina Elizabetha*.

The *Scite* of the Abby contained 33 Acres, the old Wall at the Weſt-End of the Tower, was Part of the *Charnel-Houſe*, which with *Becket*'s Chapel, the *Abby Steeple*, St. *Margaret*'s Chapel, the S. Croſs Iſle, and Veſtry, with St. *Mary*'s Chapel, were granted to *Connell* and *Piſtor*, as concealed Lands, but to no purpoſe, the Inhabitants ſhewing they had a Grant of them already.

After the Inhabitants by Agreement with the Prior, had quitted their common Right in the Quire, and had the Nave and North Iſle appropriated to them, for a Pariſh Church, not liking to have no other Bells for their Pariſh Uſe, but them in the Abby Steeple belonging to the Monks, they began to raiſe Contributions, with Conſent of the Lord of the Town, to erect a Tower at the Weſt End of the Church, and what by Contributions and Legacies given by Perſons that died here, in 1410, they took down a Porch at the Weſt End of the Gable, and began the Foundation of the Noble Tower, which is now ſtanding there, it being no leſs than 56 Yards high: upon this, the Prior and Monks indict the Townſmen for breaking the Porch and Wall, and erecting a Tower and three Bells, and for ſtopping up the Door between the Nave and Chancel, alledging that the Church and all was theirs, and that the Townſmen ought to come there at the ſound of the Abby Bells: this made great Confuſion, which laſted about a Year, and then *Thomas* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* came hither, in his Metropolitical Viſitation, and ſetled the Matter between them, licencing the Townſmen to build their Tower and hang what Bells they pleaſed in it, on Condition they never rang them to diſturb the Monks, that is to ſay, before 6 in the Morning, nor after 6 at Night, it being their reſting Time, and that in the Day Time they ſhould be rung for Divine Service, or the dead only, unleſs on *Chriſtmaſs-Day*, *Eaſter-Day*, at the coming of the King, Archbiſhop, or Biſhop, or in caſe of any publick Enemies, Thieves, Fire, or Robbery: upon this, Sir JOHN CLIFTON Knt. ſetts about the Work, and with the Aſſiſtance of many Benefactors, not only builds the Tower, but the Top Part of the whole Nave, as the Arms cut on the out-ſide of the North Windows, ſhew us.

On the firſt Window Weſtward, is a Mitre and Crown, to ſhew the Regal and Epiſcopal Juriſdiction over the Church, and that it was not an exempt of the Monks.

On the Second, is Sir *John Clifton*'s Arms, and thoſe of *Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*.

On the third, the Arms of *Nevile* and *Shelton*.

On the fourth, the Arms of *Caily*, and a Saltyr with Cords croſs it at each Corner.

On the fifth, the Symbols of the *Trinity* and the *Paſſion*.

On the ſixth, the croſs Swords and croſs Keys, for St. *Paul* and St. *Peter*, to denote the Pope's Supremacy.

On the ſeventh, the Crown and Mitre as before, and the other three Windows were rebuilt by Queen *Elizabeth* as hath been obſerved.

Over the Weſt Door of the Tower, which hath 5 large Bells and a Clock in it, are three Shields

Sir *John Clifton* quartering *Caily*, impaling *Thorp*, *viz. Az.* 3 Creſcents *Arg.* the Arms of *Joan* his Wife, (See fo. 256.) the Creſt is a Plume of Feathers. The other Coats are, a Star of 8 Points impaling Nebulee.

A Bend quartering Chequy, made as I take it, tho' not exactly done, for *Cromwell* and *Tatſhall*.

It was a long Time before it was finiſhed, and the Bells hung, *viz.* from 1410, to 1476. In 1461, *Nicholas Dote* gave 6 *s.* 8 *d.* In 1464, *Will. Cobald* Chaplain, gave 5 *l.* towards the building it, by his Will. In 1468, *John Langforth* of *Windham* was buried in the Church, and gave 20 *s.* to the Tower. In 1472, *John Weſtgate* gave 5 Marks. In 1473, *John*, the *Official* of the Biſhop, was buried in the Church, and gave 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Tower.

At the Diſſolution there were diverſe Gilds, well endowed with Lands and Tenements, held in this Church, *viz.*

Of the *Holy Trinity*, which Gild had a Gild-Hall at *Spooner-Row*, and is ſometimes called *Spooner Rowe Gild*.

Of St. *Peter* of *Sutton*, to which *Aveline Bird* gave 8 Acres of Land.

Of our *Lady* at her Altar in her Chapel here, which Gild kept a Light before her Image in her Chapel, called our *Lady's Light*.

The Gild of St. *Margaret* kept at her Altar in her Chapel.

The Gild of St. *Andrew* at his Altar in his Chapel, where there was a new Rood-Loft erected in 1497.

*Watlefield* Gild or *Brotherhood* of St. *Thomas*, kept at his Altar in this Church, and ſometimes in his Chapel in the Middle of the Town, and is ſometimes called *Middleton Gild*.

The Gild of the *Holy Croſs*,
Of St. *John Baptiſt*,
Of St. *George*,
Of *All-Saints*,
All which Gilds ſupported Lights here in Honour of their Patron Saints.

Beſides which, there were the *Rood-Loft* Light, and the Light of *Jeſus*.

At the Diſſolution many gave Gifts towards purchaſing the Abby Bells, Steeple, *&c.*

The Lands and Tenements belonging to theſe Gilds, remained for the moſt Part in the Crown, 'till Queen *Elizabeth* in the ſecond Year of her Reign, A°. 1559, upon the humble Suit of the Inhabitants, gave them to the Town, and ſetled them on Feoffees, they being then of the Yearly Value of 40 *l.* towards maintaining a School in St. *Thomas's* Chapel, and other godly Uſes in the ſaid Town, as repairing the Church *&c.* but the Feoffees being negligent, and the Chapel or School being ſtript of the Lead, and in decay for want of covering, they neither kept the School nor repaired the Church, but employed the Money to other Uſes, upon which a Complaint being lodged with the Privy Councel, in 1570, the Feoffees were called to an Account, and the Lands ſetled to mantain a Schoolmaſter, and repair the Church, and immediately the Chapel was tiled, and the Schoolmaſter had a Salary always allowed him out of the Lands, which at preſent is 20 *l.* *per Ann.* and a dwelling Houſe for the Maſter, given ſince the Reſtauration, by Mr. *Chriſtopher Deye*, this Chapel is now the School-Houſe, and was dedicated to

The *Virgin Mary*, and St. *Thomas Becket*

Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, who was murdered in 1130, it was founded by *William de Albany*, Son of the Founder of the Monaſtery, and was well endowed, King *Edw.* I. in 1292, confirming all Donations made to it. The Maſter of the School is elected by the Majority of the Feoffees, the Rev. Mr. *William Evans* is now Maſter; In 1574, *Matthew Parker*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, did give unto this Town, a Scholarſhip to his College, called *Corpus Chriſti* or *Bennet* College in *Cambridge*, the Scholar to be choſen out of this School, and born in this Town, and muſt have continued at School here two Years without Intermiſſion, and muſt alſo be 15 Years old, *James Froſdyke*, alias *Poynter*, was the 1ſt choſen, *March* 20 1574, by Mr. *Thexton* Vicar of *Ayleſham*, and was admitted to it *March* 26, by Mr. *Norgate* Maſter of the College: in 1567, the ſaid Archbiſhop gave a Sermon to the Town of *Windham*, to be preached Yearly on the *Monday* in *Rogation* Week, for which he ſetled 6 *s.* 8 *d.* a Year, to be paid the Preacher, out of his Manor and Farm at *Hethill*, 'tis to be preached either by the Maſter or one of the Fellows of the ſaid College, Dr. *Pory* Maſter of *Bennet*, preached the firſt Sermon in 1567.

Over the Door of the School was this, now illegible.

An° Dni. 1635.
Muſarum Ædes *Wymondhamenſes*.
Ne Pulſate fores,
Sint tecta Silentia Muſis.

But to proceed to the Perſons of Note buried in the Quire and St. *Mary*'s Chapel by the Side of it, both which are now down.

Firſt, in the Middle of the Quire right before the Altar, lie interred ***William de Albani*** the Founder, and *Maud* his Wife, Daughter of *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*. His Epitaph was this.

**Hunc Pincerna Locum fundavit, et hic iacet, illa,**
**quæ dedit huic Domui, iam Sine Fine tenet.**

He died 3 *H.* II. 1156, to his Memory, was this on the Monaſtery Wall,

**Pray yee for the Soul of William de Albany Founder of this Abby.**

Which ſhews it was placed there after it became an Abby.

*William de Albany* Earl of *Arundel* the Founder's Son, who died at *Waverley* in *Surrey*, 3 Id: *Oct.* 1176, was buried by his Father here, he is called ſometimes Earl of *Suſſex*, ſometimes Earl of *Chicheſter*, and was Founder of *Bukenham* Priory, and *Pynham* by *Arundel*, and the Chapel of St. *Thomas* the Martyr in *Wyndham*, and was a great Benefactor to ſeveral Religious Houſes.

*William de Albani* Earl of *Arundel* his Son, Grandſon of the Founder, went with King *Rich.* I. into the *Holy Land*, and remained with him in *Almain* all the Time of his Impriſonment, and died at *Waverley*, ſome ſay the ſame Year with his Father, others, in 1196, the *Waverley* Cronicle 1193, but all agree he was buried by his Father here.

*William de Albani* Earl of *Arundel* and *Suſſex*, the Inheritor of his Father's Honours and Vertues, went with *Ralph* Earl of *Cheſter* and many other Nobles into the *Holy Land*, and after the winning of *Damietta* in *Paleſtine*, in his return home, died at a Town beyond *Rome* called *Camel*, and his Body being opened and embalm'd, as he deſired, *Thomas* his Phiſician brought it to *Windham*, and interr'd it by his Anceſtors, for which good Service from a Monk of St. *Alban*'s, he was made Prior here about 1224.

*Hugh de Albany* his Brother and Heir, Earl of *Arundel* and *Suſſex*, died in 1242, or as *Weever*, in 1243, without Iſſue, and was buried here by his Anceſtors, ſo that all the *Alban* 's Earls of *Arundel* and *Suſſex*, great Nobles in their Time, lie here interr'd under the Rubbiſh of the Quire or Chancel, and 'tis to be ſuppoſed moſt of their Wives alſo, who were all Perſons of the greateſt Families at that Time, *Iſabell* Widow of this *Hugh*, was Daughter of the great Earl *Warren*, and Foundreſs of *Markam* Nunnery.

In 1420, *John Snowe* Clerk, was buried in St. *Mary*'s Chapel.

Sir *John Clifton* of *Bukenham-Caſtle* Knt. died in 1447, and was buried here, and ſetled 10*l. per Ann.* on the Prior for ever, to find a Monk to ſing for his Soul, and the Soul of *Joan* his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *Edmund Thorp*, the Younger, Knt. of *Aſhwell-Thorp*, Widow of Sir *Robert Echingham*, who was buried by him. (See fo. 256.)

Sir *Andrew Ogard* Knt. and *Margaret Clifton*, ſole Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *John*, his Wife, are both buried here, he died in 1454, ſhe in 1460.

*Joan* Daughter of *John Lovell*.

*Iſolda Arderne*, who was a Benefactreſs.

A Gentleman called *None*, who becauſe he gave nothing to the Religious of this Houſe had this Diſtich made to his Memory, as Mr. *Cambden* tells us in his *Remains* P. 321.

Hic Situs eſt *Nullus*, quia *Nullo* nullior Iſte,
Et quia *Nullus* erat, de *Nullo* nil tibi Chriſte.

Mr. *Weever* fo. 811, hath it thus engliſhed,

Here lyeth *None*, one worſe than none for ever thought,
And becauſe *None*, of none, to thee O Chriſt, gives nought.

The ſame Author tells us, that he had read this following Epitaph alſo, on this Sirname.

Hic recubat *Nullus*, nullo de Sanguine cretus,
*Nullus* apud Vivos, *Nullus* apud Superos.

*None* lieth here, of Linage none deſcended,
Amongſt Men *None*, *None* 'mongſt the Saints befrended.

Much like that, as *Cambden* ſays, found alſo in the Regiſter of *Windham*, for Pope *Lucius* Born at *Luca*, Biſhop of *Oſtia*, Pope of *Rome*, who died at *Verona*.

*Luca* dedit *Lucem* tibi *Luci*, Pontificatum
*Oſtia*, Papatum *Roma*, *Verona* mori;
Immo, *Verona* dedit tibi verè vivere, *Roma*
Exilium, Curas *Oſtia*, *Luca* mori.

[q] In 1472, *John Weſtgate* was buried at the Weſt-End of the preſent Church, near the Font, he gave *Sewals* Cloſe to the Gild of St. *Thomas* at *Windham*, to pray for him and *Alice* his Wife, and *Catherine* her Siſter, and all Benefactors, to the Vicar, *Brothwayt*'s Cloſe, for a *Certeyn*, to the Rector of *Hackford*, his Tenements called *Roſys* or *Norwyk-Houſe*, and that called *Clerys-Clerks*, and their Land lying on their Weſt Sides in *Hackford*, and his Tenement in *Weſt-Acre*, called *Biſhop*'s, to the Prior of *Weſt-Acre* for ever, to pray for them.

In 1426, *Thomas Wyteman* of *Windham*, was a great Benefactor to the *Gilds*, he was buried in the Church-Yard.

In 1506, *Thomas Dalys* Chaplain, was buried in the Church.

In 1507, *William Browne* was buried in the preſent Church and gave to the Monaſtery a Cloſe called *Gravours*, to keep an *Obit* on his *Year-Day*, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, for his, and his Wife's Souls.

In 1528, [r] Sir *William Knevet* Knt. was buried in this Monaſtery Church, under [s] the new Work by him made, before the High-Altar of the Quire, on one Side of the Founder, under a Stone of Marble inlaid with his Arms, being buried at the Feet of Sir *William Knevet* Knt. his Father, and Dame *Jane* his Mother; he gave 40*l.* to the Monaſtery to pray for him, to the Abbot 20*s.* to every Monk being a Prieſt 6*s.* 8*d.* to each Monk not a Prieſt 3*s.* 4*d.* to Sir *Thomas Thaxted*, Monk and *Celerer*, to pray 10 Years for his Soul, 5 Marks a Year.

The Arms of *Albany*, *Cromwell*, *Tatſall*, *Clifton*, *Caily*, and *Windham*, were in the North Church Windows, and thoſe of *Flint*, *Chaucer*, &c. on the South Side, but all are now gone.

The Nave, S. and N. Iſles, with the North-Porch, are all leaded, an exact Copper Plate of which, with the Abby Steeple, and Ruins, was lately publiſhed by Mr. *Buck*, in his Sett of Ruins for *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, and *Eſſex*, and indeed is not only a good Picture, but an exact likeneſs.

At the Weſt End of the Nave, on the South Side, is a mural Monument thus inſcribed.

Jacet infra, *Johannes Hendry*,
Virtutis Mortalibus Exemplum
Immortale relinquens.
Pietate, Charitate, præclarus,
Eccleſiæ, Cleri, Pauperum,
Religioſus Amator.
Vicarium hujus Parochiæ
Liberalitate ſuâ ſingulari
Promovendæ Pietatis ergo
Omni Seculo remunerans.
Scholam ibidem, egenæ
Juventutis erudiendæ Gratia,
Piorum Benevolentia erectam
Larga manu Suſtentans,
Morbo nimis acuto diu laborans
Animam tandem Deo reddidit,
Duodecimo die Martij,
Anno Dom: 1722.
Ætatis Sexageſimo Quarto.
Vitæ tam bene peractæ, Mercedem
Per *Jeſum Chriſtum* præſtolans.

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[q] Regr. Jekkys. fo. 226. [r] See fo. 257. [s] He had adorned the Roof.

This Mr. *Hendry* by his laſt Will and Teſtament dated *Nov.* 12 1722, gave 400*l.* to be laid out in the purchaſe of an Eſtate of Free-hold Land in *Norfolk*, to be ſetled on Truſtees, for the Benefit of the Vicar of *Windham* for the Time being, for ever, conditionally that he preach, or cauſe to be preached, two Sermons every Lord's Day in *Windham* Church for ever, one in the Morning, the other in the Afternoon, upon his neglect or refuſal, the Profits to be applied to the Charity School in *Windham*, he gave 5*l.* towards conveying the Eſtate; and alſo 13*l.* 10*s.* *per Ann.* to the Vicar of *Windham* out of Lands called *Flora's* in *Windham*, for preaching a Sermon in *Windham* every *Friday* in *Lent*, he left his Eſtate at *Crownthorp*, then about 15*l.* *per Ann.* to the Charity School at *Windham*, chargeable with 50*s.* yearly, to be paid to the ancienteſt Maids in *Windham*, and 10*s.* a Year to the Poor of *Crownthorp* for ever, he gave a Velvet Pall and ſix mourning Cloaks, to be lett out at the Diſcretion of the Vicar. The 400*l.* was laid out in 1724, for a Free-hold Eſtate in *Wicklewood*, which was ſetled according to the Will.

On the 5th Bell is this.

1653, Tuba ad Judicium, Tympanum ad Eccleſiam.

There now remain only the Arms of *Marſhall* and *Lurnel* in the Windows.

On the firſt N. Pillar is the Dedication Stone, with the Word MARIA, in a Cipher.

There is a fine old Font, on which are the Emblems of the four Evangeliſts, of the *Holy Trinity*, and of the *Sacrament*, and a Shield with three Crowns, and round the Steps is an Inſcription now illegible, all but

: : : : : : : : Dunrule : : : : : : et Animabus. : : : : : :

There is a Stone for, Suſan Wife of Miles Filby and his three Children, William, Miles, and Anne, who all died in 1737.

In the North Iſle towards the Weſt-End, are Stones for,

Edmund Son of Henry Blackbourn Gent. 9 Sept. 1720, aged 82.

Henry Blackbourne Gent. 4 March 1671, aged 70.

*Blackbourn*, *Arg.* a Feſs Wavy, between 3 Mullets *Sab.* impaling *Anguiſh.*
CREST, a Lyon's Head eraſed, a Feſs wavy for a Collar.
Anne his Wife died 1693.

Anne and Francis, Children of Francis Le Neve, by Anne his Wife, Daughter of Henry Blackbourn, ſhe died 1673, he 1680.
Alice ſecond Wife to William Le Neve Gent. died 21 Dec. 1701, aged 43.
Will. Le Neve Gent. died May 27, 1720, aged 77.

John King Senior, died July 22, 1726, aged 60, Anne his Wife, July 16, 1737, aged 71. Suſan Swift her Siſter, Sep. 22, 1737, aged 62.

Faith's turn'd to Viſion, Hope Fruition taſts,
And Pray'r is turned to prays, that always laſt.

*Cullyer*, *Arg.* a Club erected in Pale *Sab.*

Quicquid JOSEPHI CULYER, ſibi vindicare potuit, Terra lubens hic amplectitur, Juvenis, ſpe eximia, ad excolendas Virtutes, quaſi de Induſtria Naturæ compoſiti: quem tamen alta ratio, perpetuumque Judicium, non Corporis Temperies, eſſe bonum dedere; Cui ut in pedeſtram, ſe recepit, ad Philoſophiam, deinde et Theologiam affectanti viam, idque Ingenio ſummas calcanti Difficultates, mire proventum eſt in hiſce Studiis. Interea vix dum annum viceſimum quintum emenſus, de repente hinc e medio exceſſit, Junij die 27°. Anno 1681, poſtquam Cantabrigiæ, Gradum Magiſterij in Artibus, nec immerito, et Coll: Corp: Chriſti, ejuſdem Academiæ ſodalitium, conſequutus fuiſſet, vel in ipſo almæ matris ſinu moriens primæ, natali ſuæ reddi humo expetivit Hic etiam ſitæ ſunt Exuviæ, Joſephi Gay, prædicti Joſephi Nepotis, qui obijt, 17° Jan, 1711, Ætatis ſuæ 20°.

Reponit Anna Carver, Filia Gualteri Carver defuncti, et Mariæ Uxoris, ejus relictæ, Virgo omni Virtute eximia, ſeculi intacta Vitijs, Annorum Primitias Religioni dicavit, Pietate, Charitate, Liberalitate exuberans, Omnibus dilecta vixit, viva Pauperibus benigna, quos moriens beneficio donavit, haud Senio confecta, ſed acuta correpta Febre animam placidiſſima reddidit. Sept. 5to. An°. Dom: 1720, Ætat. 24°.

Mary Relict of Walter Carver, died 25 Jan: 1724, aged 65.

*Creſt*, a Dragon's Head iſſuing from a Coronet, and
*Carver*'s Arms, *Sab.* a Chev. *Erm.* between 3 Croſlets *Arg.*

Walter Carver Apothecary, died Oct. 5 1717, aged 61, and his 4 Children, Anne, Mary, Eliz. and John.

Here was a Chapel, as the fine Roof and Nich for the Holy Water ſhew us, but I can't ſay to what Saint it was dedicated, tho' the Name Maria, is on the Roof, the old Veſtry is here, which was made in 1674.

The *Drake*'s are buried in this Iſle, tho' there is no Memorial over any of them.

There is a Hatchment in which *Le-Neve* impales
*Arg.* on a chief *Az.* a Lyon's Head eraſed between two Battle-Axes *Or.* a Saltyr *Gul.* between 4 Holly Leaves proper.

By the Door of this Iſle, lies
Mary Daughter of John and Suſanna Talbot, who died, March 17, 1729, aged 22.

Her Time was ſhort, long is her reſt,
God take them firſt, whom he loves beſt.

George Kett. Senior, died Jan: 4, 1722, aged 83.

Anne Wife of Thomas Carver Apothecary, Jan: 1, 1736, aged 39 Years, and their Children, Philip, Walter, George, Anne, and Elizabeth.

Over the Door, is an old Piece of Painting, on the Wall, repreſenting naked People in a Boat in great Danger, and ſeveral others ſuffering for Righteouſneſs Sake, on the Right-Hand; and on the left, the Devils, ſome offering a Can of Drink, others a Purſe of Money, encouraging Sinners to their own Deſtruction.

Charles Shepherd 1724. Anne Norton 1702. Henry Norton 1707.

In the Nave on the firſt Pillar towards the Weſt-End, on the North-Side, is a mural Monument with this,

Lector, propter hancce columnam, ſitæ ſunt Exuviæ, Thomæ Seaborn Gen: qui in omni negotio Sapiens, magno etiam animo Servus Dei, ac Phillipæ Uxoris ejus, quæ ingenij erat benigniſſimi, in Vicinos, in Pauperes, pia in Deum, atque humilis, et Jacobi Seabourn Gen: Filij Primogeniti, qui juſtiſſimus erat et liberalis.

obiere { Philip: Aug. 17. 1689, Thom: Aug. 21. 1689, Jac: Jul: 1. 1691. } Ætat: { 49. 54. 23.

Hic etiam ſepultus eſt, Jacobus infans, Roberti Seabourne Gen: filius, obijt Apr. 18 1695.

**Crest**, a Talbot's Head eraſed *Arg.* collar'd *Az.*
*Seabourne*, Barry Wavy of 10 *Arg.* & *Az.* a Lyon Ramp. *Or.*

There hangs a Noble Branch in the Middle of the Nave, given by *Elizabeth Hendry*.

Mary Wife of John Jubbs Gent. 27 July 1676.

Nil niſi Pulvis ineſt, perfectum Gloria Corpus
Reddet, diſce cito vivere, diſce mori.

*Hawes* and *Gleane* impaled.

En Viator! quod æquum eſt, Patris & Filij in eundem coactas Tumulum reliquias, idem antea nomen, gradum, Facultatem, adeptorum, diſcedenti Patri, Decem. 15 1679, Filio Superſtite, non defuit Monumentum, Quo licet demum Fatis functo, Aug: die 19° An° Dom: 1683, etiam dum Johannes Hawys vivit, uterque hominum Memoria, egregius Medicus, uterque apud Cœlites conſummatiſſimus Theologus.

Richard Buxton Gent, of Downham Lodge, died 2 Jan: 16 - -

Anne Daughter of Thomas and Anne Mallſop, died Feb. 19 1715, aged 30.

This Friend of ours, for whom we weep,
Is ſafely come unto the ſhore,
She is not dead but fallen aſleep,
And only gone to Bed before;
And when ended is our Pain,
Shall ſleep with her, and wake again,
Mean Seaſon as for her we know,
Where, and with whom, and how ſhe dwells,
In Heaven with Chriſt, and Myriads mo:
Whoſe Preſence all delight excells,
And there ſhe ſings with high Deſire,
Her *Halelujahs* in full Quire.

*In the Chancel on a mural Monument.*

Anna Wright, Patientiæ et Charitatis omnimodæ Exemplar, ob: Dec: 12, 1712, conjugemque T. W. [*Tho. Wright* Vicar:] ſepultum (hic) readmiſit 5 die Febr. 1731, æt. 77.

*On a mural Monument cloſe by the North End of the Altar.*

M. S. Iſaaci Sayer A. M. Coll. Gonv. et Caij Cantabr. Scolæ Wymondhamenſis per Annos ix Moderatoris, Pietate, Modeſtia, Morumque Integritate inter Primos numerandus, in pueris erudiendis, Sedulitate et Solertia, plurimis (dicam omnibus?) anteferendus. Obijt xii Cal: Febr. Anno Ætatis xxxvi, Chriſti vero MDCCXXI. Maria Uxor ejus per an: xiii. Amoris ſimul ac Doloris hoc Monumentum, P. F.

*Browne*, per Bend *Arg*. & *Sab*. 4 Maſcles counterchanged.
*Hawes*, *Az*. a Feſs Wavy, between 3 Lyons paſſant *Or*. *Creſt*, a Lyon's Head eraſed, iſſuing from a Crown *Or*.

M. S. Wilhelmi Hawys, hujus Eccleſiæ per decennium Vicarij, de Coll: Corp. Xti. apud Cantab. A. M. Viri honeſtis apud Norwicenſes Parentibus nati, Morum Probitate, Vitæ Innocentia, bonarum Literarum Studijs, clari, Sacris initiatus, quum abdicante Rege in Eccleſia motus excitatos viderit, hancce Vicariam, ita voluit ſuprema Lex, vacuam, ſola Conſcientia Duce, ſubijt, eandemque ea Animi Temperie tenuit, ut neque Partium Simultates, nec Inimicorum Rabies, in Vindictam Religione (quam Sincerus coluit) Chriſtiana indignam eum vel minimum potuerunt allicere. Æquo Animo paſſus omnia, quod ſumma Poteſtas in ſuorum Salutem et in contumacium Terrorem decreverat, id, his ipſis Teſtibus, in ſui Cauſam factum eſſe (Rarum Exemplum) quum potuit, noluit, immatura Morte, Annos 35 natus, chariſſima Conjuge, teneris Liberis, bonis omnibus (nec Injuria) lugentibus, Febre violenta correptus, obijt Maj: 16°. Anno Æræ Xtianæ 1701.

Uberiorem Juſtitiæ Mercedem tandem expectaturus.

Repoſitum Thomæ Baron hujus Eccleſiæ, Vicarij meritiſſimi, Anglicanæ, Filij optimi, eoque nomine Regiæ Majeſtati ſubditi deditiſſimi, Amicis jucundiſſimi, omnibus denique benigniſſimi, et quibus notus, optatiſſimi, Obijt quarto iduum Dec: Anno ſalutis 1686, Ætatis ſuæ 38.

Chriſtopher only Son of Robert Deye Gent and Frances his Wiſe, died 4 Feb. 1669. Rob. Deye Gent. 5 Aug. 1673, Frances his Wiſe 2 March, 1654.

In a Vault under the Stone, lies Mr. John Hawys, of Norwich Apothecary, who died 28 March, 1663.

*In the South Iſle in a Window.*

*Sab.* on a Chev. ingrailed *Arg.* between 3 Creſcents *Erm.* 2 Lyons ramp. combatant *Gul.* Quartering, per Pale *S.* & *A.* in the *Sable*, a Chev'ron *Or.* in the *Arg.* a Chevron *Gul.*

Mary Style died 4 Aug. 1673.

*Againſt a Pillar at the Eaſt-End of the South Iſle.*

This in Memory of Ann Talbot, the only Daughter of Thomas Talbot of Gunvill-Hall Eſq; and Jone his Wife, the Daughter of Sir John Mede of Lofts in Eſſex, a Virgin whoſe Piety, Charity, Duty, and Curteſey, was exemplary to thoſe of her Age, ſhe departed this Life the 6th Day of December 1669, and of her Age 20 Years, and lies interred near her Father, and where her Mother deſigns to be buried.

Robert Ages, June 23 1677.

*Le-Neve* impales *Browne.*

Eſter Wife of Mr William Le-Neve, Sept. 19, 1677, aged 20.

Sleep ſacred Aſhes, let us only prie,
What Treaſures in you did involved lie,
A Wife ſo young, and yet ſo wiſe, oh! here's,
Wiſdom, Example, not the Child of Years,
So full of Buſineſs, and ſo pious, well!
Devotion dwells not always in a Cell,
So free, ſo innocent, ſo good, ſo kind,
All moral Vertues were in thee combin'd,
And with thee took their Flight into the Skie,
Joyne Forces, and make up one *Galaxy*,
So various Gums diſſolving in one Fire,
Together in one Fragrant Fume expire.

Eſter Daughter of Will. Le-Neve, and Eſter his Wife, bapt. March 1576, died Apr. 5, 1681.

Her Life was ſhort, the longer is her Reſt,
God call them ſooneſt, whom he loveth beſt.

Thomas King, Clark and Sexton 65 Years, died Sept 14 1680.

George Gay Gent. died Oct. 24, 1697, Suſan his Wife Aug. 15 1683, aged 84. Roger their Son, 6 Aug. 1716, aged 76, and Benjamin an Infant.

CREST, a Unicorn's Head eraſed *Sab.* iſſuing from a Coronet *Or.*

*Hawes*, impales *Le-Neve.*

Thomas Son of Simon Hawes, Aug. 2 1714, Suſan Wife of Simon Hawes, Oct. 26, 1724. Richard their Son, Nov. 4, 1724. Sarah Daughter of Richard Hawes, Dec. 29, 1724. Mary another Daughter, Jan. 11, 1724.

STONE of *Wimondham*, *Arg.* a Lyon paſſant *Sab.*

Robert Stone Gent. died June 15, 1717, aged 64, Hellen his Wife Jan. 9. 1736. aged 84.

CREST, a Bird's Head iſſuing from a Crown.

SMITH of *Surrey*, *Arg.* a Chev'ron between three Croſlets Treſlee *Gul.* impales *Stone.*

Elizabeth Wife of John Smith, died Aug. 5. 1730, aged 53.

There is a mural Monument againſt the S. Wall, towards the Weſt-End of the South-Iſle, for, Stephen Gibbs who died Aug. 7, 1723, aged 89, and Prudence his Wife, who died Aug. 15, 1706, aged 55.

The new Veſtry is at the Weſt End of this Iſle, in which the Archdeacon's Court is held; in the midſt is an Altar Tomb, having the Arms and Creſt of *Hawes*, and this Inſcription.

Hic ſuper Reliquias ſuas, Monumentum ſimul et Tabulam Marmoream voluit JOHANNES HAWYS Generoſus, ut par mortuo atque vivo, illi eſſet Fortuna, alijs, potius quam ſibi, profuiſſe. Natus eſt A°. 1669, Mortuus 1727.

Before the Veſtry was made, in this Place ſtood the Table that the Poor were paid their Weekly Collection on, and afterwards on this Tomb, which ſupplied it's Place.

*On a Black Marble is this.*

H. S. E. GEORGIUS TAYLOR annos triginta fere Sex, hujus Eccleſiæ Vicarius fidiſſimus, cujus Jura et Emolumenta magnis ſumptibus, magno etiam vigore Animi, fœliciter aſſeruit et vindicavit, nec minus tamen Animarum Curæ fortiter incubuit, obijt xiv Calendarum Februarij, Anno Ætatis LXIII°, Humanæ Salutis MDCCXXXVI°.

The Town is divided into ſeveral diviſions, *viz.* *Middleton* or *Marketſted*, *Damgate*, *Chaplegate*, *Vicar*'s-*Street*, *Towngreen*, and *Cakewick*, all which are in the *Inſoken*, or in the Town, the Hamlets in the *Outſoken*, are *Downham*, which lies Northward of the Town, *Stanfield* Eaſtward, *Silfield* about a Mile diſtant S. E. *Watlefield* about 2 Miles S. *Spooner-Row*, about a Mile and an half S. W. *Sutton*, *Norton*, and *Brawick*, [t] “ It is famous for a mean Manufacture, viz. the making of Tapps, Spindles, Spoons, and ſuch like wooden Ware, “ in abundance; Men, Women, and Children, are continually employed in this Work: “ An innocent Employment for a maintenance, and much better than (if not ſo gentile as) “ Idleneſs,” which this Town ſeems to abhorr, there having been a Bridwell or Houſe of Correction for idle Perſons and ſuch like, many Ages, which is ſtill kept in a Houſe belonging to the County, appropriated to that uſe, the Keeper of which in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, had a Salary of 40*s.* a Year, paid by the County Treaſurer. The Inhabitants enjoy their Writ of Privilege, as ancient Demean, and ſerve not at Aſſizes or Seſſions &c. but their Privilege of not being cited to anſwer in any ſpiritual Court, but before the *Official* in their own Town, was neglected at the Reformation, ſince which Time I don't find any peculiar *Officials* either of the Biſhop or Archdeacon, made for this Town only.

The Country here-abouts, including all *Forehoe* Hundred, is a rich Clay, which makes the Roads bad, the whole is incloſed Land, and abounds with a good quantity of Wood and Timber. In the Year 1203, King *John* firſt granted the Market here, to be held as it now is on *Friday*, and a Fair on St. *Catherine*'s Day *Nov.* 25, which is now removed to *Candlemaſs-Day*, another Fair was granted to be held here on St. *Philip* and St. *James*'s Day, *May* 1, which is removed to *May* 6, and the other Fair, which was granted to be held on the Day, the Day before, and the Day after, the *Nativity* of the *Virgin Mary*, *Sept.* 8, is now kept the 13th Day after *Michaelmaſs-Day.* All theſe removals without Authority, are very prejudicial to the Fairs themſelves, and diſappoint Tradeſmen very much, who expect the Fairs in all Places to be on the Days the printed Liſts mention, and not otherwiſe.

In 1244, the King [u] had an Eſcuage granted him of 20*s.* out of every Knight's Fee, and it appears that he was this Year at *Wymondham*, for there the Writts are dated, which were ſent to all the Sheriffs, to proclaim in their Counties, that all the King's Tenants in *Capite*, who held an entire Knight's Fee, or twenty pounds by the Year in Land, (which was at that Time an Equivalent) and were not Knights, ſhould on Penalty of Forfeiture of their Lands, repair to the King at *Whitſontide*, to receive Arms from him, and be made Knights.

On *June* 11*th*, 1615, this Town was damaged by Fire to above 40,000 *l.* Value, there being above 300 dwelling Houſes conſumed, as the Brief tells me; it appears it was fired on purpoſe, I have the Original Confeſſion of one *Margaret Bix*, alias *Elvyn*, then under

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[t] Atlas p. 304. [u] Hollngs. V. 1. fo. 233.

Sentence of Death, made before the under Sheriff &c. in which ſhe acknowledges that ſhe was privy to the Fact, and that it was committed by *Ellen Pendleton*, who was alſo under Condemnation for it, and that the ſaid *Ellen* lighted a Match, and ſhe placed it in the Stable where the Fire firſt began, *William Flodder* was not condemned, but his Brother *John*, and others, were condemned alſo: it appears that they were *Scots*, but went under the Name of *Egyptians*, all but this *Bix*, whom they promiſed to carry with them into their own Country, and maintain well, and procure a Pardon from the Pope, for committing the Fact.

In 1631, the City of *Norwich* raiſed 103 *l.* 5 *s.* 7 *d.* for the Relief of the poor Inhabitants of *Wimondham* then grievouſly viſited with the Plague.

The flouriſhing Family of the *Windham*'s had their Name from this Town, which Family hath ſpread into ſeveral Branches, as Sir *Hugh Windham* of *Pilleſden-Court* in *Dorſetſhire* Bart. extinct. Sir *William Windham* of *Orchard-Windham* in *Somerſetſhire*, and Sir *Francis Windham* of *Trent* in the ſame County Barts. The *Windhams* of *Crownthorp*, now divided into three Families, at *Felbrigge*, *Cromere*, and *Earſham*.

Perſons of this Name concerned here were, *Alice* Relict of *John*, Son of *Sara de Wimondham*, but the Deed having no Date, I can't ſay in what Time they lived, tho' I take the Hand to be about *Hen.* III. They were deſcendents from ſome of the Sons of *Alward de Wimondham*, who was a Witneſs to the Foundation Deed of the Priory here, with his three Sons, *Richard*, *Hugh*, and *Pagan* or *Pain*, as was alſo *Edrick* of *Wimundham*.

In 1265, King *Henry* III. granted to *Thomas de Wimundham* Clerk, his Treaſurer, [x] the next *Ward* that fell to him worth 50 *l.* unleſs he ſhould provide for him by giving him a Prebend or Benefice, or ſome other Church Dignity, to the Value of 200 Marks, and alſo a Ship Load of Wood for his Fire Yearly, he was alive in 1271, and then Treaſurer.

In 1293, *William de Wimondham* was [y] Overſeer of the Silver Mines in *Devonſhire*, and had Offices in the Exchequer, he was a great Chymiſt, by his Art he refined this Year, 270 Pounds of fine Silver out of the Lead Ore, which King *Edward* I. gave for a Portion with his Daughter *Eleanor* to the Count *De Barr*: in the next Year, there were 521 Pounds of Silver ſent to *London* and coin'd, and the following Year when the *Derbyſhire* Miners were ſent to help the *Devonian*, Mr *Wymondham* ſent 700 Pounds of Silver to the Mint.

But as this Town hath been famous for producing Men profitable to the Common Wealth, I muſt obſerve that it is alſo infamous for the Birth of thoſe execrable Rebels the KETTS, that ſo much haraſſed the Country, and vexed and injured the City of *Norwich*, in the Hiſtory of which City I propoſe to treat largely of their rebellious Actions, *Robert Kett* the principal Ringleader being hanged in Chains upon the Caſtle of *Norwich*, and *Will. Kett* his Brother, upon the high Steeple of *Windham*, as a Terror to all ſuch preſumptous Villains, Sir *William Windham* being at that Time Sheriff of *Norfolk*; ſo that as this Place had the misfortune to produce ſuch notorious Offenders againſt the Peace of the Country, at the ſame Time we ought to give it it's due Honour, in having an Officer, originally ſprung from hence, who according to his Duty, always oppoſed their unjuſt proceedings, and at laſt executed due Puniſhment for their traiterous Acts, to the Quiet of the whole Country.

I find an ancient Family of good Repute here, ſirnamed *Mechil* alias *Randolf*, and another ſirnamed *Le Deye*; In 1345, *Cecily le Deye* Widow, owned an Eſtate here, which in 1577, belonged to *Thomas Deye*, and it ſtill continues in his Poſterity, Dr. *Deye* being it's preſent Owner.

Sir *John Robſart* Knt. and Dame *Eliz.* his Wife dwelt in *Stanfield-Hall*, in 1546.

The whole Town paid to every Tenth, 13 *li.*

In 1622, upon a Commiſſion of charitable Uſes, concerning the Town Lands, it appeared that King *Edw.* VI. granted unto Sir *Thomas*, and Sir *William Woodhouſe* Knts. the Meſſuage called the *Gild-Hall*, with 11 Acres of Land, which belonged to *Corpus Chriſti* Gild in *Windham*, to be held in Free *Soccage* of *Eaſt-Greenwich* Manor, who in 1549, infeoffed them in diverſe Feoffees to the Uſe of the Town. In 1594, *Robert Ringwood* Feoffee, ſurrender'd all the Lands and Tenements called the *Town Lands*, lately belonging to St. *Peter*'s Gild, " for the fynding of a learned maiſter, to teach within the ſeyd Towne." In 1604, *Tho. Plommer* Feoffee, ſurrendered two Meſſuages, *viz.* the *Old* and *New Gild-Halls*, to the ſame Uſes. There were about 90 Acres of Land, and 8 or 10 Tenements, then lett at about 50 *li*, a Year.

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[x] Pat. 50. H. 3. M. 20. Madox Hiſt. Exch. P. 574, 578. [y] Atlas P. 495.

*FLOCKTHORP.*

# *FLOCKTHORP,*

IS a Village now included in *Hardyngham*, and contained all that Part of the Pariſh lying in *Forehoe* Hundred, it is called TOKETHORP in *Domſday*, and was in ſeveral Parts, 2 of which belonged to *Coſſey*, as appears at ſo. 655. Two other Parts of it, belonged to the Earl *Warren*'s Manor of *Lernham-Broom*, as *Domſday* ſo. 635, ſhews us.

Terre Willi: de Warenna, Feorhou Hund. et dim. In TOCHESTHORP, xxiiii acr. terre, et ſunt in eodem pretio. (ſc. de Bernham.)
In TOKESTHORP, iii liberi homines xx acr. terre. Totum val. lx ſol.

Another Part belonged to *Wramplingham* Manor, and was held of *Godric* the *Sewer*, by *Walter*, of which *Domſday* ſo. 164, hath this.

Terre Godrici Dapiferi. Feorhou H. In TOKETHORP, ten. Galterus i Soc. Edrici, xx Acr. terre & dim. Car. & dim. Molin. & val v ſol.

The Whole of this Village fell into *Hardingham*, in *E.* III. Time, and the Name of it is quite forgotten.

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## *ADDENDA.*

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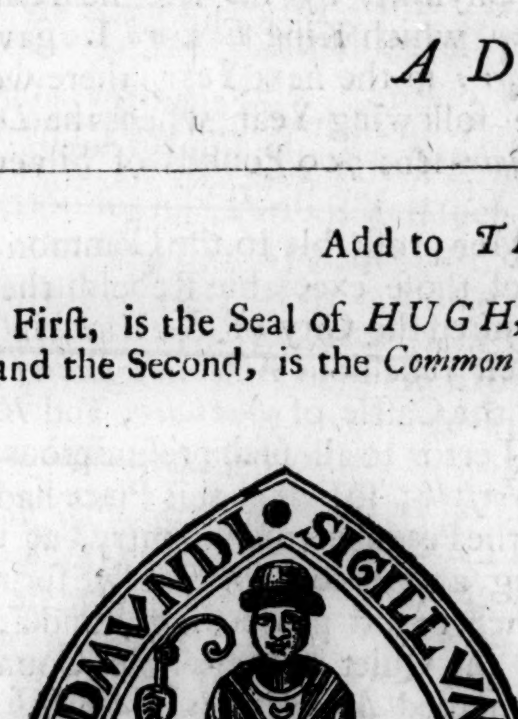
### Add to *THETFORD*, at *ſo.* 431.

The Firſt, is the Seal of *HUGH*, Abbot of *Bury*, Founder of *THETFORD* Nunnery; and the Second, is the *Common Seal* of that Houſe,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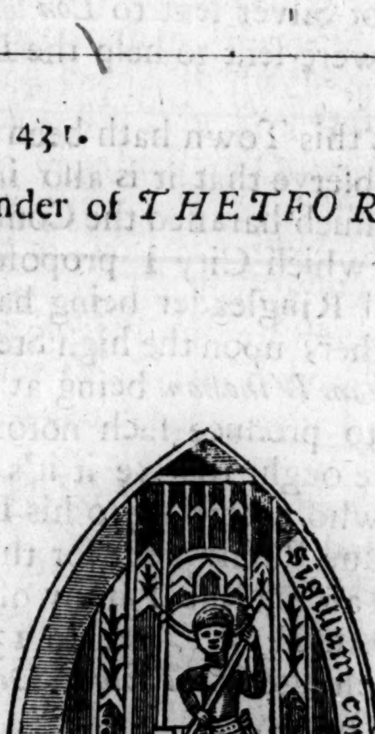
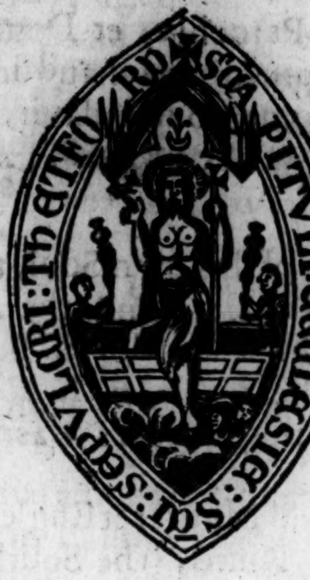
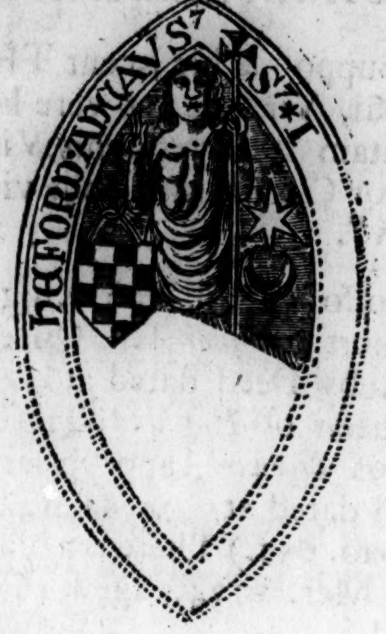


The two following Seals of the *CANONS* at *Thetford*, are taken from the Seals themſelves, now remaining among my own Collections, at the Expence of Mr. ROBERT MARTIN of THETFORD, to whom I am much obliged, not only for this, but many other Favours and Encouragements to my preſent Undertaking.





## Add to St. PETER's Church, at *fo.* 412.

In 1503, *Sibill*, Widow of *William Tillis*, was buried by her Husband, before the Image of St. *Paul* (*viz.* in St. *Catherine*'s Chapel) and gave 5 *l.* to new paint the Screens, and the Rood-Loft, (the Painting ſtill remains on the Screens, *viz.* the Apoſtles with the *Creed* in Labels from their Mouths, *&c.*) and 13 *s.* 4 *d.* towards a new Tabernacle of St. *Anne*, in St. *Anne*'s Chapel, and 26 *s.* 8 *d.* for a Tabernacle and an Image of our *Lady of Pity*, on the S. Side of St. *Catherine*'s Chapel, to the Repairs of which, he gave an Acre of Land for ever.

*John Bernham* was buried in the Church-Yard in 1466, and gave his Tenement called the *Cage*, in *Bryggeſtreet*, and 2 Acres called *Occley*'s Land, to find a *Certeyn* in the Church, for himſelf and *Caterine* his Wife, his Prieſt to have 4 *s.* 4 *d.* and the Rector 12 *d.* for his Offering and *Dirige*, and the reſt of the Profits to go yearly to repair the Church.

At *fo.* 467, line 29, inſtead of Mr. Henry Burgis, inſert, Mr. Tho. Saunders.

I am alſo informed, that the 4*th.* and 17*th.* among the *Twenty-Men*, are not of the Body

Add to *fo.* 468, that on Sr. *Edm. Bacon*'s Death, Lord *Auguſtus Fitz-Roy*, 2d. Son to his Grace the D. of *Grafton*, was elected Member for this *Burgh*,

Add to fo. 66.) Sir *Robert de Boſco* or *Bois* Knt. with the Conſent of *William du Bois* Knt. his Son, and *William du Bois* then Rector of *Fersfield*, gave to the *Cluniac* Monks of St. *Mary* at *Thetford*, two Parts of the Tithes of all his Demeans in *Ferſfield*, which he held in his own Hands, namely of all Fruit, Peaſe, and Beans; the Witneſſes were, *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, *Rob. de Burnevil* and others. *E. Regro: Priorat: Theford. Bib. Cott. Sub. Tit: Vitel:* F. 4.

Add to. fo. 77.) In 1738, Mrs. *Sarah Frankland* gave 100 *l.* with which there was Free-hold Land purchaſed in the Pariſh, the Rent of which is to find 2 *s.* worth of Bread to be diſtributed to the Poor every *Sunday*, by the Rector and Church-Wardens.

Add to. fo. 91.) 1738, 13 *Nov. Samuel Birch*, A. B. inſtituted on *Buxton*'s Death. ROWLAND HOLT Eſq; united to *Billingford*.

1739, *May* 23, died *Samuel Birch* Rector, and this Rectory was conſolidated to *Billingford*.

Fo. 183.) *Ridleſworth* Church is dedicated to St. *Peter*, *Norwich Domeſday* ſays, Sir *John Bacon* was Patron, and that there was a Houſe and 28 Acres of Land.

To fo. 193.) The Church of St. *John the Evangeliſt* had a Chapel dedicated to our *Lady* on it's North-Side, which is now down.

Fo. 263.) 1216, *William* was Prior of *Bukenham*.

1221, *Walter*, who got *Kenninghall* appropriated.

1269, *Hugh*.

1286, *Richard de Otteley.* Br. *Rich. Betts*, ſucceeded *Bukenham*.

In 1508, the Abby Church was new roofed, and had an Altar dedicated to St. *Auſtin* in it.

Fo. 266.) He was Grandfather, * not Father of Sir *Iſaac Preſton* of *Beeſton* Knt.

Add to HARPHAM at fo. 282.) A black Marble with HARE's Creſt and Arms, hath this:

Suppoſitæ hic jacent THOMÆ HARE Armigeri, hujus Parochiæ, et Domini et Patroni, Vir Pius, et vere honeſtus, hinc Morte ſubita abreptus, Spe haud incerta, ad beatam Reſurrectionis Vitam. Cujus Memoriam hoc Monumento mandavit, MARIA, Uxor Chariſſima, obijt viceſimo die Decembris An$^{o}$ Dom MDCCXXXVI$^{o}$. Ætatis ſuæ XLV$^{o}$.

Add to fo. 562, l. 15.) King *Edw.* I. gave them for the Health of his own Soul, and that of his Conſort *Eleanor* late Queen of *England*, half an Acre at *Wiveton*, and the Advowſon of *Stow*, by Deed dated at *Weſtminſter*, *Feb.* 6, 20 *Reg.* and a Fine was levied between *Eleanor* Queen of *England* Querent, and *Jeffry de Suthorp*, Impedient, 10 *E.* I. *Ralf Walpole* Biſhop of *Norwich*, appropriated it, and ſetled a Vicar whom the Abbeſs's was to preſent, by Deed dated at *Geywode*, 14 *March* 1295.

Add to fo. 651.) There is a black Marble for Will: Son of Will. and Margaret Engledow, who died 29 Mar. 1734, aged 18 Years. The South Chapel is in Ruins, the South Porch is thatched.

Add to. fo. 652, l. 12.] The Advowſon, of this Church of *Carleton*, and one Acre of Land, was given by the Foundreſs, *Iſabell* Widow of *Hugh de Albany*, Earl of *Arundel*, who in 1249, founded the Nunnery of *Marham*, for *Ciſtertian* or White Nuns, and dedicated it to St *Mary* the Virgin, St. *Barbara*, and St. *Edmund* the King and Confeſſor, for the Souls of *William* late Earl *Warren* her Father, and *Maud* her Mother, Daughter of *William Marſhall* the elder, Earl of *Pembrook*, *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel* and all her Anceſtors, and it was dedicated this Year, on 27 *Jan*: by *Richard de la Wiche*, Biſhop of *Chicheſter*, and *John* Earl *Warren*, her Brother: ſhe purchaſed it of *Richard de Dunham*; and *Roger de Skerning* Biſhop of *Norwich* appropriated it, and ſetled a Vicar, whom the Biſhops of *Norwich* were to nominate, and the Convent to preſent, the Deed is dated at *Thetford*, 4 Non: *July* 1274, the Acre laid on the N. Side of the Church-Yard, for which and the Advowſon, the Foundreſs paid 31 Marks, and was to pay a Pair of white Gloves of 1 *d.* price, every Year, for all Services.

*Extract: e MSS.* " *Remenbrer des Chartres e de Monumens de Abbeys de Marham. pen: Tho: Hare, de Stow-Bardolf Bar. fo.* 30, 35, 37.

Infra hunc jacet corpus Benjamini Gooch Clerici, Rector erat de Aſhwellthorpe, in Comitatu Norfolciæ, ob: 25 Martij 1728, Æt. 49.

Jarnegan Smith died June 28 1691.

To fo. 661 line 40, add) both are buried here.

### Add to COLTON at Page 665.

On a mural Monument on the North Side of the Chancel.

Vicino in Pulvere, felicis Spe Reſurrectionis, quieſcunt Reliquiæ, Rev$^{\text{di.}}$ Viri HENRICI RIX A. M. hujus Eccleſiæ Rectoris, nec non et Eccleſiæ de *Deopham*, in hoc Comitatu Vicarij digniſſimi, in utraſque munificentiſſimi, Pietatis operibus, Charitatis illa adjecit: Poſteritati providus, Liberorum Indigorum Educationi liberaliter admodum conſuluit, Temperantiæ, Charitatis, et Virtutum aliarum plurimarum Exemplar reliquens. obijt 24 die Julij Anno Dom: 1728: Æt: 58.

Tranquillus vixit, placidus obdormivit, Lætus reſuſcitabitur.

In the Altar. John Fairclough Rector, died Aug. 14, 1730, Æt. 31.

In the Church. A Stone for Charles Daveney Gent. Febr. 3, 1731, Æt. 76. Another for, Parham Son of Henry Daveney Gent. and Mary his Wife, 20 Aug: 1731, Æt: 32 Months.

My Time was ſhort, the longer I am to reſt,
God calleth ſooneſt, whom he loveth beſt.

Here are the Arms of *Delapole* quartering *Goldwell*,
And *Arg* a Chief *Gul.* a Lyon Ramp. *Or.*

### Add to *Hingham* at fo. 670.

There is a Marble in the Nave for, Mr. Edm. Alden, a Juſt, Diligent, and Worthy Shopkeeper, of this Pariſh, who died Oct. 1728, ag. 75, and alſo for John an Infant, Son of Martin Alden.

John Alden, a Perſon of great Honeſty, Modeſty, and Temperance, died Nov. 4, 1727, aged 68.

Edmund Payne Mercer and Grocer, died June 5, 1729, aged 55.

At fo. 67, l. 10,] for *improbable*, read *probable*, for the Inſcription when whole, was,

**Thys Windowe ys ye Mayden coſt of Hengham.**

There is an Altar Tomb in the South Iſle by the Door, on which is,

Dowe, or Dove, *Sab.* a Feſs dancette *Erm.* between 3 Doves *Arg.*

Parke, *Arg.* on a Feſs *Sab.* 3 Eſcalops of the Field, a Canton *Erm.*

*Creſt*, a Dove *Arg.*

Chriſtopher Dowe Gent. died Apr. 30 1729, aged 35, he married Suſan Daughter of Stephen Parke of Hardingham Gent by whom he had one Daughter Mary, the ſaid Suſan died 22 Jan: 1738, aged 38, and is buried by him.

On a mural Monument near the Eaſt-End of the South-Iſle.

Juxta ſitæ ſunt Exuviæ, Gulielmi Thurrold Gen: Semel Mariti, quaterque Patris, cujus in Pauperes Charitatem, quiſque Dominicus perpetuo monſtrabit Dies, Si cæteras Virtutes dicerem, Res omnibus notas narrarem; Barbara Uxor dilectiſſima, et Gulielmus Filius, utrumque claudunt Latus, tres habuit Filias, quarum prima Elizabetha, Uxor Benj: Foyſter, obijt Norvici in quorum piam Memoriam, Maria et Hanna, ſuperſtites, hoc Monumentum poſuere.

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| Pater | ob: | Dec: 25, 1724, | Ætat: | 75. |
| Mater | | Feb: 21, 1688, | | 32. |
| Filius | | Apr: 21, 1703, | | 21. |
| Filia | | Sept: 13, 1723. | | 39. |

There are two Tables of the Benefactors, placed between the Church and Chancel, *viz.*-

1607, *Aug.* 14, Lands of 7 *l. per Ann.* Value, were ſetled for the Benefit of the Inhabitants.

1655, Mr. *Francis Seaborne* of *Hingham*, gave 40 *s. per Ann.* to the Poor.

1677, Mr. *Rob. Baldwin* of *Hingham*, gave 20 *s. per Ann.* to the Poor in Bread.

1705, *Chriſtopher Adcock* of *Hardingham*, gave 40 *s. per Ann.* to the Poor in Bread.

1706, Mrs. *Anne Wright* of *Hingham*, gave a Silver Chalice worth 6 *l.* 10 *s.* and in 1612, the old Cup which was dated in 1637, was melted down, and made a Cover to the Chalice.

1708, Mr. *Thomas Heyhoe* of *Hingham*, gave 35 *s. per Ann.* in Land, the Miniſter is to have 10 *s.* (out of which, the Clark is to have 1 *s.*) on Condition he preaches a Sermon on St. *Thomas*'s Day, the Remainder to be then diſtributed to the Poor in Bread, he gave alſo a Salver of 3 *l.* Value, in 1688.

1724, Mr. *William Thurrold* of *Hingham*, gave 3 *l. per Ann.* in Land, the Rent to be given every *Sunday* after Sermon, to ſuch Poor only, as frequently attend divine Service.

1734, Mr. *Edward Payne* intended to have given by Will, and Mr. *John Payne* voluntarily conveyed Land worth 52 *s. per Ann.* for Bread Weekly, to ſuch 12 poor People, as attend divine Service.

The following Inſcriptions are in the Chancel.

Subter condita ſunt Oſſa, Thomæ Amyas, Filij Franciſci Amyas Generoſi, obijt 4$^{to.}$ die Dec: A°. Dni: 1730, Æt: 47. Ejus Memoriæ Frater, non magis Sanguine quam Benevolentia conjunctus, hoc Poſuit Saxum.

Amyas impales, a Chief, in Pale, 3 Boar's Heads cooped.

Maria Chariſſima quondam Conjux, Franciſci Amyas Generoſi, ob: 4$^{to.}$ die Nov: An°. Dom: MDCCXIX. Æt: ſuæ LXX.

Hoc ſub marmore felicem Reſurrectionem expectant, Mag$^{r}$. Johannes et Franciſca Alden, ambo hujus Parochiæ Indigenæ, nec non Parentibus Generoſis ibidem oriundi, ambo Morum Suavitate omnibus Chari, vixit Ille annos XLII. M: 2: S: 2. D. 2. vixit Illa, annos XXV. M. 4. Multum Johanni indulſit Natura, nec minus Fortuna. Franciſca (cujus Parentalia Marmora [*viz.* of Francis and Mary Amyas] ad Lævam conſpiciuntur) non modo Forma, ſed Pietate eluxit, Puerpera (Heu!) moriens, Marito Sui Deſiderium reliquit.

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| Ille | ob: | 1$^{mo.}$ Maij 1726. |
| Illa | | 25$^{to.}$ Dec: 1711. |

Heſtera Gilman, Gulielmi Le Neve Generoſi Filia, Samuelis Gilman hujus Parochiæ Generoſi Uxor Chariſſima, Rei domeſticæ pollentiſſima, Chriſtianæ patientiæ inſigne Exemplar. Obijt 23 Februarij Anno ſalutis 1724, Ætatis ſuæ 43°. hic quoque jacent Heſtera et Sara, optimæ Spei, nec non amantiſſimorum Parentum Filiæ.

GILMAN, *Arg.* a Leg in pale cooped at the Thigh, *Sab.* impaling *Le-Neve.*
CREST, a Demi-Lyon iſſuing from a Cap of Maintenance.

Hic jacent Johannes Amyas Generoſus, et Anna Uxor ejus, unâ cum Filiabus Anna et Johanna, Relicta Gulielmi Starkey, quondam Rectoris Eccleſiæ de Pulham, quæ ob: Octavo die Oct. 1729, et Æt: 63°, jacent etiam juxta hoc Marmore Matthæus Amyas M. D. ac Filij, Matthæus, Anna ac Elizabetha.

In Memory of Capt. Robt. Robinſon, Commander of one of his Majeſtie's Ships of Warr, who died Oct. 13 1726, Æt: 53.

AMYAS's Arms and Creſt, *viz.* a Buck's Head eraſed *Or.* collar'd with a Wreath *A. S.*

M. S. Matthæi Amyas M. D. qui in Civitate Norwicenſi per multos Annos, Artem medicinalem peracri Judico, et fœlici Succeſſu exercuit, obijt viceſimo ſexto die Novembris A°. Dni. 1729, et Æt. 64$^{to}$.

To the Memory of Mrs. Sarah Watſon the affectionate Wife of John Watſon A. M. Rector of Wood-Riſing, and the 2 Rocklands, ſhe was modeſt, ingenious, compaſſionate, chearfull, ſincere, and generous. Alſo to the Memory of John Watſon, M. A. and of Elizabeth his Wife, he was the Rev$^{d}$. and very aged Rector of this Pariſh and Scoulton. Laſtly, to the Memory of good Mrs. St. Clair, Wife of Patrick St. Clair, Rector of Elmerton and Thugarton, in this County. Three of their Deaths happened near the ſame Time, in the Year terrible for Fevers, 1727.

# *KIMBERLEY.*

THE *CHURCH*, is dedicated to St. *Peter*; in *Henry* III. Time, *William* Son of *Wluric*, was Rector, and in 1297, *Robert de Reydon* was preſented by *Nich. de Stutvile*, it being then valued at 26 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* This *Nicholas* was Patron when *Domeſday* was wrote, in which 'tis ſaid that it was appropriated to St. *Giles's* Hoſpital in *Norwich*, that the Rector had a Houſe and 40 Acres of Land, taxed at 30 Marks, paid 2 *s.* 8 *d.* Sinodals, beſides Procurations, and 2 *s.* 6 *d.* Peter-Pence, 'tis plain by the Inſtitutions, that *Stutvile's* Appropriation of it to the Hoſpital was never confirmed.

## There was a CHAPEL of St. MARY

In the Church-Yard, the Ruins of which are now viſible at the South Eaſt Corner of the Chancel; at the Altar in this Chapel, was the *Virgin's* Image, with a Lamp burning before it, and a Prieſt endowed to ſay daily Maſs there, 'twas founded before 1370, but the Lands not ſetled, [z] on the Chantry Prieſt regularly, 'till 1401, and then *Hen.* IV. paſſed a Licence of Mortmain for that Purpoſe: in 1440, *Henry Bramerton* Chantry Prieſt of St. *Mary'* Chapel in *Kimburle*, was buried before the Altar of that Chapel. It was 12 Yards long, and ſeven wide, as the Ruins ſhew us.

## RECTORS.

1342, Will. de Thourſton. Will. de Holtford, and Will. King.
1349, John Son of Hugh de Kimburle. John King and John Frere.
1350, John Son of Hugh de Kimburle. Rich. de Lyng Archdeacon of Norwich. Walter Elveden &c.
1350, John Son of Hugh de Kimburle. The Cuſtos and Scholars of Trinity-Hall in Cambridge. He was inſtituted theſe three Times, to ſhew the Alteration of Patrons, at their Requeſt.
1350, Will. Bateman Biſhop of Norwich, Founder of Trinity-Hall, purchaſed the Advowſon, and having ſetled it on his Hall, appropriated it to that Houſe this Year, reſerving a yearly Pention of 20 s. to the Biſhop of Norwich, and the College was charged for their Spirituals impropriate, at 20 l.

[z] Pat. 2. H. IV. P. 2. M. 18.

## VICARS.

William the firſt Vicar was inſtituted at the Preſentation of the College, who preſented two, and the Biſhop inſtituted which he pleaſed. R.
1355, Rich. at Medwe. The College.
1359, Tho. Selde.
1362, Walter Barker.
1396, John Barker of Thugarton, buried by the Font Step, in 1400.
1400, John de Crungethorp. R.
1408, John Waraunt, buried in the Church-Yard in 1420.
1420, Gregory Dalle.
1426, Will. Marleburgh.
1440, Simon Randys.
1441, John Willys, R.
1448, Rob. Pilgrime, R.
1450, Gregory Randys, O.
1453, Will. Short, R.
1455, Edm. Worſted, R.
1462, Rich. Froſt.
1513, John Lubbenham.
1515, Rob. Betering, C.
1542, Henry Joynte, O. He was the laſt preſented by the College.
1566, Henry Cook.
1569, Rob. Fonde.
1570, Will. Elland.
John Cullyner, R.
} Roger Woodhouſe Eſq; who purchaſed the Advowſon of the College.
1588, Owen Ducket. Philip Woodhouſe Eſq. buried here 23 Febr. 1608.
1611, John Booth A. M. Æt: 26, born in Norwich, educated at Cambridge. Sir Philip Woodhouſe Knt.
1613, Henry Caſtleton. Ditto. buried here Sept. 4, 1638.
1638, Edw. Fickling. Sir Thomas Woodhouſe Bart.
1701, James Champion. Sir John Woodhouſe Bart.
1729, The Rev. Mr. Joſeph Brett, A. M. on Champion's Reſignation, who is now Rector, and holds it united to Carleton Forehoe. Sir JOHN WOODHOUSE Bart.
The preſent Patron is ARMINE WOODHOUSE Eſq.

## KIMBERLEY-HALL MANOR.

HAKENE held *Kimburley* at the Confeſſor's Survey, 'twas then 5 Furlongs long and 3 broad, and paid 13 *d. ob.* to the *Geld*. At the Conqueror's Survey it belonged to *Godric*, as we learn from *Domeſday* fo. 22. *South-Hall* Manor in *Carleton*, then belonged to this Manor, as you may ſee at fo. 654, and there were three Freemen in this Town that belonged to *Hidicthorp*.

Terre Regis quam Godricus Servat.

Feorhou. H. CHINEBURLAI tenuit Hakene T. R. E. ii Caꝛ: terre. tunc x Vill: m° xiiii. tunc viii boꝛ. m° xii. ſemper iiii Sol. & ſemper ii Caꝛ. ſed Godric non recepit niſi v boves. ſemper viii Caꝛ: hom: Silva x Poꝛc. ſemp. i Mol: & xii Acꝛ prati, ſemp. viii Poꝛc. & xx Ov. tunc x Soc. m° xvii. tunc xxx Acꝛ. terre m° xl. ſemper ii Caꝛ. Tunc valuit totum xl Sol. m° vii Libr. Blancas. et habet v quar. in longo, & iii in lato, & xiii d. & i obulum de Gelto.

In the Beginning of K. *John*'s Time, *Hugh de Gurnaco* or *Gournay*, a *Norman*, was poſſeſſed of it, and gave it to *Nicholas de Stutvile*, with *Gunnora* his Daughter in Marriage, he was diſſeized of it, with *Bedingham*, and *Burburgham* Manors, at the Time of the Diſſeizing all the *Normans* from their Lands, for their Rebellion, which was in 1205, the 5th of King *John*, who the next Year, directed his Writ to the Sheriff, to reſtore *Nicholas de Stutvile* to all his Lands that *Nicholas* his Father was diſſeized of. At the Seizure, the Manor and Stock was aſſigned to *Walter de Cantelupe*, during the King's Pleaſure; this *Nicholas* died in 1232, and in 1257, *Simon de Greynvill* or *Greyvill*, then Husband of *Alice* Relict of *Nicholas*, and *John de Stutvill* Son and Heir of *Nic.* releaſed all their Right to *Wido* or *Guy de Butetort*, in 10*l.* a Year, Rents, and Lands, which *Nicholas de Stutevile* had granted him in *Kimburle*, which ever after was called *Boutetort*'s *Manor*. In 1284, *Nicholas de Stutevile* had the Aſſize of Bread, Ale, and Beer, of all his Tenants in *Kymburle*; in 1291, this *Nicholas* is ſaid to be Son and Heir of *John de Stutevile* late Lord here, who held this Town of the Barony of *Gournay*. After this, I find no Mention of it 'till 1313, when *Margery* Relict of *Roger Coſyn* of *Norwich*, granted it to Sir *Walter de Norwich* and *Catherine* his Wife, and their Heirs, and by a Fine levied in 1316, it appears that *Margery* had only her Life in it, for then *Walter de Norwich* and *Katerine* his Wife, ſetled it on *Thomas de Caily* and *Margaret* his Wife, and their Heirs, for lack of which it was to return to *Walter* and his Heirs, and in 1345, *Will. de Holtford*, who preſented in 1342, *Robert* of *Yarmouth*, and *Roger de Norwich*, held it at half a Fee, of Sir *John Bardolf*'s Honour of *Wormegeye*, but more rightly of *Gournay*, which came to the *Bardolf*'s by *Will. Bardolf*'s Marriage with *Julian* Daughter and Heireſs of [a] *Gournay*, in 1370, *Roger de Norwich* held it of the Lord *Bardolf*, paying a Pair of gilt Spurrs every Year, and ſoon after, he conveyed it to *Katherine de Brewſe* and *John* Son of *Walter de Norwich* her Heir; in 1374, *Catherine Brewſe*, Daughter o *Thomas de Norwich*, releaſed it to *John Bacon* of *Brome* and his Heirs, in which 'tis ſai that the Manor formerly belonged to *Roger de Norwich*, her Uncle, the ſaid *Roger* and *Thomas*, being younger Brothers of Sir *John*, and Sons of *Walter de Norwich*, who was th

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[a] Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. fo. 430.

King's Remembrancer, Baron of the Exchequer, and Treaſurer of *England*. After this, it came to Sir *Thomas Hales* Knt. and others, who gave it for Life to *Margaret* Wife of Sir *Thomas Faſtolf* of *Kimberley* Knt, with Remainder to *Thomas Crabbe* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, ſole Daughter and Heireſs of Sir *John Furneaux*, and their Heirs; in 1384, Sir *Thomas Faſtolf* Knt. was Lord, and died inteſtate, leaving *Margaret* his Daughter, who married *John Woodhouſe* of *Kimberley* Knt. Son of Sir *Edward Woodhouſe* Knt. after *Crabbe*'s Death, there was a Diſpute about this Manor, which you may ſee at fo. 212, but *John Crabbe*, Son and Heir of *Thomas Crabbe*, and *Will. Berdwell*, releaſing their Right to *John Woodhouſe*, the whole center'd in him and continues in his Poſterity to this Day.

The Tower is ſquare, and hath two Bells, there is a ſmall Spire, and only one Iſle, which is thatched, the South Porch is tiled, the Chancel leaded, the North Veſtry is down.

In 1205, *William de Kineburle* Clerk, had a grant of the Vicarage for Life, and in 1218, *Nicholas de Stutevile* proved 'twas a Rectory, and recover'd it againſt the King, in 1441, *Margaret* Widow of Sir *Richard Carbonel* of *Bedingfield* in *Suff.* lived and died here, and gave a Legacy to the Church, her Stone now lies in the Midle of the Chancel, robbed of her Effigies and four Shields.

The Vicarage is valued in the King's Books at 6*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* *ob:* and being ſworn of the clear yearly Value, of 22*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* *ob:* it is diſcharged of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, and is capable of Augmentation.

In 1603, *Owen Ducket* Vicar, returned 80 Communicants here, and that he held it united to *Carleton Forehoe*, that the Parſonage of *Kymburle* is impropriate, endowed with the ſaid Vicarage, the Cure being ſerved by the Vicar.

In the Midle of the Church formerly laid a Stone, with this, but it is now gone.

Under this Stone rare *Jenkins* lye,
The Maſter of the Muiſick Art,
Whom from the Earth, the God on high,
Called up to him, to bear his Part.
Aged 86 October 27,
In Anno 78, he went to Heaven.

This *Jenkins* was as celebrated a Compoſer and Maſter of Muſick, as any in his Time, he was cheifly at *Kimberley*, and died there. The Pariſh Regiſter ſays,

JOHN JENKINS Eſq; was buried Oct. 29 1678.

*Phillipa* Dr. of Sir *Henry Southwell* Knt. and *Margt.* his Wife, was bapt. at *Kimberley* 24 of *June* 1621. In 1631, the Steeple was rebuilt by the *Wodhouſes*. On the biggeſt Bell,

FILLEI DEI VIVI, MISERERE NOBIS.

The *Prior* of *Wimondham* was taxed at 12*s.* 8*d.* *ob.* for his Temporals, and *Marham* Aby Lands, lying here, in *Windham*, and *Carlton*, were lett at 40*s.* *per An.* and the Village paid, 3*li.* 12*s.* to every Tenth.

## KIMBERLEY, *or the* Prior *of* NORWICH'S MANOR.

In 1315, *Walter de Norwico*, or *Norwich*, aliened to the Prior of the *Trinity* at *Norwich*, 3 Meſſuages, 169 Acres of Land, and 12 Acres of Meadow, in *Great* and *Little Creſſingham*, and in *Hopton*, with the Manor of *Stowe*, Lands in *Kimburle* and *Metingham*; and in 1369, *Tho. Piercy* Biſhop of *Norwich*, who died *Aug.* 8 this Year, by his Will bequeathed to the *Precentor* of this Monaſtery, and his Succeſſors, ſeveral Farms, Lands, Rents, *&c.* in *Kimburle*, *Carleton-Forehoe*, *Crownthorp*, and *Wiclewood*, on Condition, he ſhould ſay Maſs daily at St. *Thomas*'s Altar in the Cathedral, for the Souls of his Anceſtors, Self, and Benefactors, and in 1401, the Prior of *Norwich* had a Quarter of a Fee here, which was a ſmall Manor, now held by Leaſe of the *Dean* and *Chapter*, by ARMINE WODEHOUSE Eſqr.

## BOTOURS *or* BOTETOURT'S MANOR,

Was Part of *Kimberley* Manor, granted by *Nic. de Stutvile* to *Guy de Butetort*, who in 1285, had the Aſſize of Bread and Beer of all his Tenants, in 1305, he ſetled it on *Ralf Butetort*, it after belonged to *Bartholomew Botetort*, who left it to *Maud* his Daughter and Heir, who married *Jeffry Swathyng*, for in 1386, they conveyed it to Sir *William Wingfield* Knt. in 1400, *William*, Son of *William* aforeſaid had it, and his Poſterity enjoyed it 'till about 1442, and then 'twas conveyed to *John Woodhouſe* of *Kimberley* Eſq; and his Heirs, Sir *John Clifton* of *Bukenham-Caſtle*, releaſed his Right, and ſo did *John Emond* of *Cranworth* Eſq; Son of *Roger*, who was Son and Heir of *Maud*, Daughter and Heir of *Bartholomew Botetourt*, by her ſecond Husband *Emond*. And thus this Manor alſo came to the *Woodhouſes*, who now enjoy it, tho' the Family have removed their Reſidence out of the Limits of this Pariſh.

Their firſt Seat here was the ancient Seat of the *Faſtolf*'s, which ſtood in the Weſt Part of the Town, but Sir *John Woodhouſe* in *Henry* IV. Time, demoliſhed it, and built a noble Seat on the Eaſt Part, where the Family continued 'till 1659, and then Sir *Philip Woodhouſe* demoliſhed it, and removed to the preſent Seat at *Downham-Lodge*, which is juſt croſs the River, dividing the Pariſhes of *Kimberley* and *Windham*, to which *Downham* is a Hamlet, as may be ſeen at fo. 724, to which I muſt here add, that the Piece of Water which lies in this Pariſh, and is there ſaid to contain about 12 or 14 Acres, is now extended into a noble Lake of about 28 Acres, which ſeems to environ a large Wood or Carr on it's Weſt-Side, rendering it's appearance to the Houſe, much more grand and delightful; the Rivulet that run'd on it's Eaſt Side, is now made a Serpentine River, laid out in a neat Manner, and is the Boundary to the Park, on the Weſt and North Sides, being above a Mile in length: The Declivity of the Hill on the Nothern Part, is a fine Lawn, with the Serpentine River at the bottom of it, which is ſeen at one View from the grand Entrance of the Houſe, which was built by the preſent Sir JOHN WODEHOUSE, who hath much augmented it's Beauty and Pleaſantneſs, by the Addition of theſe beautiful Waters, I have now mentioned.

# OF THE
# WODEHOUSE'S,
## OF *KIMBERLEY*.

THAT there have been ſeveral Families of ancient Extraction, [a] of this Sirname, I readily agree with [b] Mr. *Collins* in his *Baronettage*, as alſo that they have been denominated according to the Cuſtom of former Ages, from their Poſſeſſions: The Pedigrees indeed of this Family (I may ſay all that I have ſeen) deduce them from BERTRAM of WODEHOUSE Tower in Yorkſhire, who 'tis ſaid compounded with the Conqueror, and enjoyed his Lands and Inheritance, but as the Pedigree in Verſe tells us, this is ſupported by no Evidence, which makes me think it as great an Error, as that general one, of making this Family of Yorkſhire Extraction. That BERTRAM was Anceſtor of the Family of WODEHOUSE in that County, I take to be true, but am as ſure that this Family is not deſcended from that, becauſe the Names of the Owners of that Eſtate is widely different; In King *John*'s Time, the Pipe Roll of the 10*th* of that King tells us, that ADAM DE WODEHUSE Chaplain, held a Bovate of Land in WODEHUSE in Yorkſhire, that he was Son of ROBERT, who was Son of HUGH, none of which Names occur in this Family at that Time, for Sir RICHARD DE WODEHOUSE was cotemporary with this ADAM, who was Son of HENRY, the Son of GEORGE; neither is there any Occaſion for us to go out of the County of Norfolk, nor indeed far from their preſent Seat, to find Lands and Poſſeſſions from whence they might be, and indeed I believe they were called; The WODEHOUSE's being ſirnamed, as I am apt to think, from a Tenement and Lands now in Windham, called WODEHOUSE, lying in Silfield, which in 30 *Eliz.* at the Death of *George Morley* Eſq; deſcended to Sir *Richard Morley* his Son and Heir, and then contained a Capital Tenement, 28 Acres of Wood, Paſture, *&c.* and what confirms me in this is, that even in the 52 *H.* III.

[a] There was a Family of the WODEHOUSES of WAXHAM in NORFOLK, of antient Extraction, and Knightly Degree, which by ſome, are confounded with KIMBERLEY Family, but they always bare a different Arms, viz. Quarterly Erm. & Az. in the ſecond and third Quarters, a Leopard's Face Or. as Sir WILLIAM WODEHOUSE of WAXHAM Knt. bare it, in 1553.

(b) Baronettage Vol. 1. P. 221.

A° 1267. The Eſcheat Roll ſays, that PETRONILLA DE WODEHOUSE, died ſeized of WODEHOUSE, and a Mill in Tilney, towards which Part of the County the Family then removed, namely to Rydon.

That they were Gentlemen of good Rank, in and before the Time of King *John*, *Peacham* in his *Blazonry* informs us, P. 164, which appeared to him by the antient Grants and Evidences of the Family, which he had ſeen, and from which the Pedigree was collected, but when the Family removed from their old Seat at Kimberley to this at Downham, many of them being left neglected there, became rotten and were devoured by Vermin, for which Reaſon I cannot aſſert ſeveral Things, which might have been proved by them, which I ſhall therefore omit, and content myſelf with the following Account, which ſtands ſupported on ſufficient Authority.

To omit Sir BERTRAM DE WODEHOUSE, of whom the WODEHOUSE's Pedigree in Verſe, taken from an old Roll, in the Cuſtody of Sir PHILIP WODEHOUSE, rightly ſays,

I leave unſkan'd, their Northweſt Anceſtrie
Unevidenc'd, tho' in the Pedigree,
How that Sir Bertram, Lord of Wodehouſe Tower,
Compounded with the Norman Conqueror.

I ſhall begin with

1. Sir CONSTANTINE DE WODEHOUSE, who married Iſabel Daughter and Heir of Botetort, in the Beginning of *H.* I. Time, whoſe Arms is thus blazoned in old Engliſh Verſe, as are the Arms of all the Matches of the Family, down to Sir Thomas Wodehouſe's Time.

This Botitort does bear in Field of Gold,
A Saltyr Black engrail'd, a Shield that's old.

He was ſucceeded by

2. Sir GEORGE DE WODEHOUSE, who flouriſhed in the Time of *H.* I. whom he accompanied into Normandy, and was at the burning of Baieux and taking of Caen Caſtle, of whom is this.

His King he followed to the Norman Plain,
When Bajeux's burnt, and Caſtle-Caen is ta'en.

He married Winifride Daughter and Heir of Lacy.

The Purple Rampant Lyon Lacy bore,
From antient Times, within a Field of Or.

3. Sir HENRY his Son and Heir married Beatrix Daughter of Lord Say.

Four Quarters plain, of Gules and Or,
Belonged to Say from Times of yore.

4. Sir RICHARD his Son and Heir, is omitted in moſt, if not all the Pedigrees, but is rightly mentioned in both the Rolls, he married an Aſpall, and lived in King *John*'s Time.

Aſpall does bear, within an Azure Field,
3 Chev'rons Gold, for her Paternal Shield.

5. Sir WILLIAM WODEHOUSE his Son and Heir, lived at Flitcham in Norfolk, the Monaſtery of which Place he is ſaid to have founded, and made a Cell to Walſingham, he was the firſt of the Family that purchaſed Lands in Kimberley, but no Manor there, tho' he was Lord of Manors in Norfolk; and indeed by what I can ſee, he was the firſt that removed from Windham Side, he married Petronilla Daughter and Heir of Clervaux.

In Field of Gold a Saltyr Sable ſtand,
The Shield that always was Clervaux's Command.

It is plain that he died before 1267, 52 *H* III. for in that Year Petronilla de Wodehouſe his Wife, died ſeized of the Tenement, Wodehouſe, and Lands, and Woods thereto belonging, lying in Windham.

This William did, a Monaſtery found
For the Religeous, in Time of the renown'd
Henry the third, 'tis certain he did own,
Manors in Norfolk, as by Records is ſhown,
Poinings and Bermſton's, which in Flitcham lay,
Where th' Abby was, he purchaſed in Kimberley,
Yet did his Progeny of the eldeſt Line,
At Rydon, Congham, Grimſton, long remain.

6. FRANCIS WODEHOUSE Eſq; Son of Sir William, married the Daughter and Coheir of Sir John Pecche.

Arg. a Feſs between two Chev'rons Red,
Is the Paternal Shield the Pecche's had.

Of this Sir Francis I find no other Memorial, he being in a ſhort Time, ſucceeded by
7. Sir BERTRAM DE WODEHOUSE his Son and Heir, he

Attended that brave King, Edward the firſt
Into the North, when he the Scots diſperſt,
Slew twenty Thouſand, Edenborough ſhook,
Dunbar and Barwick, where they homage took.

He married Muriel Daughter and Heir of Felton, by whom he had Felton's in Great Maſſingham, and Felton's or Hemgrave's in Fordham, in Cambridgeſhire, beſides ſeveral other Manors, and a vaſt Eſtate.

Hamo Lord Felton, in a Ruby Field,
Two Lions paſſant Ermine, crowned Gold.

8. Sir WILLIAM DE WODEHOUSE his Son and Heir, [c] was Sheriff of London in 1329. He was a Man of great Valour, and as ſuch, was retained by the BLACK PRINCE whom he attended into Spain.

His Son, Sir William was, 'twas he was ſent,
Captain to Spain, when thither went,
Edmund of Langley, Beauchamp, and the Flower,
Of Englands Knights, under great Lancaſter,
And Edward the Black Prince, they bravely fought,
And help't Don Pedro 'gainſt a Baſtard Sprout.

He married the Daughter and Heir of Humfry Luttrell.

Lutt'rell [d] ſhe gives, ſix Martlets 'twixt a Bend,
Of Sable ſet, within a Golden Ground.

He had two Brothers,

a. ROBERT DE WODEHOUSE, was Chaplain to *E.* II. and in 1318, was [e] made *Baron* of the *Exchequer*, by Patent dated *Oct.* 14. 12 *E.* II. In the ſecond Year of *E.* III. the King preſented him to the Archdeaconry of Richmond, [f] to which he was admitted by his Proxy, *Sept.* 14 1328, his Will was proved *Feb.* 3, 1345, in which he ordered his Body to be buried in the Quire of the Auſtin Monks at Stanford; [g] In 1329, he was Treaſurer of the Exchequer.

b. JOHN DE WODEHOUSE, [h] was Steward of the Houſehold, to Richard de Wentworth Biſhop of London, and Lord Chancellor, at the Time of his Death in 1339, and in 1357, [i] he was Chamberlain of Cheſter.

9. Sir RICHARD DE WODEHOUSE, Son of Sir William, was of Rydon in Norfolk, and by Vertue of his Lands and Tenements held of Riſing-Caſtle, was obliged to repair, and maintain a Tower of that Caſtle, to which he alſo paid a Sum of Money yearly, for *Caſtle-Guard*, according to the old Rhymes.

His Son Sir Richard was, who 'tis ſaid maintain'd,
A Caſtle-Gaurd, where the great [k] Montealt reigned,
At Riſing-Chaſe, Le'Strange another held,
That, WODEHOUSE Tower, this, STRANGE's yet is called,
(His Uncle Robert, being High-Treaſuror,
Of England, one who had ſometime before,
Bin Richmond's Dean, and Chaplain to the King,
So pious and diſcreet his Life had bin.)

He married Alice Daughter and Co-heir of Sir John Northwood, of Northwood-Barningham in Norfolk.

Northwood doth bear for Arms, in Ermine Field,
Heroiquely, St. Georges Croſs ingrail'd.

He was ſucceeded by his Son,

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[c] Cron. Lond impreſs. 12 H. 8. [d] Lutterell's Arms are, Or. a Bend between 6 Martlets, in a Bordure ingrailed Sab. [e] Madox Hiſt. of the Exch. p. 586. [f] Le-Neve's Faſti fo. 325. [g] Rymeri Collectanea, Vol. 1. N. 41. ad Fin. Vol. 17. p. 122. [i] Ibid. Vol. 7. p. 127. E. Caſtle. [h] Rym. Vol. 5. p. 143. [k] He was Lord of Riſing-

10. Sir THOMAS DE WODEHOUSE, who married Alice Siſter and Heir of John Eſmond, or Emond, of Cranworth, Son of Roger Emond of Cranworth Eſq; who married Maud Daughter and Heir of Sir Baldwin Botourt of Cranworth Knt.

Eſmond the bears, upon an Ermine Shield,
St. Andrew's Croſs of Sable, and ingrail'd.

11. Sir EDWARD DE WODEHOUSE, Son of Sir Thomas, married a Daughter and Co-heir of Erpingham.

The Erpingham's bear, Argent, a Scutcheon, in
An Orle of Martlets, in a Field of Green.

And agreeable to this, the old Verſes tell us,

—— That he
Married an Erpingham, who fell to be
An Heir, and Litcham brought to the Familye,
Which ſtill remains in their Poſteritye.

He owned Lands in Kimberley in 1378. I have not met with any Account of his Sons or Daughters beſides

12. Sir JOHN WODEHOUSE Knt. who was a younger Son, being afterwards in Favour with *H.* IV. by whom he was Knighted, he came and ſetled at Kimberley, having married Margaret Daughter and ſole Heir of Sir Thomas Faſtolff of Kimberley Knt. and removed from the Faſtolff's Seat which was at the Weſt-End of the Town, built a [*l*] new Seat in the Eaſt Part, with the Tower called WODEHOUSE's Tower, thereto belonging: of him the Pedigree ſays,

Sir John, he was, a younger Progenye,
Of Grimſton, Rydon Houſe, the firſt at Kimberlye,
Who being matched to Faſtolff's Heir, he had
Enlarged his Elbow Room, 'twas he who made
The Moated-Hall, and Tower within the Park,
At the Eaſt-End of the Town, of more remark,
Than the old one in the Weſt, diſpark'd long ſince,
Now, exchanged for [*m*] Anglethorp: He ſerved a Prince,
Who after proved a King, Henry the fourth,
As great by Wit, as by his Royal Birth.

By Deed dated 20 *Jan.* 2 *H.* IV. upon his Sons Marriage with Furneaux, he entailed his Houſe, which he had new built, called WODEHOUSE's Tower, and the new Park called WODEHOUSE's Park, together with his Manors of Kimberley, Corſton, Thurton, Litcham-Market, Feltwell, &c. on them and their Heirs; [*n*] in 1404, he was Conſtable of Riſing-Caſtle; his Wife's Arms are thus blazoned in Verſe,

Faſtolff gives Or, and Azure quarterlye,
Upon a Bend of Gules, White Scallops three.

But 'tis an Error, and ſhould be Croſlets three, and indeed they are wrong drawn in the Pedigrees, ſeveral original Seals of the Faſtolff's in my own Cuſtody ſhew me ſo, together with the Arms of Sir John Faſtolff, which ſtill remain carved in Stone, over a Window of his Houſe at Caſtor by Yarmouth, where they are Croſlets alſo.

He was ſucceeded by

13. JOHN WODEHOUSE Eſq; who in his Fathers Life-time was Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to King *Henry* IV. and in 1400, married Alice Daughter and Heir of Furneaux.

Furneaux that ſprung from a French Familye,
Bare Black, a Pale of Silver Lozengee.

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[*l*] This was the Seat of the Family 'till 1659, in which Year it was demoliſhed, part of it having been in decay ſometime before, it was a large ſquare building, with a Court in the Midſt, according to the following Deſcription, which I have ſeen in old Verſe,

" Firſt fell Queen Elizabeth's brave Lodging Roome,
" Then the fair Stately Hall, to Ruin came,
" Next falls the vaſt great Chamber arch'd on high,
" With Golden Pendents fretted ſumptuouſly,
" Yet of four Parts, three ſtill remained the Seat,
" Unto that Heir, who firſt was BARONET,
" And to his Son, 'till the long Parliament,
" Nobles and Gentry, ſunk to Diſcontent,
" In which ſad Humour he lets all the reſt,
" Of this fair Fabrick ſink into it's Duſt,
" Down falls the Chapel, laſt the goodly Towre,
" Tho' of Materials ſo firm and Stowre,
" Time ſcarce uncements them, like diſmal Fate,
" Does England ſuffer both in Church and State.
" But theſe may God re-build and raiſe again,
" By Reſtauration of our Sovereign.

[*m*] A Place in Kimberley ſo called, which joined to the new Park.

[*n*] E. Cart. Pen: D. Norff.

On the Deceaſe of *Henry* IV. his Son King *Henry* V. [*o*] choſe him **Eſquire** of his own Body, [*p*] in 1414, he was admitted one of the **Chamberlains** of the **Exchequer**, for Life. In 1415, he attended the KING's Perſon, to the Battle of AGINCOURT in **France**, where he won great Renown, by his valiant Proweſs, Spiriting up the **Engliſh** that were inclined to ſtand.

[*q*] Panting for Breath, his *Murrian* in his Hand,
WOODHOUSE comes in, as back the *Engliſh* beare,
My Lords (quoth he) what now inforc'd to ſtand,
When ſmiling Fortune off'reth us ſo faire,
The *French* lie Yonder like to Wreakes of Sand,
And you by this our Glory but impaire:
Or now, or never, your firſt Fight maintaine,
[*r*] CHATILLYON and the CONSTABLE are ſlaine:
Hand over Head, Peſl-Mell upon them ronne,
If you will prove the Maſters of the Day,
FERRERS and GREYSTOCK have ſo bravely done,
That I envie their Glory, and dare ſay,
From all the *Engliſh*, they the Gole have woone,
Either let's ſhare, or they'll beare all away.
This ſpoke, his Ax about his Head he flings,
And haſts away, as though his Heeles had Wings.
The Incitation of this Youthful [*s*] Knight,
Beſides amends for this Retrayte to make,
Doth re-enforce their Courage with their might:
A ſecond Charge, with ſpeed to undertake;
Never before were they ſo mad to fight,
When Valiant FANHOPE, thus the Lords beſpake, &c.

After the Battle inclined to the **Engliſh**, many of the **French** Nobles fled, and got into an old *Fort*, where by Reaſon of the ſtreightneſs of the Paſſage, 'twas difficult to overcome them,

An aged *Rampire*, with huge Ruines heapt,
Which ſerv'd for Shot 'gainſt thoſe that ſhould aſſayle,
Whoſe narrow Entrance, they with Croſs-Bows kept,
Whoſe ſharpened Quarres came in Show'rs like Hayle:
Quoth the brave King, firſt let the Field be ſwept,
And with the reſt, we well enough ſhall deale;
Which though ſome heard, yet they ſhut up their Eare,
It reliſh'd not with many Souldiers there.
Moſt Men ſeemed willing, yet not any one,
Would put himſelfe, this great Exployt upon.
Which WOODHOUSE hearing, meerily thus ſpake,
(One that right well knew, both his Worth and Wit)
A dangerous Thing it is to undertake,
A *Fort*, where Souldiers be defending it,
Perhaps they ſleepe, and if they ſhould awake,
With Stones, or with their Shafts, they may us hitt,
And in our Conqueſt, whilſt ſo well we fare,
It were meere folly; but I ſee none dare.
Which GAM o'rhearing (being neere at Hand)
Not dare quoth he, and angerly doth frowne,
I tell the WOODHOUSE, ſome in Preſence ſtand,
Dare propp the Sunne, if it were falling downe,
Dare graſpe the Bolt, of Thunder in his Hand,
And through a Cannon leape into a Towne;

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[*o*] Bar. Vol. 1. 221. [*p*] Lib: Nig: in Scio: fo: 47. b.

[q] Drayton's Poems, fo. 41, Lond. 1627.

[*r*] CHATILLYON Lord of Dampier, Admiral of France, CHARLES Lord DE LA BRETH, CONSTABLE of France. Hol. V. 2. f. 555.

[*s*] So called becauſe he ſhould have taken that Honour, but refuſed it, eſteeming it to be a ſuperior Honour to be ESQUIRE of the Body to ſuch a Maſter, which Place he muſt have reſigned, if he had been dubbed Knight, and having Lands ſufficient in Value to be Knighted, he paid a Fine, rather than take that Honour.

[*t*] Drayton fo. 53, 4.

I tell thee, a reſolved Man may doe,
Things, that thy Thoughts, yet never mounted to.
I know that Reſolution may do much,
WOODHOUSE replyes, but who could act my Thought,
With his proud Head, the Pole might eaſely tuch,
And GAM quoth he, though bravely thou haſt fought,
Yet not the Fame thou haſt attained too, ſuch,
But that behind, as great is to be bought,
And yonder 'tis, then GAM, come up with me,
Where ſoone the King our Courages ſhall ſee.
Agreed quoth GAM, and up their Troopes they call,
Hand over Head, and on the *French* they ran,
And to the Fight couragiouſly they fall,
When on both Sides, the Slaughter ſoone began,
Fortune a while, indifferent is to all,
Theſe what they may, and thoſe do what they can,
WOODHOUSE and GAM, upon each other vye,
By Armes their Manhood, deſperatly to try.
To clime the *Fort*, the light arm'd *Engliſh* ſtrive,
And ſome by Trees there growing, to aſcend,
The *French* with Flints, let at the *Engliſh* drive,
Themſelves with Shields, the *Engliſhmen* defend,
And faine the *Fort* downe with their Hands would rive,
Thus either Side their utmoſt Power extend,
'Till Valiant [*u*] GAM ſore wounded, drawne aſide,
By his own Souldiers, ſhortly after dy'de.
Then take they up, the Bodies of the ſlaine,
Which for their Targets, our's before them boare,
And with a freſh aſſault come on againe,
Scarſe in the Field yet, ſuch a Fight was there,
Croſſe-Bowes, and Long-Bowes, at it are amaine,
Until the *French* their Maſſacre, that Fear,
Of the fierce *Engliſh*, a Ceſſation crave,
Offring to yeeld, ſo they their Lives would ſave.

For this Gallant Action, [*x*] the King granted him an Annuity of 10 Marks a Year, out of his Manor of Thetford, and made him Steward of all the Dominion of the Dutchy of Lancaſter in Norfolk, and Cambridgeſhire, with a Salary of 10 *l. per Ann.* and as a perpetual Augmentation of Honour, aſſigned him the Creſt of a Hand, ſtretched from a Cloud, holding a Club, and this Motto, [*y*] FRAPPE FORTE, *Strike ſtrong*, or rather *Beat down the Fort.* and the *Savage* or [*z*] *Wild Man*, holding a Club, which was the antient Creſt of the Family, was now omitted, and two of them placed as *Supporters* to the Arms, which had a further Augmentation of Honour added in the Shield, *viz.* on the Chev'ron, *Guttè de Sang.* as they are born to this Day. The ancient Coat before this Addition being only, *Sab.* a Chev'ron *Or.* between 3 Cinquefoils *Erm.* and the Year following, as a further Reward for his eminent Valour, [*a*] he gave him, by the Name of his *Beloved Eſquire*, the Priory of Weles in Norfolk, which was diſſolved, being an *Alien* belonging to Caen in Normandy, with all the Revenues, Manors, Services, Advowſons, *&c.* (except the Rectories of Wells, and Geytun) that belonged to it, any where in England, to be held by him and his Heirs in *Capite*, by the Rent of a *Roſe*, payable on *Midſummer-Day*, in Lieu of all Services whatever. It appears, that immediately after this Honourable Addition to his Arms, he got his Seal made accordingly, for in 1415, being Feoffee for the Manors of Kelling and Salthouſe, he ſealed with his new Seal *Guttê de Sang*, being on the Chev'ron &c. [*b*] In 1418, he, the Biſhop of Norwich, and Sir Thomas Erpingham, were the three Commiſſioners, whom the

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[*u*] David Gam Eſquire ſlain. Hol. Vol. 2, fo. 555. [x] See fo. 465. [y] The Motto FRAPPE FORT, may allude to this FORT that he conquered, it being given him on that Account and 'tis probable were the Words he uſed to encourage his Men, to aſſail it, it ſignifying, Strike down the Fort, as well as Strike Strong. [z] At Kimberley Park Gate by the Church, 'till very lately, was always a Publick-Houſe, called from it's Sign Kimberley Wild-Man, it being one of the Supporters of the Arms of the Family. It was antiently cuſtomary for Signs of this Nature to be made, to ſhew what Family the Houſe was ſupported by, and here the Huntſman generally lived.

[*a*] Mon. Ang. Vol. 1. f. 575. [*b*] Godw. Hiſt: H. 5. P. 214. 15. MSS. Bib. Cot: Caligula D. 5.

Lords of the Council ſent to perſuade the Gentlemen of the County, to go into France; to ſerve the King with Arms and Equipage, agreable to their Quality, who return'd Anſwer, that they had no Succeſs, becauſe the ſtouteſt Men were already in the Army, and thoſe that remained, excuſed themſelves by their Poverty, or bodily Infirmities. [c] He ſerved no leſs than 4 Times in Parliament for the County of Norfolk, *viz.* in 1409, 11 *H.* IV. when John Winter Eſq; was his Partner; in 2 *H.* V. when John Ingleſthorp was his Partner, In 1414, Sir Edmund Oldhall was his Partner, with whom he ſerved again, in 1416: he continued in Favour with the Princes he ſerved, during his whole Life; *Peacham* ſays, he was one of *H.* IV. Executors, and certain I am that he was alſo Executor to *H.* V. [*d*] of whom he obtained Licence to found a Chantry Prieſt, to ſing for the Souls of that Prince and his Queen, and of his Beloved Eſquire, John Wodehouſe, and his Wife, their Anceſtors and Poſterity, either in the Cathedral Church at Norwich, or in the Charnel Chapel thereto belonging: I have ſeen a Pair of Beads, which were given by Queen Catherine, Wife of *H.* V. to the Wife of this John, they are now in the Hands of ARMINE WODEHOUSE Eſq; and are very large, all of Coral, except each tenth Bead, which are wrought Gold, there being 70 in all, there is alſo a Croſs of Gold hanging to them, and in thoſe Days, were uſed at their Devotion. I alſo ſaw the Hilt of a large old Sword, adorn'd with Silver, and a long Knife or Poignard, of the ſame Workmanſhip, which are ſtill preſerved in the Family, and are without Doubt, thoſe uſed by this John, in the Agincourt Battle, the Form and Make of them, agreeing exactly to the Time. [*e*] He died at Rydon, in 1430, his Will is dated there *Jan.* 15, by which he order'd his Body to be buried in the lower Chapel of the Charnel, by the Cathedral at Norwich, and order'd that after Maſs ſaid over his Body in the Cathedral, they ſhould carry his Bier into the Charnel, and there perform ſuch Services for him, as he enjoin'd, for which he gave the Principal, Maſter, or Cuſtos, of the Upper Charnel Chapel, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and 2 ſmall Silver Diſhes gilt, and 2 Silver Candleſticks, and to each of the Prieſts of the Charnel, 3 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Chaplain of the Lower Charnel Chapel, in which he was buried, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* and afterwards, this Chaplain became his Chantry Prieſt, and ſung for him 'till the Diſſolution. Of him, the Pedigree in Verſe, gives us the following Account.

Sir John, had John Eſquire, .but he was Eſquire,
Of the Body to that King, the World admire,
Henry the fifth, he ſerved him when but young,
With [*f*] Pointer and with Bardolph, his Companion;
Him he attended in his Wars in France,
Where he his Worth and Glory did advance,
'Twas he brave GAM in Honour did out vye,
Whom he had firſt provoked by Irony,
The FORT he took at famous Agincourt,
And won that martial Motto [*g*] FRAPPE FORT,
And Creſt, a Hand and Club ſtretched from a Cloud,
Tho' antiently the Creſt to them allow'd,
Had bin a Savage, or [*h*] wild Wodehouſe, with
A ragged Club all ſet upon a Wreath,
Supporters now he hath, an Honour given
King's Favorites, two WOODMEN clad in Green,
In his Black Field, three Cinquefoils Ermine ſtood,
A Golden Chev'ron now charged with Drops of Blood,
This JOHN was he, who ioin'd with Exeter,
And Gloſter Duke was ioynte Executor,
To that brave King, and certainly 'twas he,
For whom the King erects a Chantrye
At Norwich, near the great Cathedral where,
He and his Queen, with his beloved Eſquire,
JOHN WODEHOUSE ſhould be prayed for, while alive,
After their Deaths long Time did this ſurvive.

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[*c*] Rot. Parl.

[*d*] He gave him a Gold Cup in his Will, "Item legamus JOHANNI WODEHOUSE Armigero unum Cyphum auri."

[*e*] See an Extract of his Will, printed in Brown's Remains p. 21. of the Ant. of Norwich School.

(f) The three Eſquires of the King's Body.

(g) See before.

(*h*) Wildmen called WODEHOUSE's, Hol. Vol. 2. fo. 807. "Men apparelled like Wild Men, or Wodehouſes."

14. HENRY DE WODEHOUSE Eſq; was 24 Years old at his Father's Death, [i] as appears from the Writ iſſued to the Eſcheator of Norfolk, requiring him to take Fealty and Releif for the Manor of Welles, &c. and to give him Poſſeſſion. King *Henry* V. was his Godfather, by whom he was recommended to *H.* VI. at his Father's Death he lived at Bocking-Ash in Suffolk, and in 1449, was Lord of Well Manor in Geyton, and this Year had a Charter of Freewarren in all his Lands, Woods, and Demeans in Norfolk, and dying the next Year without Iſſue, his Eſtate went to his Brother JOHN.

Of him we read thus.

His eldeſt Son was HENRY, chriſtned ſo,
By that brave King, who commended him to
His Son, next King, who granted him a Free
Charter, to keep his Game and [*k*] Veneere,
Throughout his Royalties; he left no Son,
And therefore him ſucceeds his Brother JOHN.

15. JOHN WODEHOUSE Eſq; his Brother, ſucceeded him, who when the Commiſſioners were appointed to ſummon all Perſons of beſt Note, and tender them an Oath for the keeping the Peace, and obſerving the King's Laws for themſelves and Retainers, was returned as one of the Principal Gentlemen of Norfolk, and becauſe he would not take the Honour of Knighthood, was fined accordingly, he married [*l*] Conſtance eldeſt Daughter and Co-heir of Thomas Geddynge Eſq; of Icklingham in Suffolk, firſt, Relict, of Henry Pooley Eſq; and after that, of John Aleyne, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, whoſe Widow ſhe was when he married her.

This Geddynge gave in Gules a Chev'ron placed,
D'Ermine 'twixt 3 Gold Eagle's Heads eraſed.

I find him ſometimes called JOHN WODEHOUSE of London, Eſq; where he alſo had a Houſe; he died at Kimberley in 1465, as the Writ of *Diem clauſit Extremum* ſhews us, of him is only this,

—— He in King Harry's Time,
For not receiving Knighthood paid his Fine.

He and his Wife lie buried in the Altar Rails in Kimberley Chancel, cloſe by the North-Wall, on the Stone is his Effigies in Armour, with this in a Label from his Mouth,

Credo quod Redemtor meus vivit,

She ſtands in a praying Poſture with this from her Mouth,

Et in Carne mea videbo Deum Salvatorem meum.

The Arms are loſt, but this Inſcription on a Braſs Plate remains,

Hic iacet Johannes Wodehous, & Conſtancia Uxor eius, quorum animabus propicietur Deus Amen.

16. Sir EDWARD WODEHOUSE his Son and Heir, was Knighted at Grafton-Field, according to the following Account.

His Son Sir Edward Dubb'd at Grafton-Field,
By Tewkesbury, where th' Enemy did yeild;
Edward the fourth, had in his ſecond Year,
Sent him a privy Mandate to prepare,
To attend him in his Wars, which he obey'd,
And brought with him two hundred Men array'd,
And all Equipt, at his own charge compleat,
They bravely fought, and made the Foe retreat.
This little [*m*] Vavaſour, was once ſo ſtout,
That he by force of Arms did dare to rout
The Men of [*n*] Well, Tenants of Weſtminſter,
His Plea was Harry's Gift to his Anceſter,
And ſome ſay ſince, but they put in a Barr,
His Title voided was, by Lancaſter.

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(*i*) Rot. Fin. 9. H. 6.

(k) An old Word for ſuch ſorts of Game, as are to be hunted, from Venor to hunt.

(*l*) See Geddyng's Pedigree in Rice's Deſc. of Suff. P. 270.

(*m*) A Vavaſour or Valvaſor, was antiently a Nobleman, next in Degree to a Baron.

(*n*) Well Manor in Geyton, which came with Wells Priory to his Anceſtor John Wodehouſe, but on that Priory's being reſtored by Edw. 4. and granted to his Chapel at Weſtminſter, the Abbot re-aſſumed it from Wodehouſe, and carried it againſt him, by the Intereſt of the Duke of Lancaſter. See Dug. Mon. Vol. 1. fo. 576.

The Pedigree ſays that in 1461, by Order of *Edw.* IV. under his Privy Seal, he levied in Norfolk of his Followers, Tenants, and Gentlemen of Quality, no leſs than 200, and armed them at his own Charge, and attended the King in his Journey into Scotland, being accompanied in his own Retinue, with 2 Dukes, 7 Earls, 31 Barons, and 59 Knights; I find him alive in 1473, but can't ſay exactly when he died, tho' he and his ſecond Wife are buried in Kimberley Church, and had this over them on a Braſs Plate, which is lately loſt;

> Here lyeth Syr Edward Wodehouſe Knyght, and Dame Jane hys Wiffe, all good Chriſtien Men that rede this ſame, of your Charity, to pray for the Souls of them and all Chriſtien Souls.

He married two Wives, firſt the Daughter of Sir John Tirrell, by whom he had no Iſſue, ſecondly Jane Daughter and Heir of Edmund Swathyng of Letton Eſq; by whom he had Iſſue.

1. This Tirrell gives within an Argent Field,
Two Chev'rons Azure, a Bordure Gules ingrail'd.
2. Swathyng did bear a Noble ancient Shield,
A Silver Bend, within an Azure Field.

17. Sir THOMAS WODEHOUSE Knt. his Son and Heir, was created Knight of the Bath, at the Marriage of Prince Arthur, eldeſt Son to King *Henry* VII. with the Infanta of Spain, and was ſent Ambaſſador into France, where he married a Lady of Piccardy for his firſt Wife, but by her had no Iſſue, and for his ſecond Wife, he had Thomazine Daughter of Sir Roger Townſend of Raynham Knt.

Townſend he bears three Silver Scallops 'twixt,
A Chev'ron Ermine, in Field Azure fixt.

He was deeply engaged for John de la Pole Earl of Suff. in great Sums, which the Duke left unpaid, and being ſued in 1486, upon that Account, he had the King's Pardon, with Reſtitution to his Lands and Goods, he died in 1487.

Sir Thomas was Sir Edward's Son, 'twas he
Was at the Marriage Solemnitye,
Of Arthur Prince, created Bathen Knight,
An Honour which great Nobles ne're did ſlight.
Souldier and Courtier both, he lived ſo high,
When he was ſent to France in Embaſſy,
That he did Mortgage many of his Lands,
And ſo the Litcham Manor, was in Townſend's hands
Long forfeited: return'd he him defies,
And challenges: The Man of Law replies,
Peace Sir, my Penknife ſhall your Sword rebate,
I'le hold my hold, but if you pleaſe let's treate,
And compromiſe, take you your Lands againe,
And with them for your Wife my Thomaſine,
So they agreed, this Judge and Knight was he,
Who was the Rayſe of Raynham's Familye.

18. Sir ROGER WODEHOUSE Knt. who by Reaſon of his ſmall Stature, was called *Little Sir Roger*, was Knighted by [*o*] *Edw.* VI. in 1548, and is [*p*] often called [*q*] *Knight of the Carpet*, he at the Beginning of Ket's Rebellion, [*r*] taking his Houſehold Servants with him, and three Carts, two laden with Beer, and a third with Proviſion, followed the Rebels, deſigning to have endeavoured to perſuade them to deſiſt from their wicked Enterpriſe, imagining that they being his near Neighbours, and knowing his former good Uſage to them, would have had reſpect to his kindneſs, and have minded his Perſwaſions, but on the contrary they ſeized him, ſtripped him of his Apparel, took his Horſes and all he had from him, cruelly tugged and caſt him into a Ditch of one Morrice's of Nether-Earlham, by Helſdon-Bridge, and had there ſlain him, had not his Servant couragiouſly defended him from their Inſults, however he could not free him from their Hands, but they carried him with them, and impriſoned him in Surrey-Houſe, on Mouſehold-Hill by Norwich. Of him is this.

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(o) The Baronetage ſays by H. 8. (p) Anſtis Gart. MSS. E. 9. fo. 82. (q) Knights of the Carpet, were ſo called, becauſe they kneel upon a Carpet at their Creation. (r) Hol. Vol. 1. fo. 1029. Speed 833. Nevil de Furor. Norff. P. 29.

His Son Sir Roger was, that Little [s] Hight,
Who what he wants in Bulk, makes up in [t] Spright:
Which cauſed him to reſiſt the Rebell Rout,
Of Kett and his Com'rades, who were about
To maim him, but's Man [u] Edgerly the Stout,
Him reſcued, whilſt couragiouſly he fought,
This Servant's valiant Act and loyaltye,
He recompenced with forty Pounds in Fee,
Which at this Day they enioy, and ſtill inherit,
And to the Houſe ſtill keep their honeſt Spirit,
This Little Knight flew at the Nobleſt Game
In Falconry, he was of ſo much Fame,
That the good Norfolk Duke, him Maſter call,
And with his preſence often grac'd his Hall.

He had two Wives, Elizabeth Daughter and Co-heir of Sir Rob. Ratcliff Knt. and Elizabeth Daughter of John Drury, whoſe Arms are thus blazoned.

1. This Ratcliff bears as doth the Suſſex Earl,
A Diamond Bend ingrail'd, in Field of Pearl.
2. This Drury bears an Argent Field, and more,
On a chief Vert, two Mullets pierced Or.

He was buried in [x] Kimberley Church Feb. 10 1560, as the Pariſh Regiſter informs me.

19. THOMAS WODEHOUSE Eſq; eldeſt Son of Sir Roger, notwithſtanding what is ſaid in the *Baronetage*, was never Knighted: in 1 *P.* & *M.* he was [y] High-Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, which Office he ſerved again 5 *Eliz.* in the 4 & 5 *P. M.* & 1 *Eliz.* [z] he was Burgeſs in Parliament for the Burgh of Yarmouth in Norfolk, he was in Favour with *H.* VIII. whom he faithfully ſerved to his Death, afterwards being retained in the Service of *Edw.* VI. he was one of thoſe valiant Gentlemen [a] that went againſt the Scots, being Standard-Bearer in the Battle of Muſelborough, in which he was ſlain on *Saturday* 10 *Sept.* 1547, his Father Sir Roger being then alive.

This Thomas ne're was Knight, but yet was one
That deſerved to be, and had been, if not ſlain,
In Noble Service 'gainſt the Scots, where he
Was Standard-Bearer, whom to gratifie,
The King his Widow gave, the ſpecial Grace,
Of Lady-Hood, in Title and in Place.

She was Margaret Daughter of Sir John Shelton of Shelton Knt.

The Shelton's Coat both fair and ancient was,
In Azure Field is ſet, a Golden Croſs.

r. His ſecond Brother Sir William, was [b] Vice Admiral of the Engliſh Fleet, being Knighted for his Valiant Acts, done in the aforeſaid Battle of Muſelburgh, and after his return, became a Man of much Repute in his Country, [c] in 1. 2. *P. M.* he was elected Knight of the Shire, with Nic. Leſtrange, and 4. 5. *P. M.* with Sir Henry Bedingfield, he ſerved alſo for the County A°. 1 *Eliz.* with Nic. Leſtrange aforeſaid, and again in the 5th of that Queen, with Sir Edward Warner Knt.

20. Sir ROGER WODEHOUSE Knt. Son of Sir Thomas, ſerved in Parliament for the Burgh of Alburgh in Suffolk, 13 *Eliz.* 1570, [d] and was Knighted by that Queen at Sir Edw. Clere's Houſe at Blickling in Norfolk, *Auguſt* 1578. The Queen in her return from Norwich, in her Progreſs to Cambridge, favoured him with her Preſence, [e] and lodged at his [f] Houſe at Kimberley, *Friday Aug.* 22 1578, he ſerved for Thetford in Parliament, 28 *Eliz.* and married Mary Daughter of John Corbet of Sprowſton, Eſq; Siſter to Sir Miles Corbet Knt. who ſurvived him, and married George Kemp of Tottenham in Middleſex Eſq; who in his Will dated 1606, calls her Mary Lady Wodehouse.

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[s] i.e. called. [t] i. e. Spirit [u] The laſt of this Man's Deſcendents died lately, and the Eſtate laid in Runhall.

[x] Regr. Byrcham int. Archiv. Norw. [y] From a Roll of the Sheriffs &c. [z] Rot. Parl. [a] Hol Vol. 2. fo. 986. [b] Sir John Heyward in Vita. Ed. VI. P. 15.

[c] From the Liſt of Parliament Men for Norff. collected from the Parl. Rolls, and communicated to me by Browne Willis Eſq. [d] Cat. of Knights made by Queen Elizabeth. [e] Hol. Vol. 2. fo. 1298.

[f] There is ſtill in the Family a Noble THRONE, which was erected for the Queen, in the grand Hall at Kimberley, it is of Crimſon Velvet, richly embroidered with Gold, having on it the Arms of Wodehouſe and his Quarterings, with the Supporters, all in curious Work, and on the Top are the ſame Arms impaling Corbet.

Corbet doth give a Rebus rich and old,
A [g] Corbeau Proper in a Field of Gold.

He died in 1588, and was buried at Kimberley the 4th of *April.*

—— Sir Roger was ([h] the younger) he
Was Knighted by Queen Elſabeth, for the
To him allied by [i] Shelton was, ſhe came
To Kimberly, and lodged there with her Train
In Norfolk's Progreſs; he was nobly juſt,
And wiſe in his Affairs: witneſs the truſt,
He laboured under for his departed Friend,
And Kinſman Knyvet, whom he did defend,
Againſt the Power of Court, he dared to ſpend,
His own, to vindicate his Orphan Friend:
Brave Patriot he was, weak Mens defence
Againſt Oppreſſion: Prop of Innocence.

20. HENRY WODEHOUSE his ſecond Brother, was born 3 *Jan:* 1546, Sir John Robſart and his Lady anſwered for him, he was (as all his Anceſtors for many Generations, always were) Juſtice of the Peace, and twice Member for the County of Norfolk, viz. in the 14 and 31 *Eliz.*

ELIZABETH Daughter of Sir THOMAS, married Thomas Jones of Lyn Eſq; and afterwards Sir Denner Strutt, who lived at Kimberley in 1650, for in that Year he gave in his Name, to Thomas Bradford then Curate, according to an Act for confining Malignants, within 5 Miles of their Dwelling. By the Regiſter of Kimberley, I find that Blanch Dr. of Sir Denner Strutt, Knt. and Bart. and Eliz. his Lady, was bapt. 13 *June* 1644, Anne their Daughter in 1650, Thomas their Son in 1651. She is buried in Kimberley Chancel: againſt the North-Wall is a Monument, erected with her Figure kneeling at a Fald-ſtool, with the Arms of Strutt and Wodehouſe, and this,

> Here lyeth the Body of Dame ELIZABETH STRUTT, Daughter of Sir THOMAS WODEHOUSE of Kimberley in the County of Norfolk Knt. and Bart. the Wife of Sir *Denner Strutt* of *Little-Warley* in the County of *Eſſex* Knt. and Bart. by whom he had 5 Children, & left living 1 Sonne and 2 Daughters, *Thomas, Blanch,* & *Anne.* She departed this Life 6 Nov. 1651, in the Yeare of her Age ----

21. Sir PHILIP WODEHOUSE Knt. [k] ſerved Queen *Eliz.* both by Sea and Land, in Spain and Portugal, was at the Conqueſt of Cales in Spain, and for his Valour ſhown there, was Knighted by Rob. Earl of Eſſex, and Charles Earl of Notingham the Queen's Generals: on the Acceſſion of *James* I. to the Crown of England, he went with THOMAS his eldeſt Son, to meet that King in his Way from Scotland to London, and at Sir George Fermour's Houſe in Northamptonſhire, his Majeſty conferr'd the Honour of Knighthood on his Son, and on [l] the firſt erection of BARONETS, Sir PHILIP accepted of that Title, A°. 1611. [m] In 28 *Eliz.* he was elected Burgeſs in Parliament for Caſtle-Riſing, was at the Camp at Tilbury, was Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Norfolk, [n] and dying at Kimberley was there buried *Oct.* 30 1623, his Wife was Grizell Daughter of Will. Yelverton of Rougham in Norfolk Eſq; Widow of Thomas Le Strange of Hunſtanton Eſq; to whom he was married at Kimberley *Dec.* 22 1582, ſhe died *Aug.* 4 1635, and is buried by him.

This Yelverton does bear, on Silver ſpread,
Three Rampant Lioncels and chief of Red.

Sir Philip next ſucceeds, his only Son,
Brought up in ſplendor and high Faſhion,
Great Surrey's Earl his God-ſire was, when he
So little was, and young, next Infancie,
That lockt to his Saddle he was forced to be,
To ride [o] from Kenninghall to Kimberlye:
Right brave he proved, he went to Cales in Spain,
Conquer'd, was Knighted, then came home again,

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[g] i. e. a Raven, which the Name Corbet ſignifies.

[h] Or ſecond Sir Roger.

(i) The Shelton's and Bulleyn's were related, Margaret Shelton that married Tho. Wodehouſe, was Daughter of a Bulleyn, that married a Shelton.

(k) Pedg. Bart. Vol. 1. P. 223.

(l) Catal. of Barts.

(m) Rot. Parl.

(n) Kimb. Re.

(o) The Earl of Surrey's Seat, ſee fol. 142. 5

Where he, and Hev'ningham, two metled Lads,
Their Province ruled, and to the Rogues were Rods,
He after was made BARONET, yet had,
Long time demurr'd, on what his Son had ſaid
The Prince he waited on, Prince [p] Henry dit,
Miſlike the Thing, the Cauſe whereof he hid,
An ancient Honour 'twas thought, and but for Life,
Not to deſcend to heir, and not ſo rife,
As now it is, no common Title then,
Or patent Grant, but won in the Field by Men.
It not a Little Baron did imply,
But was ta'en for [q] BANNERET confuſedly;
As Colonel he went to Tilburye,
When falſe Alarms made England's iollitye;
The great Office of the County he
Suſtained long, Lieutenant Deputé,
So many Men he kept of Quality,
As their Eſtates collected, came to nigh
As much as his, which in thoſe Days was found
To be by Yearr, above two thouſand Pound.

22. Sir THOMAS WODEHOUSE Knt. and Bart. was Knighted by King *James* as aforeſaid, and was Gentleman to Prince *Henry*, was twice Member in Parliament for Thetford in King *Char*. I Time, *viz.* in 1639, and 1640, [*r*] he married Blanch Daughter of John Cary, Baron of Hunſdon, Siſter to Henry Lord Hunſdon, Viſcount Rochford, Relict of Chriſtopher Peyton Eſq.

This Cary Hunſdon's Lord, now Dover's Earl,
Gives Pearl, on a Diamond Bend, 3 Roſes Pearl.

He died in 1658, and is buried in Kimberley Chancel, with theſe Verſes on his Stone, which lies towards the North-Side in the Altar Rails; His Arms and Wife's are impaled, ſupported by two Wild Men holding Clubs, with the Creſt of the Hand and Club, and *Frappe Fort*.

God's Mercy and Chriſt's Meritts make me truſt,
To riſe from ſleeping in my ſinfull Duſt,
For Aye to prayſe *Jehovah*, with the Juſt.
Hæc dictavit ipſe, ſub ſemi-horam moribundus,
THOMAS WOODHOWSE Miles et Barro. Mar: 18. 1658.

Of whom the following Verſes were added to the old Ones, which ended with Sir PHILIP.

THOMAS Sir PHILIP's Son, a Gallant Youth,
Bred gallantly, at eighteen Years of Growth,
He *Knighted* was, he waited on a Prince,
The faireſt Prince of hope that breathed ſince,
HENRY the *Great*, ſuch Eminence he had
Of Parts and Perſonage, his Prince him made
Of his Bed-Chamber, and of his Mere Grace,
Deſigned to fit him for ſome publick Place
Of Honour and Employment, to which End,
To *France*, to *Spain*, to *Italy*, he him ſend,
That there he might himſelf accommodate,
With Languages, and Miſteries of State:
Mean while, alas! that Royal HERO dies,
Which drown'd in Tears, Ours, and all *Europe*'s Eyes,
This his dear Prince, and Maſter's diſmal Fate,
Blaſts him, and renders all diſconſolate,
Sad he returns; to double his Annoy,
He finds the Want of his brave goodly Boy,
His Firſt-born Child, a Child of ſuch a Grace,
As ſhew he ſprung from *Harry Hunſdon*'s Race,
Theſe loſſes he laments in ſuch a Strain,
Of Elegy, as ſpeaks pure *Ovid*'s Vein.
He bids adieu! to Court, it's Soul being gone,
And merely now a painted Skeleton,
Into the Country now retires, where he
Enjoys both calm and ſweet Serenitie,
In Hounds and Horſes he great Pleaſure took,
His Home Delights, were Muſick and his Book,
His Wiſdom was ſo Eminent, as he
Was called to every Place of Dignitie,
All which he hath ſo prudently perform'd,
That by his Country, he's *Politician* term'd,
At length is called that fatal Parliament,
To King, and Kingdom, thither is he ſent
A Member, where he ſtoutly acts for right
Of Subjects and the Laws, againſt the Might

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(*p*) Son to King James I.

(q) It was then commonly ſaid, that 'twas only the old Honour of Bannerets that was deſigned, which was always performed in the Field, under the Banner, but was now to be given at home.

(*r*) Peerage. P. 51.

Of Court *Leviathan*'s, who would pull down
The Pale, between the People and the Crown,
Thus far went he, but other Bigot Fools
Ran into extremes, and pull'd up all the Dools
Of Government, they brought in Anarchy,
In Kirke and Law, which brought in Tyranny;
This 'tis for Faction, Intereſt and Zeal,
To be Reformers of a common Weal;
But to return: he now returns confined,
And fetter'd by Arthritick Pains, reſigned
Up all his publick Cares, for now he is
The antienteſt Knight, this Part of *England* has,
And oldeſt Juſtice, whence he comes to be,
The *Cuſtos Rotulorum*, Orderlie.
Stern and ſevere he is, yet curteous,
In's Morals, modeſt, yet magnanimous,
In Juſtice ſtrict, yet full of Equitye,
He ſcorns to do, or take an Injury,
Long may he live in Health and Dignity,
And read himſelf in his Poſterity.

23. Sir PHILIP WODEHOUSE Bart. [s] was one of the Burgeſſes for **Thetford**, in that Parliament that reſtored, *Char.* II. A°. 1660, he was bapt. at **Kimberley** July 24, 1608, and was a Man of good Learning, ready Wit, and exceeding Skilfull in Muſick, he died at **Kimberley**, and was buried there *May* 6 1681, of whom there is the following juſt Character on his Graveſtone, which hath the Arms, Creſt, and Motto of WODEHOUSE, impaling COTTON, *viz. Arg.* an Eagle diſplai'd *Or.* arm'd, and beaked *Gul.* and lies in the Altar Rails on the S. Side.

> Hic jacet PHILIPPUS WODEHOUSE Bart^us. Qui in Deum, Principem, et Patriam, Eximium Pietatis Exemplar emicuit, Clementia ſuit in ſuos, omneſque quibuſcum vixerat admiranda, Theologiæ ſimul et Philoſophiæ ita operam dedit, ut utramque Vita et Moribus expreſſerit, Muſas et Muſicam ſtudioſe colens, Vitam ſibi et ſuis amœniorem reddidit, Quumque Annos fere tres, ſupra Septuaginta exegerat, tranquillam obijt Mortem quinto Nonas Maij, Anno Salutis 1681.

His Lady lies by him, with this on her Stone, in the Midſt of the Altar Rails.

Here lyeth the Body of Dame Lucy Wodehouſe, the Relict of Sir Philip Wodehouſe of Kimberley Bart. Daughter to Sir Thomas Cotton of Conington in Huntingtonſhire, ſhe was of a genuine yet ſtrict Modeſty, tender, not fond Love to her Children, great Mildneſs to her Servants, Candour and Charity Univerſal, ſhe departed this Life 26 of June 1684.

N. B. Her Mother was Daughter of Lord *William Howard* of *Naworth*.

24. Sir THOMAS WODEHOUSE, was Knighted by King *Charles* II. 2 *Nov.* 1666, and died of the Small-Pox at **Kimberley** 1671, and lieth buried there in the Chancel, with this Inſcription, and the Arms of WODEHOUSE, with the Label of 3, to diſtinguiſh him to be the eldeſt Son, and his Father living, impaling **Airmine** or **Armyn**, *viz. Erm.* a Saltyr ingrailed *Gul.* on a Chief of the ſecond, a Lyon Paſſant *Or*.

> THOMAS WODEHOUSE Eques Auratus, PHILLIPPI WODEHOUSE Baronetti (id Nominis ſecundi) Primogenitus, Litterarum, Humanitatis, Virtutum Exemplar, cum illuſtrem Familiam (E qua per directam ſupra viginti Equitum Auratorum, et Baronettorum Seriem tranſmiſſus) magis illuſtraſſet, et ſe meliori ſeculo dignum oſtendiſſet, triceſimo tertio Peregrinationis ſuæ Anno (quo vivere plerique vix incipiunt) nondum peracto, orbos Parentes, Viduam Uxorem caſtiſſimam, Annam (Filiam et Cohæredem GULIELMI ARMYN in Agro LINCOLNIENSI Baronetti) Orphanos Liberos, lugentes omnes relinquens, Patriam cœleſtem petijt, Viceſmo nono die Aprilis, Anno Salvatoris Chriſti MDCLXXI.

He married **Anne** Daughter and Co-heir of Sir **William Airmine** of **Oſgodby** in **Lincolnſhire**, Bart. who ſurvived him, [t] and re-married **Thomas** Lord **Crew** of **Stene**, by whom ſhe had 4 Daughters, **Jemima** married to **Henry de Grey** Duke of **Kent**, **Armyn**, to **Tho Cartwright** of **Ayno** in **Northamptonſhire**, Eſq; **Katherine**, to Sir **John Harpur** of **Calke** in **Derbyſhire** Bart. and **Elizabeth** to **Charles Butler**, Earl of **Arran** and Lord **Butler** of **Weſton**, Brother of **James** Duke of **Ormond**. After Lord **Crew**'s Death, [u] ſhe married a third time to **Arthur Herbert** E. of **Torrington**, who bare, Per Pale *Azure* & *Gules*, three Lions Ramp. *Arg.* armed and langued *Or*. Lord **Crew** bare, *Az.* a Lyon Ramp. *Arg.*

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(s) See fo. 468. (t) Peerage P. 103. [u] Ibm. P. 339.

* Edmund Wodehouse Eſq; ſecond Son of Sir Philip, was **Colonel** of the **Militia**, in 1696, and lived at **Lexham** in **Norfolk**, the preſent Reſidence of Sir JOHN WODEHOUSE, he had two Wives, firſt, **Mercia** Daughter of Sir **Philip Parker** Knt. Widow of **Will. Guybon** Eſq; Son of Sir **Tho. Guybon**, ſhe died in 1673, and is buried in **Kimberley** Chancel, with this,

> Mercia Wodehouse, *Phillippi Parker* in Agro *Suffolcienſi* Militis Filia, Edmundi Wodehouse Armigeri, (Filij ſecundi *Philippi Wodheouſe*, in Agro *Norfolcienſi* Baronetti) Uxor, Cui reliquit filium *Philippum*, Filiaſque *Luciam et Merciam*, Fæmina equidem tam Oris quam Pectoris ſereni candidique, rara nempe Morum Suavitate ac Modeſtia ornata, Paſſionum facile Victrix, obijt xxix$^{o}$ die Aprilis A. D. MDCLXXIII.

**Wodehouſe** with a Creſcent impales **Parker**, *Arg.* a Lyon Paſſant *Gul.* between 2 Barrs *Sab.* with 3 Bezants, 2 on the firſt Bar, and one on the ſecond, in chief three Buck's Heads caboſhed of the third.

His ſecond Wife was **Anne** Daughter of **John Anguiſh** of **Great Melton** Eſq; who was buried at **Kimberley** in 1685, the Pedigree by Miſtake has it 1658, ſhe bare *G.* a Cinquefoil *Or.*

> Here lyeth *Anne* Wife of *Edmund Wodehouſe* of *Eaſt-Lexham* Eſq; the only Child of *John Anguiſh* of *Great-Melton* Eſq; an obedient Daughter, tenderly loving Wife and Mother, and a diſcreet Miſtreſs, died 28 July 1685.

He died *Sept.* 5 1727, aged 88, and lies buried between them.

† John Wodehouse Eſq; third Son of Sir Philip, married **Anne** Daughter of Sir **Denner Strutt**, Bart. Widow of **Will. Samwell**, both which are buried at **Watton** in **Norfolk**, and the Inſcription on their Monument there, may be ſeen at fo. 589. See alſo fo. 587.

‖ Blanch eldeſt Daughter, married Sir **Jacob Aſtley** of **Melton Conſtable** in **Norfolk**, Knt. and Bart. at **Kimberley** 6 *Feb.* 1661, **Herbert Aſtley** LL. D. Rector of **Foulſham**, performing the Ceremony, and in 1663, being then Prebend of **Norwich**, *May* 27, he baptized their eldeſt Son **Jacob**, at **Kimberley** aforeſaid.

§ Margaret Wodehouse, Siſter to Blanch, married in 1669, *April* 29, to **Tho. Savage** of **Elmly Caſtle** in **Worceſterſhire** Eſq; whoſe eldeſt Son **Philip**, was born at **Kimberley** *March* 21 1669. He bare *Arg.* 6 Lioncels, 3. 2. 1. *Sab.* their Daughter **Margaret** was bapt. in 1670. and another Daughter named **Mary** in 1672.

25. The preſent Sir JOHN WODEHOUSE Bart. only Son and Heir of Sir Thomas, was born at **Kimberley** *March* 23 1669, and was bapt. there *April* 14 1670, in 1695, he was elected Burgeſs in Parliament for the Burgh of **Thetford**, of which he is now **Recorder**, he ſerved alſo for that Burgh in 1701, and 1705, and in the ninth of Queen *Anne*, was elected Knight of the Shire with Sir **Jacob Aſtley** for **Norfolk**, he married firſt, **Eliz. Benſon**, Siſter of **John** Lord **Bingley**, who is buried in the Vault in **Kimberley** Chancel, with this,

> Hic jacet Elizabetha Uxor Johannis Wodehouse Bar$^{ti.}$ quæ Spiritum ſuum in Manus Domini commendavit 5$^{to.}$ die Januarij MDCC.

His ſecond Lady was **Mary Fermor**, Daughter of **William** Lord **Lempſter**, by **Catherine Pawlet**, half Siſter to Earl **Pawlet**, and Siſter to the preſent Earl of **Pomfret**, ſhe is buried at **Kimberley** and left Iſſue,

26. WILLIAM WODEHOUSE Eſq; eldeſt Son, married **Frances** Daughter of Lord **Bathurſt**, and was elected one of the Members of this preſent Parliament, for the County of **Norfolk**, but died of the Small-Pox at **London**, without Iſſue, and is buried in a Vault belonging to Lord **Bathurſt's** Family, in St. James's Church **Weſtminſter**, A$^{o}$. 1737, and ſince, his Widow who is now living, re-married to **James Whitſhed** of **Ireland** Eſq.

27. ARMINE WODEHOUSE Eſq; ſecond Son, and now Heir of Sir JOHN WODEHOUSE Bart upon his Brother's Death, was choſen in his Place, to ſerve in Parliament for the **County**, and now is one of the worthy Repreſentatives thereof, he married LETICIA eldeſt Daughter and Co-heir, of the Honourable Sir EDMUND BACON of **Garboldeſham**, *Primier Baronet* of all **England**, the other Repreſentative in Parliament for the County.

Sophia Wodehouse, Sir John's only Daughter, married Sir **Charles Mordaunt** Bart. the preſent Member for **Warwickſhire**, and hath left Iſſue, **John**, **Charles**, and **Mary**.

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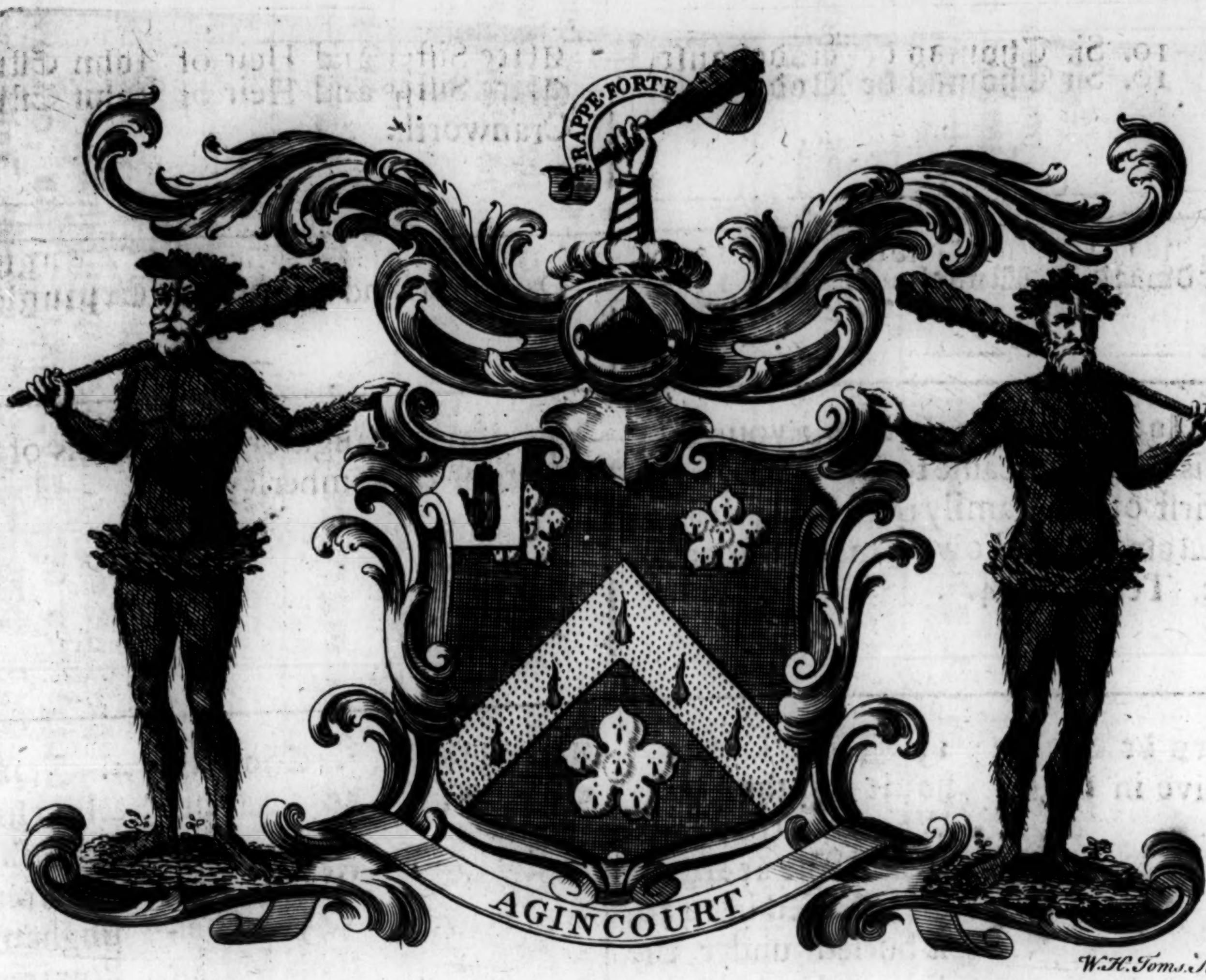

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1. Sir **Conſtantine de Wodehouſe** — **Iſabell** Daughter and Heir of **Botetort.**
Temp. *H.* 1.

2. Sir **George de Wodehouſe** Temp. *H.* 1. — **Winifride** Dr. and Heir of **Lacy.**

3. Sir **Henry de Wodehouſe** — **Beatrix** Daughter of Lord **Say.**

4. Sir **Richard de Wodehouſe.** — Daughter of **Aſpall.**
Temp. *Joh.*

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5. Sir **William de Wodehouſe** of Flitcham. — **Petronilla** Daughter and Heir of **Clervaux**
died 1267, being then his Widow.

6. **Francis de Wodehouſe** Eſq. — Daughter and Heir of Sir **John de Pecche.**

7. Sir **Bertram de Wodehouſe.** Temp. *E.* 1. — **Muriel** Daughter and Heir of **Felton.**

a. 2 **Rob. de Wodehouſe** Baron of the Exchqr. Temp. *E.* 2. 1318.

8. Sir **William de Wodehouſe**, Sheriff of London in 1329. — Daughter and Heir of **Humfry Luterell.**

b. 3. **John de Wodehauſe**, Chamberlain of Cheſter. 1375.

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9. Sir Richard de Wodehouſe of Rydon in Norfolk. — Alice Daughter and Co-heir of Sir John Northwode, of Northwood Barningham in Norfolk.

10. Sir Thomas de Wodehouſe. — Alice Siſter and Heir of John Ellmond of Cranworth.

11. Sir Edward de Wodehouſe. A°. 1378. — Daughter and Co-heir of Erpingham.

12. Sir John Wodehouſe Knt. a younger Son, on his Marriage came to Kimberley, & was the firſt of the Family that ſetled there, he built Wodehouſe Tower, made the new Park, &c. Temp. *H.* 4. — Margaret Daughter and Heireſs of Sir Tho. Faſtolff of Kimberley Knt.

2. Giles de Wodehouſe, alive in 1436.

13. John Wodehouſe Eſq. the great Warriour, that won ſuch Praiſe at Agin-Court, died in 1430, is buried under the Free-School in Norwich, then the lower Chapel of the Charnel Houſe. — Alice Heireſs of Furneaux.

3. Thomas de Wodehouſe, died ſeized in 1451, of Felton's Manor in Fordham in Cambridgeſhire.

4. Jerome de Wodehouſe held Felton's Manor in Great Maſſingham, in tail, Poinings & Eſthall in Flitcham, Anmer, &c. he mar: Anne Dr. & Co-heir of Rich: Irming Eſq.

14. Hen: Wodehouſe Eſq; died without Iſſue in 1450, was ſucceeded by his Brother John.

15. John Wodehouſe Eſq; died in 1465, bur: in Kimberley Chancel. — Conſtance Daughter and Co-heir of Thomas Gedding of Icklingham in Suff. Eſq; firſt, Relict of Hen: Pooley Eſq; then of John Aleyne, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, buried at Kimberley.

1. Dr. of Sir John Tirrell, by whom no Iſſue. — 16. Sir Edw: Wodehouſe, Knighted at Grafton-Field, buried at Kimberley. — 2. Jane Dr. and Heir of Edm: Swathyng of Letton, buried at Kimberley.

Will: Clipesby of Clippesby Eſq. — Alice Wodehouſe.

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2. John Wodehouſe.

3. Bertram Wodehouſe a Prieſt, he built a large Stone Houſe in Trunch, for a School, and Alms-Houſes, and endowed the ſame with a perpetual Living.

1. a Lady of Picardy, by whom no Iſſue.—17. Sir Thomas Wodehouſe Knt of the Bath, Ambaſſador in France, died in 1487.—Thomaſine Dr. of Sir Roger Townſend of Ramham, Knt.

1. Edm. Haſtyngs, Son of John, buried in the Black-Friers.—Eleanor Wodehouſe, only Dr. died 1487, is buried in the Black Friers at Norwich.—2. John Bozun of Wiſſinget.—3. Creſſiner.

Will. John. a Dr. marr: to Ric. Calthorp.

John.

John. a Dr. married to Branch.

Sir Tho. Lovell of Barton Bendiſh Knt.

1. Cath: Wodehouſe.

Tho. Wingfield of Eaſton in Suffolk, and Dunham Magna in Norfolk, Eſq.—2. Eliz. Wodehouſe.

2. Eliz.—Dr. of John Drury, who ſurvived him, had only Urſula, married to the eldeſt Son of Sir Tho. Cotton of Kent.—18. Sir Roger Wodehouſe Knt. buried at Kimberley 1560, called Knt. of the Carpet.—1. Elizabeth Dr. and Co-heir to Robert Ratcliff Knt.

2. John Wodehouſe of Breccles Eſq. See fo. 560.—Anne Daughter of Will. Spelman Eſq; after his Death ſhe re-married to Deſny, & died his Widow in 1559.

3. Edw. Wodehouſe, and not Richard as in the Baronettage.

Roger Wodehouſe of Stanninghall Eſq.

Will. Wodehouſe buried at Kimberley 1560.

Francis Wodehouſe, owned Land in Thetford and Breccles, in 1571.

Elizabeth, married to Chriſtopher Sand:

2. c. Sir Will. Wodehouſe, Vice-Admiral of the Engliſh Fleet, &c. at Muſelborough Field.

3. George Wodehouſe.
4. John Wodehouſe, buried at Kimberley 18 March 1579.

19. Thomas Wodehouſe Eſq; Standard-Bearer, ſlain at Muſelborough Field in Scotland 1547, in the Life-time of his Father.—Margaret Daughter of Sir John Shelton, of Shelton Knt. ſurvived him, ſhe was created Lady Wodehouſe.

1. Amy. 2. Anne. 3. Jane. 4. Elizabeth, ſaid to marry Will. Moor, buried at Kimberley in 1563.

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| h. 2. Hen: Wodehouſe Eſq; twice Member for Norff. | 3. Loy Wodehouſe, S. P.<br>4. John Wodehouſe, S. P.<br>5. Thomas, S. P. | 20. Sir Roger Wodehouſe, Knighted by Q. Elizabeth in 1578, buried at Kimberley, in 1588. | —MARY Dr. of JOHN CORBET of Sprouſton Eſq; Siſter to Sir Miles Corbet Knt. re-married to George Kemp of Tottenham in Middleſex Eſq; & was living in 1606. | 1. Anne Wodehouſe, who married Richard Stokes or Stocks, Archdeacon of Norff. See fo. 273. | 2. Eliz. Wodehouſe, married firſt, to Tho. Jones of Lyn Eſq; & after, to Sir Denner Strutt, died in 1651, buried at Kimberley. | 3. Mary Wodehouſe, who mair: --- Gough, a Gentleman of good Quality in Ireland. |
| NB. Thus far the Pedigree was confirmed by Harvy Clarencieux, in his Viſitation, A°. 1563. | | 21. Sir Philip Wodehouſe Knt. Knighted in Spain, buried at Kimberley 1588. | —Grizel Dr. of Will. Yelverton of Rougham in Norfolk, Eſq; Widow of Thomas Le Strange, of Hunſtanton Eſq; buried at Kimberley in 1635. | Matthew buried at Kimberley 22 July, 1598. | Katerine Wodehouſe died young. | |
| 2. Roger Wodehouſe a Gentleman not only learned, but accompliſhed in whatever may lend Luſtre to worth and true Gentilitie. Peacham in his Blazonry P. 165. He was born in 1586, buried at Kimberley 22 May 1634. | 3. Philip died an Infant 1587.<br>4. John bapt. 2 Sept: buried 19. 1594.<br>5. John baptized 1596.<br>6. Margaret 1598.<br>7. Miles bapt: 2 Sept. buried 21 Oct. 1604. | 22. Sir Tho. Wodehouſe Knt. and Bart. buried at Kimberley in 1658. | —Blanch Dr. of John Cary Baron of Hunſdon, Siſter to Henry Lord Hunſdon, Viſcount Rochford, Relict of Chriſt. Peyton Eſq. | Humfry Guybon of Lyn Eſq. | —Elizabeth Wodehouſe, bapt. 10. 1589, marr: Nov. 27 1608. | |
| Mercia born 14 June 1604, buried at Kimberley 13 April 1608. | 1607, John bapt. 7 July, died young. | 23. Sir Philip Wodehouſe, Bart. buried at Kimberley 1681. | —Lucy Dr. of Sir Thomas Cotton of Connington in Huntingtonſhire, buried at Kimberley 1684. | 1621, Eliz. Wodehouſe bapt. at Feltwell St. Mary, April 19. | Anne Wodehouſe, who mar: Jan: 16, 1633, to Rob. Suckling of Wodton in Norfolk, Gent. | |

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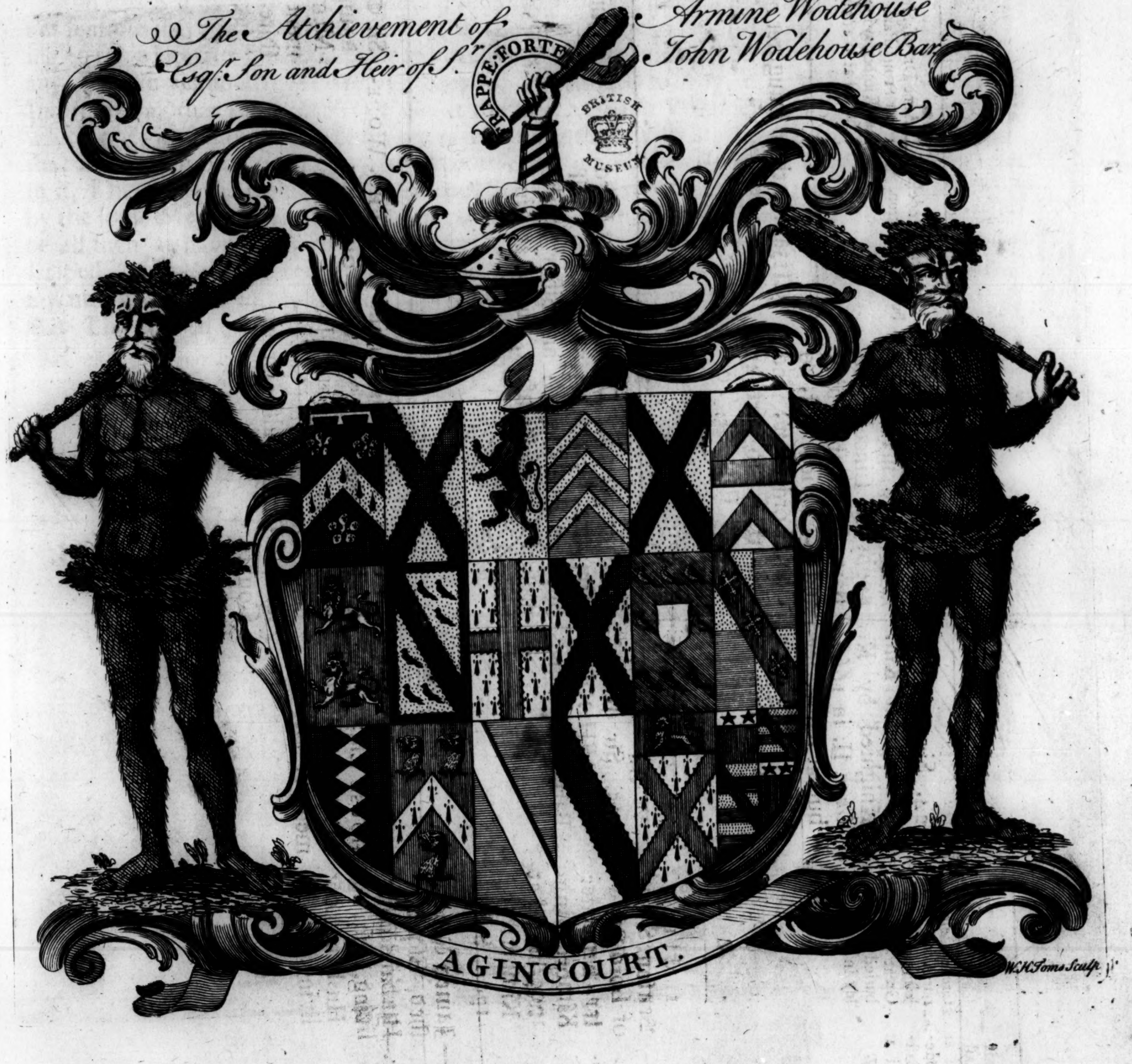
The Atchievement of Armine Wodehouse Esq.r Son and Heir of S.r John Wodehouse Bar.t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1. Mercia Dr. of Sir Philip Parker of Arwartonin Suffolk, Knt. bur: by him. — * 2. Edm Wodehouſe Eſq; of East-Lexham, buried at Kimberley 1727. — 2. Anne Dr. of John Anguiſh of Great Melton Eſq; buried at Kimberley in 1658.

24. Sir Thomas Wodehouſe Knt. Knighted by K. *Char.* II. in 1666, bur: at Kimberley 1671, his Father ſurviving him. — Anne Dr. & Co-heir of Sir Will. Armine of Oſgodby in Lincolnſhire, Bart. ſhe ſurvived him, and re-married, firſt, to Tho. Lord Crew, and after that, to Arthur Herbert Earl of Torrington.

† 3. John Wodehouſe buried at Watton. — Anne Dr. of Sir Denner Strutt Bart. born at Kimberley in 1650, buried at Watton.

Elizabeth their Daughter now living.

|| Blarch Wodehouſe, married Sir Jacob Aſtley Bart. in 1661.

§ Margaret Wodehouſe mar: Tho. Savage of Elmly Caſtle Eſq.

1. Philip Wodehouſe, buried at Kimberley Aug: 8. 1703. 2. John S. P. buried at Lexham. Lucia married to Monnoux, and left Iſſue. Mercia S. P.

1. Eliz. Benſon, Siſter of Lord Bingley, buried at Kimberley, 1700, S. P. — 25. Sir JOHN WODEHOUSE Bart. now living. — 2. Mary Fermor, Dr. of William Lord Lempſter, by Catherine Pawlet, half Siſter to Earl Pawlet, and Siſter to the preſent Earl of Pomfret, buried at Kimberley.

Anne bapt. Febr. 11 1668.

1. William Wodehouſe, Eſq; died Member for Norff. S. P. — Frances Dr. of Lord Bathurſt, now living. — James Whitſhed, Eſq; 2d. Husband now living.

2. ARMINE WODEHOUSE Eſq; now Member of Parliament for Norfolk. — LETICIA eldeſt Daughter and Co-heir to the Hon^ble. Sir Edmund Bacon, of Garboldeſham, Primier Baronet of England, Member alſo for the County.

3. THO. WODEHOUSE Eſq.

Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bart. now Member in Parliament for Warwickſhire. — Sophia Wodehouſe, is dead, but left Iſſue, John, Charles and Mary.

The Manor of *Ladies* in ROCKLAND-TOFTS, mentioned at fo. 326, was purchaſed of *Henry Blomefield* of *Ferſfield* Gent. with all the Demeans, Rights, and Privileges, with other Free-hold Lands, (the whole being 20 *l.* a Year) by the Governours of the "*Bounty of Queen* ANNE, *for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy*," in 1738, and was by them ſetled on the Vicarage of CHERRY-MARHAM for ever, it being one of the Livings augmented by the Donation of Mr. *Brook*, who left 1000 *l.* to procure the *Bounty* to five ſmall Livings.

At fo. 588, line 24, where it is ſaid the *Vicar* of WATTON pays the *Procurations*, it is a Miſtake, the *Impropriator* having always paid them, as he now does,

And this is all I know at preſent of the Hiſtory of the foregoing Hundreds, in which I am ſenſible there may be ſome Errors, in the modern Account of Things, which are owing to the Materials ſent me, but yet I declare, there are none, but what I ſhall be willing at any Time to acknowledge, and not only ſo, but obliged to Any, that will give me better Information, that I may correct them at the End of each Volume, as I have done in *this*, which notwithſtanding the Endeavours of thoſe, that wiſh no ſucceſs to the Work, and that have attempted both by unjuſt Reports, and unjuſter Actions, to hinder my Progreſs in it, I have by the Help of my generous Subſcribers, now finiſhed, and hope and deſign by the ſame Means to be able to compleat the Reſt, which when done, I ſhall inſert a Liſt of all ſuch as have ſtood to their Subſcriptions, and another of thoſe, who tho' they ſubſcribed, had not Honour enough to ſtand to it: Begging Leave at this Time, to return my utmoſt Thanks to my preſent Subſcribers, acknowledging that 'tis owing to them only, that I have been enabled to proceed thus far.

*Ferſfield, Dec.*
25, 1739.

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